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WE animadverted upon a careless and incorrect "Answer to Correspondent," which appeared in our excellent contemporary the *New York Dispatch* a short time back, and rather wondered at its appearance under the skilful and "genial" regime of Bro. JOHN W. SIMONS, P.G.M., an expert Mason, and a Masonic Student of zeal and ability to boot. This is what he says on the subject:—"It is only necessary for us to remark, without entering into the merits of the subject, that no such thing can be found in the Masonic columns of the *Dispatch* of May 8, 1881, nor, so far as our recollection serves, at any other date; and, additionally, we may be permitted to observe that no party by the name of GOULD has any authority to say anything whatever in this journal. Perhaps if our E. C. will look back he will find that he has given us credit for the blunder of some one else.—Q. E. D." It is perfectly true that the inculpated remarks did not appear in the "Masonic columns" of the *New York Dispatch* of May 8th, but they did in the column headed "Notes and Queries," which see for that date "passim." We are amused at the reference to Bro. GOULD. The GOULD, the only GOULD we know or care for, is our worthy Bro. R. F. GOULD. The very hot weather has made our good and excellent friend in New York take a little "siesta." We hope, however, some day to have the pleasure of shaking hands with him "in propria persona."

WE take the following amusing extract from our always agreeable contemporary the *Philadelphia Keystone*:—"A lively scene occurred at Alexandria, Va., the last Saturday in June, when three benighted 'Free Methodists' attempted, at the corner of King and Fairfax Streets, to 'expose,' as they stated, 'Knight Templarism.' The police did not seem to think this would conduce to the public peace, or anything but a riot, so the zealous 'Free Methodists' were arrested, and put in bond to keep the peace."

THE following remarks from the *Masonic Review* about what they term in America "Public Installations," are the most sensible we have seen. We do not, however, even yet profess to understand their "raison d'être," or their agreement with Masonic ritual or Masonic law on the subject. We are glad to note that the *Keystone* takes the same view as we do of this interesting little question. We confess it seems to us a pure "fad." "Yes, public installations are very frequent in our Western Masonic bodies, Ohio included. And we cannot see in what respect the proper secrecy of Freemasonry is at all interfered with. The ceremonies of installation do not belong to the esoterics of Masonry; they are published to the world in all our Masonic Monitors. If they are thus published, so that any one that pleases may read them, what harm is there in publicly using them in installing the officers? Masonry does not have enough of the social and family aspect in this country which it has in France; and these public installations are usually followed by a *banquet de famille*, and accompanied by addresses upon the character of Masonry. They help to interest the public in the Craft, and abate prejudice." "What an argument against Masonic Monitors," seems to be the "moral" of the "tale."

WE call attention to some remarks of our able friend, Bro. MCCALLA, the Editor of that excellent Masonic paper, the *Philadelphia Keystone*, in re the so-called "Public Installations" in America. His opinion, always valuable, is entirely "en accord" with ours on the subject. The whole proceeding, in our humble opinion, is a great mistake, despite some defensive remarks on the subject we have already called attention to.

WE often hear complaints of "Masonic delation," of that propensity to gossip, scandal, and personality which mars so much of our social happiness, and is such a parody in itself, painful and absurd, of all Masonic pro-

fessions of "brotherly love," of humanitarian good will. Mrs. PARTINGTON'S denunciation of such unamiable beings as Masonic mischief-makers recurs to our memory in all its "native worth" and "feminine eloquence." We commend it to the notice and realization of our readers, one and all, amusedly and pressingly: "'If there is anybody under the canister of heaven that I have in utter excrescence,' said Mrs. PARTINGTON, 'it is a tale-bearer and slanderer, going about like a vile boa constructor, circulating his camomile about honest folks. I always know one by his physmahogany. It seems as if BELZEBUB had stamped him with his private signal, and everything he looks at appears to turn yaller.'"

WHERE WILLIAM PRESTON was initiated is a subject undoubtedly of great interest to English Freemasons. Bro. JACOB NORTON has treated the subject at length in our last *Freemason*, and we invite other communications on the subject. Perhaps Bros. GOULD and HUGHAN may have something to say on the subject.

MANY of our numerous friends and correspondents will be pleased to read the following statement of the financial position of the Grand Lodge of Canada: "In accordance with the amendment adopted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the books have been made up to the 31st May, and a copy of the balance sheet, with statement of the funds, &c., has been sent, as provided by the same amendment, to each lodge. From the statement made out we find that the total receipts for the seventeen months ending 31st May ult. amounted to 21,499.85 dollars; which, added to balance in the bank on the 1st January, 1880, makes a total of 26,871.99 dollars. The disbursements during the same period amount to 17,870.09 dollars, leaving balance in bank on the 31st May of 8,001.90 dollars. The sums paid out on Benevolent Fund Account for the same period amount to 12,565.80 dollars. The balance sheet shows total assets 63,401.90 dollars, of which 9,215.55 dollars is at the credit of the Asylum Fund. Thus it will be seen the Grand Lodge of Canada is in a most flourishing condition."

THE fact contained in the following paragraph from our excellent contemporary, the *Canadian Freemason*, will be approved of by many of our readers warmly: "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."

WE were glad to note, also, the following paragraph in a contemporary last week, headed "A Pleasant Surprise:—" "A large quantity of fresh strawberries having been kindly placed at the disposal of the Hospital Saturday Fund by the growers of Halstead and Knockholt, in Kent, were distributed among the various London hospitals by Mr. PENNEY, Hon. Secretary of the South London Local Committee, who received the warm thanks of those in charge of the various institutions for a present rendered doubly acceptable by the very hot weather."

WE rejoice to hear that the collections for the Hospital Fund at the Mansion House already exceed £31,000, the largest sum yet reached, and that this amount does not yet represent all the collections to be paid in. There is one "point" we do not quite profess to understand—the delay which takes place in the payment of these collections to the Treasurers. We suppose that there is some explanation of the matter.

WE think it well to call special attention to a report from our correspondent at Portsmouth, elsewhere, as we deem the whole affair a grave scandal to our Order. No doubt such a matter will not escape the notice of that excellent Mason and Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. B. BEACH.

THE list of names of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania brethren who are taking up the cause of the Masonic Veterans in their district, recalls to our grateful memory some very pleasant hours and some excellent brethren, and we feel sure both that whatever they do is right, and whatever is done by them will be well done, and Masonically carried out.

WE find the following intelligence in our always pleasant and readable contemporary the "Masonic Advocate." We quite approve of the idea, as it keeps up the "Camaraderie" of Freemasonry: "New York has an association of Veteran Masons, composed of brethren who have been Masons over twenty-one years. At a meeting held on the 8th of June over eighty members were present, their average age being a little over fifty-nine years." Pennsylvania, always forward in good Masonic work, is, we note, also moving in the matter.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, the 3rd August:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st April to the 20th July, 1881, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1189	2	2	By Disbursements during the Quarter	...	£	186	3	2
„ Balance Unappropriated				„ Balance	...		1314	1	5
Account	215	19	1	„ Balance in Unappropriated Account	...		193	19	1
„ Subsequent Receipts	289	2	5						
	£1694	3	8				£1694	3	8

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. the Rev. Frederick Vernon Bussell, as Z.; William Newton, as H.; and Richard Francis Henry King, as J.; and thirteen others, for a chapter to be attached to the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Newark-upon-Trent, to be called the Alexander Chapter, and to meet at the Savings Bank, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire.

2nd. From Comps. Herbert Jordan Adams, as Z.; Alfred Durant, as H.; Francis Joseph Stohwasser, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, London, to be called the Fitzroy Chapter, and to meet at the Armoury House, Head-quarters Honourable Artillery Company, London.

3rd. From Comps. Price James Edelsten, as Z.; William Richardson, as H.; Thomas H. Sutton, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, Warrington, to be called the Gilbert Greenall Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, Lancashire (Western Division).

4th. From Comps. Robert Stokes, as Z.; Thomas Stephen Fletcher, as H.; William Charles P. Powning, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478, Warminster, to be called the Thynne Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Warminster, Wiltshire.

5th. From Comps. Joseph Charles Parkinson, as Z.; William Bache Roberts, as H.; Edwin Howard, as J.; and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Universal Lodge, No. 181, London, to be called the Universal Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

6th. From Comps. the Rev. Robert Hall Baynes, as Z.; Sidney Henry Knaggs, as H.; Francois Klatt, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Temple Lodge, No. 558, Folkestone, to be called the Temple Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Folkestone, in the county of Kent.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The following notice of motion has been received for the next Quarterly Convocation:

By Companion Edward Letchworth, P.Z. 1237: "That the Committee of General Purposes meet at Four o'clock, instead of Three o'clock as heretofore, and that Article 76 of the Royal Arch Regulations be altered accordingly."

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, Grand Treasurer,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th July, 1881.

THE EARLY USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

As this point is a most interesting one in itself, and very important in respect of general Masonic history, I have looked up my references, and send the following "excerpta" from my note books:—

1. There is no use of "Freemason" at all in the York Fabric Rolls, and only of "Mason," in the 15th century and "Mason" up to the 17th even. If any such use of "Freemason" occurs in those important documents, it has quite escaped me, and I shall be truly glad to have it pointed out, as I am a student both of Masonic archaeology and of historical truth. The earliest use is *Cementarius*, beginning about 1370, and ending in 1548—about 200 years. Even in 1547, when the "compoti" are written partly English, we find still *Cementarius*. There is a use, but rare, and late, of *Sementarius*. "Latomus" goes back to 1351; perhaps a little earlier, and we hear of a "mutilato latomo" about 1370; and we also find a 15th century use of "Latamus." Among the wills at York, and more might be found, we hear of Magister Simon le Macon *Cementarius*, 1322. We hear of Johannes Brompton de Ebor, *Sementarius*, 1414. We read of William Hyndeley de Ebor, *Latamus*, 1505. And in 1522 we are told of Cristoforo Horner, Macon, myghtie of mind, and of a "hool" myndfulness, who leaves to "Sanct Peters Wark all my tuyllis within the Mason luge." In 1530 we hear of "Mayson." We hear only of "Masons" in 1634.

Now, there are three Orders of the Dean and Chapter of York "relative" to the *Cementarii* and "Masonns," which are of great value and importance. The first seems to be dated 1352, is in Latin, in which the word used is "cementarii," "et ceteri operarii operantes." In this we do not find the word "latamus," or Mason.

In 1370 comes that most important Order headed "Ordinacio *Cementariorum*," page 181, York Fabric Rolls, which, if the date of 1370 be actually correct, certainly prevents anything like a use of certain words being either consecutive or sustainable. I confess that I have always doubted whether it be 14th century English, and if any one will compare it with the Masonic poem he will see what I mean. It is practically a translation of the previous Latin Order of 1352, and is probably, I venture to think, interpolated here by the Scribe. Canon Raine, the learned Editor, however, seems to think the date is correct. He gives in a note a reference to a MS. in the British Museum, but, if I remember rightly, the actual form of order and declaration is not there given.

There is another Latin Order, a very important one, of 1410, in which

the word used is "latomus," or "latamus," and not "cementarius." Still, on the other hand, we have Rymer's reference, given by Mr. Wyatt Papworth, of "Ffrcemacons," in 1396, and at Exeter also, in 1396, though, as it is seen, there is no use traceable of the word in York down even to the 17th century.

If any such could be found it would be an interesting "item" among our facts, and it is just possible that we shall have to learn to be content with such a use as it is, and not to set too much store by the mere form of words. To show how uncertain this use is, in a complaint of certain Masons, who had conspired against Wm. Colchester, Master Mason, who is simply termed "Magister," the Masons are called "lathomi seu cementarii." The date is between 1415 and 1419.

A CURIOUS OLD BOOK.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

"Fratrimonium Excelsum, a new Ahiman Rezon," was published at Dublin last century by Thomas Wilkinson.

It is said to have had "an elegant copper-plate frontispiece," but the two copies I have examined had no such ornament. The date of its issue has generally been accepted as 1771, mainly because, it is presumed, that in the dedication (the second, for there are two), allusion is made to the year 1770.

On carefully noting the contents of the book, however, it is evident that the book was not published for several years later, for the Degree of Knight Templar is referred to, and a prayer is inserted as used in the "High Knights Templars' Lodge, Dublin."

The lodge was not warranted until the year 1779, by the "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," Scotland, unless, indeed, it met before the issue of the charter, which is not likely. I am not aware of any works which allude to this Chivalric Degree so early as 1771, neither do I know of any records so early in that decade of meetings in Ireland.

There are rather earlier in the United States (1769) and as the Degree, doubtless, had a British or Irish origin, it is likely that it was "worked" as far back as 1765, yet so far no records have been produced of that year, or even of 1769, as in America.

By another examination I came across a song which was composed for the Carberry Lodge, No. 504, which could not have been warranted in Ireland so early as 1771, and still another test may be submitted as conclusive against 1771 as the year of publication, viz., "The Great Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland." The Grand Master being the Right Honourable Richard Lord Baron Donoughmore, whose creation only dated from 1783. The same nobleman, it appears, was the Grand Master of the Order of Grand High Knights Templars Encampment of Ireland, and K.R.C., No. 1.

There was also an "Early Grand Knights Templars Encampment," and the officers are also inserted in the work herein noticed.

In the roll of Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Ireland contained in the official calendar, I fail to find Lord Donoughmore's name, and I should be glad if my friend and brother, J. H. Neilson, would look into the matter so as to discover when his lordship acted in that capacity, for that would tend to decide, beyond a question, as to an appropriate date of issue of this "Ahiman Rezon." The Deputy Grand Master given is "John Perce, Esq.," and the two Wardens "Francis Featherstone and John Stanford, Esquires," other officers also inserted. On running through the last of the songs I find there is one extracted from *Walker's Magazine*, for February, 1782, which was set to music for the Orange Lodge, No. 257, at Belfast. This date settles that of 1771 completely, but it is strange that the name of the Grand Master is omitted from the Grand Lodge calendar, and I should like to know the character of the elegant frontispiece, if any bibliographers have copies.

The book is rarely to be met with, and is mainly a "hash" of Bro. Dermott's work ("Ahiman Rezon"), and illustrative of the laws of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It contains a copy of the proposed "Charter of Incorporation" for the Grand Lodge of England.—*Voice of Masonry*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. Col. Creaton in the chair, when there were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, E. Letchworth, J. Nunn, Col. J. Peters, D. M. Dewar, Thomas Massa, Griffith Smith, Frank Richardson, H. A. Dubois, John A. Rucker, C. Brown, Wm. Stephens, H. E. Gladwell, J. De Lande Long, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last General Committee, held 30th June, were read and confirmed. The minutes of the Quarterly Court of the 9th inst., the Premises Committee held on same date, Special House Committee held on 14th, and Audit Committee held 26th inst., were also read. It was moved by Bro. DEWAR and carried, that the action of the House Committee in regard to repairs be approved and their recommendations adopted.

This concluded the regular business.

Bro. NUNN then submitted for the consideration of the Quarterly General Court the following resolution: "That the House Committee are of opinion that a swimming bath be provided for the use of the School, and that tenders be received for the execution of the same, and that they be allowed to expend a sum not to exceed £2000."

LONDON.—The history of Masonry in London commences historically with 1717. Previous to that, so far as present evidence helps us, we must consider we had pre-historic times. That lodges of Freemasons existed from which, in 1717, the revival sprang, is, we apprehend, an incontestable fact; but of their condition nothing is known, of their history, so far, nothing positively has turned up. Ashmole's evidence and Plot's statement point distinctly to the existence of a Fraternity analogous to our own, but so far no positive evidence is known to be extant—of their work or their ways. No minute books (unlike Scotland) exist, so far as is at present ascertained, after much anxious research, previous to 1700 (*e.g.*, the "Alnwick Lodge"), though we do not mean to contend that none exist, or may not yet turn up. As our Masonic history may be greatly affected by the production of earlier documents, we say nothing more to-day than, that if they are found, we feel sure they will disclose the existence of a body very similar to our own. The revival of Masonry in London by the four old lodges, in 1717, is the source of all true Cosmopolitan Masonry at the present time.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual gathering of the brethren of this flourishing province was held at the Town Hall, Hitchin, under the banner of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, on the 16th inst. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by Bro. Rev. Prov. G.M. T. F. Halsey, M.P., and a large attendance of the brethren of the province and many visitors. Among the numerous brethren present were: Bros. the R.W. Prov. Grand Master T. F. Halsey, M.P.; Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1580, Prov. S.G.W.; R. R. Shillitoe, P.M. 449, Prov. S.J.W.; Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, Chap. 1580, P.G.Chap.; F. Sumner-Knyvett, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; E. F. Foord, 402, Prov. G. Reg.; R. H. Halford, P.M. 1580, Prov. S.G. Deacon, H. Cox, P.M. 1580, Prov. Grand Supt. of Works; James Terry, P.P. J.G.W., P.M. 1327, Prov. G.D. of C.; Thomas Perry, P.M. 869, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C.; W. J. Fitch, P.M. 449, P.P.G. Org., acting Org.; J. Gibb, 1580, and Alfred Eade, Prov. G. Stewards; Thomas Thomas, and T. Wright, Prov. Grand Tylers. Members: Bros. E. Swain, P.M. 803; T. Sparter, P.P., J.G.W.; R. R. Shillitoe, P.M. 449; C. E. Keyser, W.M. 404; Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1580, P.G.S.W.; G. D. Groom, 449, P.P.S.G.D.; Henry Hollis, P.M. 504, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; W. H. Rowe, P.M. 504, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Robert Pegg, 449, Grand Steward; Rev. C. E. Mayo, M.A., P. Prov. G. Chap.; Rev. W. O. Thompson, P. Prov. G. Chap., Chap and Treas., 1757.

Amongst the numerous visitors the following brethren signed their names: Bros. G. S. Bigley, D.C. 869; C. J. Smith, 1466, P.J.G.W., Sussex; E. P. Freeman, 732, P. Grand Sec., Sussex; E. Aspinwall, 1328; J. E. Hasford, P.M. 177; Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D. Chap., 1185 (head Master Royal Masonic Boy's Schools); G. Hill-Smith, P.M. 449; J. Durrant, 449; Hugh Smyth, 449; W. Clarke, G. Purst., 114; C. B. Cooper, 449; John Smyth, G. Amberland P.M. 475; G. H. Stephens, J.D. 1623; A. H. Loveys, 1385; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205, P. Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, Essex; Frederick Binckes, P.M., P. Grand Steward, Secretary Boy's School; W. J. Crutch, I.G. 1580; and others.

In the regrettable absence of W. Bro. F. H. Wilson-Iles, M.D. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. George Lambert, P.M., Grand Sword Bearer, acted as Deputy Grand Master. The Prov. G. Sec., Bro. J. E. Dawson proceeded to read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge held at Hatfield, under the banner of the Cranbourne Lodge, 1580. These were unanimously confirmed. Bro. Prov. G. Sec. read a letter from the Rev. W. C. Talbot, of Hatfield, in reply to that sent to him in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge, thanking him for his kindness in allowing the brethren the use of the parish church and schoolrooms on the occasion of their visit there on the 23rd July, 1880. The reply was as follows: "Hatfield, 15th September, 1880. Dear Sir,—On my return from the Continent I found your letter of the 31st of July, enclosing a copy of a minute passed at a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Herts, at Hatfield on the 23rd July. I am much obliged by the recognition accorded by the Freemasons assembled for such little accommodation as I was able to afford them. It gave me much pleasure to do so, and I only regret that I was not personally present to welcome them. I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully, W. C. TALBOT.—J. E. Dawson, Esq."

Letters were also read from several officers and brethren who were unable to attend.

The roll of Provincial Grand Lodge was next called. Bro. F. Sumner-Knyvett, P.M. 404, was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and returned thanks for the honour accorded him.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master next proceeded to the investment of the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers for the year as follows:

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| R.W. Bro. Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P. ... | Prov. G.M. |
| W. Bro. F. H. Wilson-Iles, M.D. ... | Prov. D.G.M. |
| Bro. Francis Shillitoe, 449 ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| " Charles E. Keyser, 404 ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| " Rev. Lewss Deedes, 403 ... | } Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. George Finch, P.M. ... | |
| " F. Sumner-Knyvett, P.M. 404 ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " J. B. Scriven, P.M. 409 ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " J. E. Dawson, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. and Sec. 404 ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " Thomas H. Darton, 449 ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " Henry Balderson, W.M. 1757 ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " James Knight, W.M. 1327 ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " James Terry, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 1327 (Sec. R.M.B.I.) ... | Prov. G.D. of C. |
| " Clement B. Cheese, S.W. 869 ... | Prov. Asst. D.C. |
| " Alfred H. Debenham, S.W. 1479 ... | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " Wm. James Fitch, P.P.G.O., P.M. 449 ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " John Enerby, W.M. 1385 ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| " T. S. Hellier, W.M. 1580 ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| " Edward Swain, P.M. 449, G. Hill Smith, 449; G. D. Groom, P.M. 459; Armigel Wade, P.M. 449; Frank Hall, 403. ... | } Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " Thomas Thomas ... | |
| " T. Wright ... | Prov. G. Tylers. |

The usual salutes were accorded by the brethren, Bro. James Terry, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, proving, as usual, a most efficient officer, directing the whole of the proceedings in so perfect a manner that they passed off without a hitch.

The report of the Board of Finance for the year was submitted by Bro. F. Sumner-Knyvett, P.M., Prov. Grand Treasurer, and duly audited. These were unanimously received and adopted, Bro. the Prov. G. W. congratulating the Prov. Grand Lodge upon the satisfactory position of their financial affairs, there being £120 invested in Consols and a balance in hand of nearly £50.

The following motions were next discussed, each of them bearing upon the finances of Prov. Grand Lodge:

By Bro. T. S. CARTER, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 403: That the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This was unanimously carried, the amount by amendment, duly carried, being placed upon the list of Bro. Carter, who intends serving as Steward.

By Bro. JAMES TERRY, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer., P.M. 1327, &c.: That the sum of £10 be voted from the funds

of Grand Lodge to the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge.

By Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, Prov. S.G.W., P.M. 1580: That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the Hitchin Infirmary.

By Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT, Grand Sword Bearer (in the absence, through illness, of Bro. F. H. Wilson-Iles, M.D., D.P.G.M.): That the sum of fifty guineas be voted from Prov. Grand Lodge towards a fund being raised for the benefit of Bro. Thomas Thomas, the Prov. Grand Tyler. In a thoroughly exhaustive speech Bro. Lambert explained the circumstances of Bro. Thomas, stating that the Watford and Berkhamstead Lodges had formed a joint committee to consider the best means of securing the object in view.

The vote was cordially agreed to, power being added to sell Consols to the amount voted.

By Bro. JOHN E. DAWSON, Prov. G. Sec., P.M. 404: That the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued. Bro. Prov. Grand Secretary explained that in the past year this work had not only realised sufficient to pay for its production, but had also cleared Prov. Grand Lodge postal, &c., expenses in addition.

It was thereupon unanimously agreed to continue the publication of this useful and well arranged calendar.

Bro. the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then drew attention to the absence of their esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master, through illness. He had received from Bro. Wilson-Iles a long and voluminous report of the condition and working of the whole of the lodges in the province. He would not read it, as it was very lengthy, but would congratulate the brethren upon the fact of having such a Deputy Grand Master. (Cheers.) One who has visited the whole of the lodges, and who, speaking without either fear or favour, is able to report as the result of his experience that the Province of Herts could bear a very favourable comparison with provinces of the same size, or even larger. (Cheers.)

This concluded the business, and Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with a prayer by the Chaplain.

The banquet took place at the Sun Hotel, Hitchin, where, shortly after five o'clock the brethren received the Prov. Grand Master in due form, and afterwards partook of an elaborately served repast.

A capital selection of Shakesperian quotations aptly wedded to the toasts enriched the menu, which is, as usual, a highly-finished production.

Grace having been sung ("For all His mercies manifold"), "The Queen and the Craft" were toasted," followed by the National Anthem.

The next toast, the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said, was one which was sure to be well received by Englishmen, and not less so by Freemasons. If any proof were wanting of the good influence exerted by H.R. Highness it was to be seen in the improved high character and high prestige maintained by the Craft. And so long as our Grand Master remains at the head of the Craft, and continues to take the great interest he does in the Craft, so long will English Freemasonry continue to be as he (Bro. Halsey) believed it was, far ahead and in advance of the Masonry in the whole universe. (Cheers.)

"Hail to thee, Albert," was here given by the musical brethren, the solo being tastefully rendered by Bro. G. T. CARTER.

In toasting "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said: It is not necessary to say much in their favour. They are so well known to all the brethren—the Earl of Carnarvon, in the absence of the Grand Master, discharges his duties most excellently—Lord Lathom, more familiarly known to them of old as Lord Skelmersdale, needs no recommendation. They had two Grand Officers present—one especially who is a member of our own province. Bro. George Lambert, Grand Sword Bearer, is one of the oldest Masons in the province, and is one who is never afraid to speak his mind in the interests of Freemasonry. There is also Bro. Clarke, and the R.W. Prov. Grand Master trusted the welcome that brother had received in the little Province of Herts would send him home perfectly satisfied with his reception. As Bro. Lambert would have to reply further on, he would call on Bro. Clark to respond.

After a song from Bro. Lester,

Bro. W. CLARKE said: In one's Masonic career, and in every-day walk in life, there are times when one feels embarrassed and at a loss for words. Such was his position. He felt inadequate to the task; only a week had elapsed since he had the honour of responding to the toast in the Province of Suffolk, where he was proud to find the toast was so heartily received. It had certainly been as heartily received in the Province of Herts. On behalf of the Pro Grand Master they would be glad to find he had returned to his native country improved in health, and hoped to see him occupy his high position in Grand Lodge. The reception accorded to the mention of Lord Lathom proved how well that brother is known and appreciated by the whole Craft. Whilst they had such Grand Officers the prestige of the Grand Officers was sure to be maintained. Bro. W. Clark concluded by assuring the brethren that it would be a long day ere the recollection of that evening would be erased from his memory.

Bro. LAMBERT, being warmly called upon, said, in thanking the brethren for the cordiality of their reception of the toast, expressed the honour he felt in being called upon to fill the important office of Grand Sword Bearer. Amid much laughter Bro. Lambert humorously explained the high dignity attached to the office he held. The Grand Wardens sit at the other end of the lodge, but the Grand Sword Bearer's is not an office where there is nothing to do, as is the case with some of the other offices. He is in constant attendance on the Grand Master—waits upon him at his private door, conducts him to the daïs, keeps off all intruders, and, finally, sits in the place of honour, on the immediate side of the Grand Master, and not behind him as other officers have to. Now, Bro. Grand S.W., charge you glasses for a bumper toast.

Bro. LAMBERT, acting as Deputy Prov. G.M., next gave "The Health of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey." He said, he was permitted to offer to their notice the toast of their Prov. Grand Master (loud and prolonged cheers), and if he (Bro. Lambert) were to augur anything from the noise he had just heard (laughter) he was sure they all highly respected their Prov. Grand Master. Their Prov. Grand Master came to them following in the footsteps of such names as the Marquis of Salisbury, Marjoribanks, and Stewart, to fill a position

fraught with many difficulties to discharge it properly. His duties have been very numerous, and are highly approved of. Among these he would mention those in connection with the library at Watford, and laying the foundation stone of the Town Hall at Watford, &c. Also in connection with the education of the children of the neighbourhood and of the metropolis. This was work worthy of a Freemason, and of your Prov. Grand Master, and work which would be sure to fructify. Thus his duties are not only onerous, but are discharged in a very admirable manner, your Prov. G.M. ably following the rule of the previous Grand Masters in a highly efficient manner.

In reply, Bro. the R.W. PROV. G.M. thanked Bro. Lambert and the other brethren for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He could only say it was the first time he had had the honour to hold his Prov. Grand Lodge in Hitchin, and the reception was sufficient to cause him to wish to come again soon. But that the toast had been received so very well, he should have said he did not deserve it, but as he would soon be going his second grand round of the lodges in the province; he would then have an opportunity of seeing if they would extend the same cordial welcome to him as now. The present success of the province was very gratifying whilst under his rule. The Province of Herts must, of necessity, continue to be a small one, the county being small and chiefly an agricultural one. Yet that was no reason why it should not continue to show itself a united and well-working province, although it could probably never look to boast of 100 lodges. He was very pleased with the Prov. Grand Officers who had served under his banner, and felt the prosperity of the province to be due to the creditable discharge of their duties as true Masons. He (Bro. Halsey) had that day invested a new set of Provincial Grand Officers, and he hoped they would all be deeply impressed with the high trust reposed in them that day—a trust, he hoped, which would not be found to have been misplaced, and that when they should meet again they would be able to say those officers had thoroughly discharged their various duties. The R.W. Prov. G.M. deeply regretted the illness of Bro. Wilson Iles, their esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master. That brother had visited all the lodges in the province more than once, and in other ways had discharged his duties conscientiously and well, and without fear or favour, in the interest of the province. The Prov. G.J.W., Bro. C. E. Keyser, he would call upon to reply. Bro. Keyser was one well known to them and in the great English sport of cricket. It was owing to that brother's exertions the county holds its present high position in the cricketing world. Bro. Keyser has also set a good example in supporting the Masonic Charities, which looked well for the county and the Watford Lodge, which, the R.W. Prov. G.M. said was his mother lodge in the province.

Bro. KEYSER hastened to thank the R.W. Prov. G.M. and the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast. After a feeling allusion to the absence of Bro. Iles, Bro. Keyser said, for himself and the rest of Prov. Grand Officers, for their appointments they were thankful, and hoped they would always merit the approval of the brethren, who, they trusted, would have cause to feel their Prov. Grand Officers had done their best for the province, and filled their various positions in a satisfactory manner.

After a very amusing sketch by Bro. Seymour Smith, entitled, "A Visit to the Opera," which was well received, "The Visitors" were toasted. One of the many virtues, next to that of Charity—Bro. HALSEY said—was that of hospitality; and they would all join with him in giving those brethren who had visited them a hearty welcome.

On behalf of all the Herts lodges, the R.W. Prov. G.M. hoped that the working, as well as the hospitality, of the province would induce the visitors speedily to come among them again. Bro. Smith, P.G.J.W. Sussex, had braved the terrors of the Brighton Railway in general, and the Balcombe Tunnel in particular, to be with them. They were in a round-about way, perhaps, somewhat connected with the Province of Sussex, for Bro. Martin, of the Watford Lodge, holds high office. They also were honoured with the presence of Bro. Dr. Morris, Head Master of the Boys' School, of which we expect such good things, and which, under his régime, the brethren would not be disappointed. After replies from Bros. SMITH and Dr. MORRIS,

Bro. the R.W. PROV. G.M. said, as time was getting on, and as both it and the train would wait for no man, he would give the next toasts briefly. He called upon the senior W.M. present, Bro. Cheese, W.M. Gresham Lodge, 869, to respond to the toast of "The W.M.'s of the Herts Lodges," which was heartily received.

Bro. the Rev. W. O. THOMPSON, P.M. 1757, P. Prov. G. Chap., gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities" in a long and powerful speech, ascribing the magnificent results attained at the various festivals to the exertions of Bro. F. Binckes, of the Boys' School, and Bro. J. Terry, of the Institution for Aged Freemasons.

Bro. BINCKES said, that after the most excellent and exhaustive speech of Bro. Thompson, there was but little for him to say. Each night that week he had had to reply to the toast. He offered his warmest gratitude and thanks for the loyal support, so warmly and consistently tendered by that province, to the Institutions. He thanked them for their assistance, for their encouragement, and, more than all, for the generous support they had accorded. Allusion had been made to the horrors of Balcombe Tunnel. He considered all this had been purged away. Since the event alluded to, two special trains, with 450 Masons, had gone to and from Brighton upon an errand of Charity. This had completely purged away the horrors of that tunnel, for it was the only line of which the same could be said.

Bro. J. TERRY also responded, pointing out the good the province had done, although small. Bro. Terry made an earnest appeal to the brethren to demonstrate to their R.W. Prov. Grand Master that when he should consent to preside at one of the festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the brethren of the province would rally round him to a man.

The response to this appeal was most hearty and gratifying.

"The W.M. of the Cecil Lodge, 449," which entertained Prov. Grand Lodge, was next toasted; and Bro. E. SHILLITOEO having suitably responded, the Tyler's toast was given by Bro. T. WRIGHT, and the brethren sought the station, where special arrangements had been made by the Great Northern Railway for facilities to return to town.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, assisted by Bros. G. T. Carter, and A. Lester, and gave great satisfaction.

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.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "The Sunday Times," "Boletín Oficial del Grand Orient de España," "Weekly Ohio State Journal," "Die Bäuhttte," "The Masonic Herald," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Corner Stone," "The New York Dispatch," "Der Long Islaender," "Keystone," "The Northern Advance," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Hull Packet," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Liberal Freemason," "Masonic Record of Western India," "The Report of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin," "Report of the Rose Croix Degree in Ireland," "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri," "Le Credit Maritime."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 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,—

After so many letters on this subject, written by brethren who have paid much attention to the supposed standard by which a decision should have been clearly arrived at, it may be, perhaps, presumption on my part to offer an opinion, yet it appears to me moderately clear and reasonable that the standing of the two sets of officers is this:

The Grand Officers maintain their rank over all the brethren of England. The Provincial Grand Officers have similar rank in their province only.

There is no doubt that a Grand Officer visiting a province would take precedence of a Provincial Officer of the same rank only—that is, a Grand Deacon would take precedence of a Provincial Grand Deacon, but not of a Provincial Grand Warden in his own province.

Outside his own province a Provincial Grand Officer (though he may be a Provincial Grand Warden) takes no rank at all, and is not even a member of Grand Lodge, unless he is an Installed Master.

Yours fraternally,

EXCELSIOR.

Wolverhampton, July 23rd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to "Lex Latomica's" letter in yours of to-day (I believe) our R.W. Bro. Lord Pelham, P. Prov. G.M. Sussex, was not an installed Master, when appointed Grand Master of that Province.

He was (I believe), however, duly made an Installed Master before his installation as Prov. G. Master, and during his first year of office was duly elected and installed as W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271. I write, under correction, of matters that occurred in 1867.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

H. S. T.

July 23rd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Bro. "York" is away, I note, on his well-earned holiday, I will not say much to-day, (to which he cannot reply,) or bore your readers with a prolonged argument on the "points" which "crop up" in this little controversy.

To only one statement will I allude, for it rests on a complete misapprehension of the Book of Constitutions. It is this—1st. That a Provincial Grand Master need only be a M.M., and that if he declined "installation" he is not a member of Grand Lodge.

Now, it is quite clear to me that Bro. "York" is wrong in assuming that a Provincial Grand Master need only be a M.M. He must be an Installed Master, or a qualified member of Grand Lodge.

I remember a case where a noble lord might have been a Provincial Grand Master, but as he was not even a Warden it was held that he was ineligible.

The whole of Bro. "York's" elaborate "reductio ad absurdum" falls to the ground, because it is an impossibility. No Grand Officer, except the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master, can take precedence of a Provincial Grand Master in his own Province.

But the truth is that the whole of the argument has been "weighted" by a grave question underlying it all, not so much what is the "status" of the Grand Officers, quoad the Provincial Grand Master, but really, quoad the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He, I have shown, stands in an exceptional and peculiar position altogether, and cannot be brought in under any arguments affecting Grand Officers, because he is not a Grand Officer, "virtute officii," by the special provision of the Book of Constitutions. Hence, though in his province he has the rank of a Grand Officer, and in the Provincial Grand Master's absence rules Provincial Grand Lodge, so much so that then he takes precedence, "virtute officii," equally of all Grand Officers, except the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, though he is ever at his right hand, he must give the precedence to all Grand Officers. It is quite clear that not being a Grand Officer he cannot take precedence of a Grand Officer, except when acting as Prov. Grand Master.

Yours fraternally,

LEX LATOMICA.

PRESTON'S MOTHER LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In response to a suggestion by Bro. Jacob Norton, made through the *Freemason* of this date, I beg to say that it was in February, 1763, that an application for a charter was made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by certain brethren in London. Here is an excerpt of minute of quarterly communication held at Edinburgh on the 8th February, 1763, and presided over by Charles, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Most Worshipful Grand Master: " Read the petition of William Leslie and others, brethren residing in London, praying a charter of Constitution from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which being considered, the Grand Lodge declined giving them any charter, in regard it would interfere with the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, but declared their willingness to recommend them to the Grand Lodge of England in case they should think proper to apply for a charter from thence."

Ever faithfully and fraternally,

D. MURRAY LYON,
Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh,
July 23.

THE MEETINGS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I suggest that something might be arranged to make these meetings more attractive? I have before suggested that they should be held on the same evenings as Grand Lodge, at six o'clock. I know several old P.Z.'s who have never visited Grand Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

PRINCIPAL.

THE OLDEST MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was struck by an article that appeared in the *Freemason* of the 23rd inst., at page 340, that Bro. Nicholson, P.M. 151, was the oldest Mark Master in the two counties of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Now, sir, this is an error, for in 1861 there were four brethren from Carlisle advanced in the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the purpose of introducing the Degree into Cumberland. The names of the four brethren were F. W. Hayward, W. Murray, W. Johnston, and Geo. G. Hayward. They applied for a warrant, and got consecrated the Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, Carlisle, in 1863, and at that consecration there were twenty-two brethren advanced, and of those there are four still alive, and subscribing members of the Cumberland Lodge, viz., Bros. W. Cockitt, W. Pratchett, W. Carrack, and J. A. Wheatley; and Bro. Nicholson was only advanced in the Cumberland Lodge in 1867. There are also two of the brethren who were advanced in 1861, members and Past Masters of No. 60, still alive, viz., Bros. W. Murray and Geo. J. Hayward.

This letter is not sent to you, Bro. Editor, from any disrespect to Bro. Nicholson, for there are none in the province who respect Bro. J. Nicholson more than myself, but it is from a wish that honour should be given to whom honour is due.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally and respectfully,
AN OLD P.M. OF THE MARK.
Carlisle, July 27th.

PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having noticed in your issue of the 11th June, a letter from "A Punjab Mason and P.M.," asking for information regarding the "Punjab Masonic Institution," I trust you will permit me to offer a few brief remarks with reference thereto.

I would mention first, with regard to the short editorial notice which appeared in the *Freemason* of the previous week, that the number of children at present under our charge for maintenance and education is twenty-two, and not eighteen. The latter figures represent the number on the books during 1880, but, as will be observed from the proceedings of the general meeting held on the 8th April last, which proceedings are embodied in the report for the past year, four more have since been brought on the fund.

The information which your correspondent is desirous of obtaining is fully set forth in the report, a copy of which I am not surprised to find our brother has not received, as he is doubtless one of the many *Punjab Masons* who, when proceeding to England, invariably omit to leave behind them any instructions as to where they are to be addressed during their absence. By the present mail I take the liberty of sending you a few copies of our last report, which I trust you will not mind handing to any brethren who, like "A Punjab Mason and P.M.," being interested in the welfare of our Charity, may apply to you for information regarding its working.

Apologising for trespassing on your space, and soliciting your interest in behalf of the Institution,

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

THE HONORARY SECRETARY P.M.I.

Lahore, 2nd, July, 1881.

LADIES AT MASONIC GATHERINGS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I often read my husband's *Freemason*—yes, "on the sly"—and was pleased to think you had taken up the part of us poor women, left out "so gallantly," as far as Freemasonry is concerned, "in the cold." My husband has been a Mason many years, but though I am, as some think, "his better half," I have never had the slightest benefit from his "Fraternity." He stays out late, he comes home early, (in the morning), and always is "kept at the lodge!"

I have often asked him, Do you Masons never give a ball, or a soiree, or a conversazione? He always replies, "My lodge don't encourage the idea; Freemasonry is not intended for women;" so I am shut up.

And yet my friend, Mrs. Trickle, tells me that her husband's lodge, the "Androgyne," gives regular parties and balls and "banquets" for the ladies, whereas "Bro. Brown's" lodge, the "Felicity," does nothing. Some men are so mean. I would even compromise for what you Masons call a "collation," whatever that may be. Whence, then, this dislike of us women—wives, sisters, daughters, sweet-hearts of Masons? Is it that Freemasons despise us as belonging to the "inferior creation?" though Brown, when he comes home (elated), sometimes hums a song which says something like this, "No mortal can more the ladies adore!" that is, as far as I understand it. I have taken into my head, rightly or wrongly, like a woman perhaps, that you men and Masons are all under a mistaken impression of what we women are, do, and want.

I think it well to put together, for your information and edification, some other "fallacies" in which you men and Masons are in the habit of indulging yourselves as regards ladies generally and in particular. Now, this is what men and Masons often think, I know—That women are only born to be their slaves. That dinner is to be ready for them the very minute they come into the house. That a lady's bonnet can be put on as quickly as a gentleman's hat. That we can dress in a minute; and that ringing the bell violently has the effect of making us dress one bit quicker. That they can do everything so much better than we can—from nursing the baby down to poking the fire. That they are "the Lords of Creation"—(*Pretty Lords, indeed.*) That nothing can be too good for them; for I am sure if you were to put a hot joint before them every day, still they would be dissatisfied, and would be grumbling that you never gave them cold meat. That they know our age so much better than we do ourselves—(*It's so very likely.*) They may invite whom, and as many, as they please; but if we only invite our mamma to come and stop with us, or just ask a dear unmarried sister or two to stop with us for a month, that there's to be no peace for us so long as they remain in the house. That sleeping after dinner promotes conversation. That they know what dress and bonnet become us so much better than we do. That it is necessary to make a poor woman cry, because a stupid shirt-button happens to be off. I declare some men must believe that their wives cut off their shirt-buttons purposely, from the savage pleasure they take in abusing them for it. That housekeeping does not require any money; and if we venture to ask for any, that it is pleasant to be met with all sorts of black looks and insinuations as to "what we can do with it all;" or very agreeable to be told that we will be "the ruin of him some day"—(*I should like to see the day!*) That the house never requires cleaning, or the tables rubbing, or the carpets beating, or the furniture renewing, or the sofa fresh covers; or, in fact, that anything has a right to wear out, or to be spoiled, or broken; and,

in short, that everything ought to last for ever. That a poor lone woman is never to have any pleasure, but always, always to stop at home, and "mind her children"—(*I'm tired of such nonsense.*) That the expenses of one's household do not increase with one's family, but, rather, that ten children can be supported for the same cost as one. That no husband is perfect, like Hercules, without his club; and that the less a wife sees of her husband, the fonder she actually grows of him. That it is a pleasure for us to sit up for them.

I might give you more "fallacies of the faculty," but I stop here to-day. Hoping that you and Bro. Kenning will continue to advocate so ably the cause of us poor shut-out women,

I am, yours, most sisterly,

AMY BROWN.

BRADLAUGH AT THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent is very much mistaken in supposing that the lecture given by the notorious M.P. for Northampton has anything to do with the Masons of South London. Through mistakes made by the originators, a most unsuitable building was erected at an enormous cost; the company came to grief, the mortgage foreclosed, and the building eventually came into the hands of Bro. Oliver, who had been so unfortunate as to be the builder.

Besides the Masonic rooms there is a large lecture hall, which is let for preaching, nigger minstrels, bazaars, wedding breakfasts, infidel or other lecturers, and dancing.

The building is now in the hands of the South London Institute of Music, a very influential musical society, but there are Masonic meetings, as usual, in the Masonic rooms.

As so many worthy Masons lost all their investments in the venture, they must feel that it would have been better to have erected a smaller building, costing about a thousand pounds, containing only Masonic rooms.

Yours fraternally, SOUTH LONDON.

COMMAS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I sent some "notes" about printers' "errata" a short time back, I now send you a neat little "par" about "commas." How many good folks, you and I know, dear sir and brother, who write without "stops" at all.

"The comma, like the tongue, is a little thing, and, like it, will make good sense or nonsense, just according as it is used. Take, for instance, the old nursery rhyme. With the commas misplaced, it is so nonsensical that it needs a commentary to explain it:

"Every lady in the land
Has twenty nails on each hand,
Five and twenty on hands and feet;
This is true without deceit.

"Alter the position of the commas, and the meaning is clear:

"Every lady in the land
Has twenty nails, on each hand
Five, and twenty on hands and feet;
This is true without deceit."

Yours fraternally, A LOVER OF OLD ENGLISH.

Reviews.

MADAME DE SEVIGNE. By Mrs. RICHMOND RITCHIE. Wm. Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh and London.

We only wish that our limited space allowed a full and satisfactory review of this very interesting little work. It forms part of Messrs. Blackwood's series of "Foreign Classics for English Readers," and is edited by Mrs. Richmond Ritchie, better known as Miss Thackeray. The work is admirably done, and will well repay some studious moments of thought and perusal. It brings before us in a graceful style and effective grouping, some striking pictures of a past epoch, and sets before us, fairly and truly, the merits of the most graceful and touching of letter writers. Madame de Sevigne's letters are still, indeed, classic reading for us all alike, and no one can expect to grasp the real history of France in that eventful period which saw the close of the reign of Louis XIII., the passing away of Richelieu and Mazarin, and the long reign of Louis XIV., and the old age of the "Grand Monarque," without some study of her faithful record of persons and events. Madame de Sevigne was born in 1626 and died in 1696. What a period to live in, what a "three score years and ten" to have passed through. And then before us, as we turn over their lifelike pages, (we find them too short, their only fault), there come and go before us those fading ghosts of a glittering past. If their splendour seem something like "tawdry and tinsel" to us to-day, if their glory has departed, if, in truth, they seem somewhat "ghastly" to the sight, one and all, one fair face seems to gleam with almost an "aureole" of unearthly truth and tenderness around it, the wife and the mother, virtuous in a licentious age, sure and steadfast when too many were treacherous and time-serving, a loyal subject, a faithful friend, a very queen of women, amid those who might otherwise have dazzled the sight and ruined the life of many a poor votary of fashion, many a zealous "viveur" in "high life." Madame de Sevigne, "Marie de Rabutin Chantal," was a very remarkable woman, and her many volumes of inimitable letters are still the delight of youth and old age, of student and of critic. We thank "Miss Thackeray that was" for a very attractive little work.

CATALOGUE DE LIVRES ANCIENS. Albert Cohn, 53, Mohren Strasse, Berlin.

Mr. Albert Cohn has put out a most interesting catalogue for all admirers and all collectors of books. It is No. 139. It contains a remarkable collection of MSS. from the tenth to the seventeenth centuries, of books illustrated from the fifteenth to the nineteenth centuries, and a large number of books printed on vellum. Mr. Cohn offers a "Legenda Sanctorum" of the first half of the fourteenth century for 7500 marks (£375), which must indeed be a most valuable and certainly interesting MS. He gives us some effective "photos" of it in the catalogue. We can only commend the catalogue itself to the study of those who, like ourselves, value books for what they are, the pleasure and the information they give to all who use them well, and who study them truly. But there are "book collectors and book collectors."

COMPANION TO THE REVISED VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. By ALEX. ROBERTS, D.D., Professor of Humanity St. Andrew's, and Member of the New Testament Company. Cassell, Petter, and Co.

The antagonists of the Revised Version have been many so far, the defenders few. Dean Stanley, with characteristic courage and clearness, in his, as it were, "last words" in the *Times*, a few days' back, put out the best defence possible—if defence be possible—for the Revised Version, in the face of the now nearly general complaint, both of Biblical students and Bible readers. Dr. Roberts goes over the same ground somewhat, and with great clearness and precision, but leaves untouched and unanswered the "gravamina" of those who complain of "unwise changes," "needless doubts," and "pedantic phraseology." Let us try and sum up the allegations against the Revised Version, many and full-voiced, which we may hear, so to say, not only at every "corner of the street," but from the student in his closet, and from the commentator at his desk. 1. The "company," though composed of very able men, was not marked by any very distinguished scholarship; that is to say, of unquestionable authority. Good they are, but not pre-eminent. 2. It is very doubtful, nay, more than doubtful, if the departure of the company from the subsequently characteristic of the older "Versionists" was not a very grievous error in judgment and reality. It is not right certainly to sacrifice "truth" or actuality to euphony or antithesis; but it is equally erroneous, for mere alliterative correctness, to give up the liberty and graces of the English tongue. It superinduces a baldness and "cacophony," which are very painful. 3. The substitution of words having the identical meaning, in an older and more scholastic and pedantic phraseology than that endeared to Englishmen for nearly 300 years, by the inexpressible beauty of the English Bible, is likely to prejudice the version irremediably in public appreciation. 4. Many questions have been raised and alterations made which, quite proper in the "margin" for Bible readers and Bible students, are altogether out of place in the text, as provocative of controversy, and in no sense promoting truth and concord. 5. Giving every credit to those who so honestly laboured, and so long, at a most solemn and sacred work, it seems to be indisputable that we are not likely to find this new Revision a "substitute" for that older version, which yet can "charm the young and edify the old,"—and is equally "precious to saint and sage."

RECORDS OF THE PAST: Being English Translations of the Assyrian and Egyptian Monuments Vol. 12. Samuel Bagster and Sons.

This book is one of a series not yet completed, the whole series comprising twelve volumes of a handy size, with good paper and readable type. The object of the publishers is to place before English readers the true sense of those wonderful inscriptions written on stone and other substances by the Ancients, and which, until very recently, were almost an unknown language, even to eminent scholars. That the subject is interesting we must all admit, and judging from a perusal of the work now before us, we must also admit that the reading is fresh and good. Indeed, these old inscriptions by being translated into simple English prose, are made, as it were, new again, and all can now read what only a few experts could read before, and what only a few experts could enjoy. That the "records" are of equal merit we do not say. Some of them appear to us to be hardly worth recording, if we judge them by their weight of sense; but as illustrations of the time they are unquestionably valuable. They reveal the past; they help us to understand the laws and manners of the people; and, even more, they show us men's thought. In some of the translations there are passages of considerable force and beauty, and doubtless more in the original, seeing that all utterances lose more or less by being construed into a foreign tongue. Other specimens are of a more prosaic sort. One of the "records" tells us of a man who implores the departed spirit of his wife not to torment him, and he recounts his wise words and comfortable deeds to his spouse, by way of showing how little he deserves ill treatment. The reading is not all gravenor all gay, nor, to all readers, of equal interest; but to those who love the past, and who like to see the ways of men in bygone ages, and who feel curious to know the meaning of ancient writings, this book and the others of the series will well repay perusal.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

AN OLD MASONIC WORK.

"Le Macon Démasqué ou le Vrai Secret," &c., seems to have been published, in a copy I have in French, without a printer's name, in 1786, at Frankfort, with a German translation also, Frankfort and Leipsic, 1786, under the German title "Der Entdeckte Maurer," &c., and with a covering title page of "Wahres Zusammenhängendes Lehrgebäude der Freymaurer Gesellschaft." It is said to be translated from the French. Kloss mentions an edition (1751), published in French in London, and with the initials T. W. to the preface. This date of 1751 seems to me to be a mistake, as this work is mixed up somehow with "Solomon in all his glory," the first edition of which, Kloss says, was published in 1760. Oliver says the "Maçon Démasqué" was published in London 1751, Berlin, 1757, Frankfort, 1786, which is identical with Kloss's statement. Perhaps Bro. Hughan, if he has seen

it, can give an account of the 1751 edition. My copy is at this moment mislaid.

MASONIC STUDENT.

EARLY USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

At p. 60, line 10, of Henry's "Outlines of English History," edited by Joseph Fernandez, LL.D., 16th edition, 1873, we find the following: "In architecture in general but in church architecture in particular, great progress was made. This was caused chiefly by the efforts of a number of architects who formed themselves into a company called Freemasons, and who moved from town to town, as their services were required." This is stated in relation to the "Nation Progress," in the reign of Henry III. (A.D. 1210 to 1272).

If "Masonic Student" has not already searched "Historia Major," by Matthew Paris, I think it would amply pay to do so, supposing it be possible to see an origin MS. I have not the time, had I the means.

BRIGHTON.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual communication of the above province was held on Tuesday last in the Masonic Hall, Frizington under the banner of Henry Lodge, No. 216. The proceedings at the outset promised to be more than ordinarily interesting, for the reason that Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, Maryport, P.P.G.S.W., and P.G. Treas., was to be installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in succession to the late Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., Past Grand Warden of England. However, the well-known motto, "Man proposes, but God disposes," interfered with that part of the programme. It appears that our venerable brother—whose heart and soul for half-a-century have been centred in all that appertains to the good and welfare of Masonry in general—was seized with illness, the remains, we are informed by those who know him best, of a paralytic attack many years ago. This happened so near to the morning of the Provincial meeting, that it only became known within an hour or so of the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The *contretemps* fairly cast a damper on an assembly which, without a shadow of doubt, was the best Mark meeting ever held in Cumberland or Westmorland.

About two o'clock the brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, Frizington, Henry Lodge, No. 216, having been previously opened by Bro. Rowland Baxter, W.M., P.G.I.G., in the presence of a large muster of the members of that lodge, now the strongest in the province. The hall, it may be mentioned, was specially decorated for the occasion, and, of itself, is a credit to those brethren—Scotchmen specially—who, some years ago, built it, under the auspices of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. A Mark lodge was then held, but subsequently the Scotch warrant was exchanged for that of Henry Lodge, No. 216, under which it now flourishes.

The following brethren signed their names in the Prov. G. Tyler's book: Bros. Dr. E. W. Henry, P.M. 213, P.P.G. S.W.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Steward of England; W. Court, P.M. 60, P.P.G.M.O.; J. H. Banks, W.M. 151, P.G.J.O.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 213 and 216, P.G.J.W.; R. Baxter, W.M. 216, P.G.I.G.; W. Walker, P.M. 216, P.G.I.W.; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Tyson, J.W. 213, P.G.R.M.; T. Mandle, P.M. 151, P.G.M.O.; Captain Sewell, W.M. 229, P.G.S.O.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.P.G. J.W.; J. Hewson, Tyler 229, Prov. G. Tyler; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.G. Sec.; T. Dixon, W.M. 282; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., S.W. 282; Dr. Lace, S.W. 216; W. Martin, P.M. 216; R. Wilson, S.W. 216; J. Ashworth, J.O. 216; D. Bell, M.O. 216; H. Peacock, S.O. 229; I. Evening, I.G. 229; J. F. Kirkconel, I.G. 216; W. Swain, J.D. 216; A. Crawford, S.D. 216; F. T. Allatt, 216; J. K. Turner, 216; J. Banks, Steward, 216; B. Craig, Sec. 216; G. Lowden, Steward, 216; J. Close, Tyler, 216; J. Lewthwaite, Steward, 282; C. Nanson, 60; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler, 213; J. Jenkinson, S.D. 282; J. W. Miles, J.O. 213; E. G. Mitchell, 151; G. W. Thompson, Secretary, 151; and others.

Letters of apology were read from Bros. G. J. McKay, P.M. 195, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.D. of England; G. G. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.I.G. of England; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 60, P.P.G.S.W.; W. B. Gibson, W.M. 213, P.P.G. M.O.; J. Cooper, Org. 213, P.G. Org.

Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.P.G.S.W., occupied the chair, supported by Bro. Dr. Henry, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M. After the P.G. Secretary had called over the roll of lodges and officers, he said that the first business really should have been the installation of Bro. Nicholson, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, but, as the Worshipful acting Prov. Grand Master in the chair had explained the absence of that brother, the ceremony could not be performed. He, however, thought it would not be out of place to read a letter of appointment which he had received from Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, which was as follows:—

"Carlton Club, July 23rd, 1881.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The death of our lamented Bro. Whitwell having left the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master vacant, it devolves upon me to name a successor to our late distinguished and much regretted Deputy. I therefore advise you, that, after due consideration, no brother in the province is better fitted to discharge the duties of Deputy Grand Master than our much esteemed Bro. Nicholson; and in appointing him to the above-named office, I think I recognise but slightly the ability and zeal with which for so many years he has worked for the good of Freemasonry, and the many advantages which he has bestowed upon the Craft. I intrust, on behalf of the province, the responsibilities of Deputy to him, with the greatest confidence in his future career; and my only regret is that circumstances prevent me from installing him myself. I hereby appoint Bro. Nicholson Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master for the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and he is appointed accordingly.

"Yours fraternally,

"BECTIVE, P.G.M.M.M.

"To Bro. Lamonby, P.G.M. Secretary, Cocker-mouth." The reading of the letter above was received with much applause, and the one regret was that the worthy brother interested could not be present. The minutes of the last

annual communication, held at Cockermouth, were then read and confirmed; as was also the statement of accounts, showing a balance of £16 2s. 11d. in hand, with the dues of three lodges, and sundry fees of honour unpaid. The report of the Committee of General Purposes was presented, the most important item of which was a recommendation that the charter of Bective Lodge, No. 147, Keswick, be called in. Some discussion arose on the recommendation; but as it was explained that notwithstanding their Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge dues had been commuted for three years last year, and several prominent members of other lodges had joined with the object of giving a helping hand, and that many letters had been written suggesting the summoning of a meeting, without eliciting the courtesy of a single reply, the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee was agreed to unanimously, and P.G. Secretary was instructed to call in the charter forthwith. The Committee likewise recommended that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the family of the late Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, which was agreed to. Bros. Collin, Mandle, Rice, and Dixon were appointed to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year.

On the motion of the P.G. SECRETARY, seconded by Bro. the Rev. E. M. RICE, Bro. Geo. Dalrymple was unanimously elected P.G. Treasurer. Bro. J. Close was also elected P.G. Tyler.

The investiture of officers was then proceeded with as follows:

Bro. J. Gardiner, P.M. 151	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
W. Court, P.M. 60	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Capt. Sewell, W.M. 229	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
J. H. Banks, W.M. 151	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
E. Tyson, J.W. 213	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., S.W. 282	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
T. Dixon, W.M. 282	...	...	Prov. G.R.M.
W. F. Lamony, P.M. 229	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Harper, P.M. 216	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Walker, P.M. 216	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
J. F. Kirkconel, 216	...	...	Prov. G.I.W.
W. White, S.W. 213	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
R. Baxter, W.M. 216	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
E. G. Mitchell, 151	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
F. Whittle, M.O. 216	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
J. Cooper, Org. 213	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
H. Peacock, S.O. 229	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
B. Craig, Sec. 216	...	...	...
G. W. Thompson, Sec. 151	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
J. J. Coverdale, J.W. 282	...	...	...
J. Close, Tyler, 216	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Cumberland and Westmorland being on the rota for next year's appointments of Grand Stewards by the M.W. Grand Master, in accordance with Clause 44 of the Book of Constitutions, Bro. T. Mandle, P.M. 151, P.P.G.M.O., was unanimously recommended for the honour.

Bro. Dr. HENRY, P.M. 213, P.P.G.S.W., then invited Prov. Grand Lodge to visit Whitehaven next year, and the suggestion was ordered to be intimated to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. G. J. McKay, P.M. 195, P.P.G.S.W., had a notice of motion on the agenda paper, proposing a grant to the Boys' School; but he not being present, and the funds in hand not being strong enough to warrant so large a withdrawal, the notice found no proposer, and fell to the ground. The opinion seemed to be, however, that in another year something substantial might be done, not only for the Boys' School, but for the Provincial Mark Benevolent Fund, which, so far, has been a dead letter in the bye-laws and annals of the province.

On the motion of the P.G. SECRETARY, seconded by Bro. GARDINER, P.G.S.W., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. and brethren of the Henry Lodge, for the hospitable arrangements they had made to entertain the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in form. Subsequently the brethren dined together at Bro. J. Banks's, the Griffin Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

A large assembly of the brethren took place at Rochester, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., the occasion being the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the county and presentations to Lord and Lady Holmesdale. The proceedings commenced with the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, in the Guildhall, that commodious building having been lent to the Order by the Mayor and Corporation. Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master presided, and the other Grand Officers were all present, namely, Bros. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. H. Hodgkin, G.S.W.; G. H. Chexfield, G.J.W.; Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A., S. Chap.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., J. Chap.; B. K. Thorpe, Treas.; H. J. Butter, G. Reg.; J. Bordeaux, G.S.D.; J. Sherwood, G.J.D.; F. Baker, G. Supt. of Works; W. Harrison, G.D.C.; J. R. Ford, G.A.D.C.; W. A. Weston, G.S.B.; F. Sladden, G. Org.; J. J. Michael, G. Purst.; L. Etheridge, G. Assistant Purst.; and R. Eastley, G. Tyler.

After some formal business, the Provincial Grand Officers for the year were appointed, and Bro. B. K. Thorpe was re-elected Treasurer. The following is the complete list of officers: Bros. Viscount Holmesdale, G.M.; R.W.; James Eastes, D.G.M.; W.; John L. Worshipp, P.M. 1414, Sevenoaks, G.S.W.; William Wood, P.M. 1050, Rochester, G.J.W.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., W.M. 1837, Farningham, G.S. Chaplain; Rev. W. Taylor Jones, P.M. 125, Margate, G.J. Chaplain; Alfred Spencer, P.M. 1063, Malling Abbey, G. Secretary; B. K. Thorpe, P.M. 709, Ashford, G. Treasurer; John Brothers, P.M. 709, Ashford, G. Registrar; H. M. Baker, P.M. 1208, Dover, G.S.D.; James Griffin, P.M. 1531, Chislehurst, G.J.D.; Lieut. Fynmore, P.M. 1436, Sandgate, G. Supt. of Works; W. Seaman, P.M. 1314, Bromley, G.D.C.; J. O. Eva, P.M. 1209, Raingate, G. Asst. D.C.; J. A. Bates, P.M. 1424, Brompton, G.S.B.; E. J. Dodd, P.M. 1223, Westerham, G. Org.; M. W. West, P.M. 1089, Sheerness, G. Purst.; George T. King, P.M. 77, Gravesend, G. Asst. Purst. Stewards: Bros. John Coulter, P.M. 20, Chatham; John E. Wiltshire, P.M. 31, Canterbury; E. B. Smith, P.M. 1063, Malling Abbey; E. Kirby, P.M. 1096, Walmer; F. J. Seale, P.M. 1273, Sittingbourne; C. E. Hatten, W.M. 1464, Greenhithe.

It was decided to adopt the recommendation of the

Charity Committee to the effect that a grant of £30 be given to the widow of a brother of Lodge 31, and £30 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 199; also that a grant of £10 10s be given to the Hervey Testimonial Fund. It was decided to ask the Charity Committee to recommend a grant of £20 to a brother of Lodge 299, and that the following grants be made from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund: £52 10s. to the Boys' School, in the name of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, completing the amount necessary to make him a Vice-President of that Institution; and £52 10s to the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, also making him Vice-President thereof. The following motions were also passed: That £10 be transferred to the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Fund; that £21 each be given from the Charity Fund for the Boys' School, Girls' School, and Benevolent Institution to lodges 1531 and 1536; that £10 10s. each be given to the Boys' School, for Lodges 26, 31, and 77; that £21 each be given to the Girls' School, for Lodges 972, 1050, 1063, and 1089; and that £20 be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for Lodge 913.

Bro. Lewis Finch, P.P.G.D.C., was presented with a handsome silver goblet, in recognition of his great services.

The business being completed and the lodge closed, the brethren proceeded to Divine service in St. Margaret's Church. The service was full choral, the music being splendidly rendered by the Organist, Bro. Hopkins and choir of Rochester Cathedral. The Grand S. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., the vicar of St. Margaret's, Bro. the Rev. F. E. Peake, and Bro. the Rev. C. H. Fielding, took part in the service, and the lessons were read by Bro. the Rev. J. B. Harrison, the late G.S. Chaplain, and Bro. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, G.J. Chaplain. The newly appointed Senior Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. R. Jamblin, delivered a straightforward and edifying discourse from the words "Honour all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King."—1 Peter ii., 17.

The offertory amounted to £22, of which half will be devoted to Masonic Charities, and the remainder for providing a new stop for St. Margaret's Church organ.

The Banquet was held subsequently in the new Corn Exchange, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion.

The chair was occupied by Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M., supported by Bros. Sir M. H. Beach, P.G.M. for the provinces of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; A. Akers-Douglas, M.P.; J. S. Eastes, Deputy P.G.M.; the Rev. R. Jamblin, G.S. Chap.; the Rev. Taylor-Jones, G.J. Chap.; A. Spencer, G. Sec.; B. K. Thorpe, Grand Treas.; W. L. Worshipp, G.S.W.; W. Wood, G.J.W.; and in all about 170 brethren.

The customary Masonic and loyal toasts having been given and responded to.

Bro. J. S. EASTES, D.P.G.M., in proposing the toast of "The R.W., the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale," said they were assembled together that day and it had been considered a suitable and convenient opportunity for presenting to his Lordship a testimonial in celebration of the fact that he had for twenty-one years ruled over the Province of Kent as Provincial Grand Master, and to mark the appreciation of the Royal Arch Masons on his kindly undertaking to become Grand Superintendent of the province for four years. (Applause.) After some remarks respecting the progress of Freemasonry in Kent, Bro. Eastes said he was sure they would agree with him that the large increase of members and the prosperity of the province were to a very large extent due to the popularity and personal influence of Lord Holmesdale, and he was sure he need not ask them to join him in the fervent hope that he might long fill his present position. He (Bro. Eastes) had to add to the testimonial to his Lordship a trifling ornament in the shape of a gold bracelet, which they were desirous Lady Holmesdale would accept, as an appreciation of the very great interest she had at all times taken in Freemasonry.

While Bro. Eastes was speaking some crimson curtains at the back of the Provincial Grand Master were drawn and displayed the testimonial to his Lordship, which consisted of a set of three large magnificent silver vases, the centre one bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to William Archer, Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, by the Freemasons of Kent (now consisting of forty-five lodges and thirteen chapters), as a token of their esteem and affection, and to commemorate his able and genial rule over them as Provincial Grand Master for the past twenty-one years. July 13th, 1881."

Lord Holmesdale's health having been heartily drunk, and Lady Holmesdale received her gift,

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER returned thanks. At the close of his remarks he said he wished heartily to thank them for the very handsome testimonial they had been pleased to give him, and he should always treasure it. He was sure that when Lady Holmesdale looked upon that bracelet, and he looked upon those vases, they would always remember that there was a large body of Kentish gentlemen who were good enough to think that what they had done for the good cause of Masonry was worthy of their recognition, and had been such as to deserve some expression of good-will at their hands. In conclusion he hoped that as long as he occupied his present post he should preside over a united, and therefore a happy and prosperous province. Other toasts having been given and duly responded to the proceedings were brought to a close.

The evening's enjoyment was considerably added to by the performances of the string band of the Royal Engineers; and by the vocal music of Miss Lizzie Evans, Miss May Terry, Bros. H. D. Martin, F. H. Cozens, F. Carpenter, and Albert Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. F. Carpenter.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott has left London for Germany.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all sores, wounds, bad legs, and sprains of any kind, this Ointment is the most efficient application. It at once gives ease by allaying inflammation and moderating the flow of blood to the part. Whenever the malady has been of long standing, the Ointment should be assisted by Holloway's purifying Pills, which act upon the stomach and liver, guarding digestion from falling into that disordered state which the pain, restlessness, and fever attending these ailments is apt to produce, and which much retards recovery, and sometimes even makes serious the slightest case. No mother or nurse should be without these noble remedies; they are equally applicable to all ages and constitutions. They purify the blood, regulate its circulation, renew diseased structures, and invigorate the system.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH WALES, WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Neyland, New Milford, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., under the banner of Neyland Lodge, No. 990.

A large number of brethren were present, and the Prov. Grand Master, the R.W. Bro. Col. Lloyd Phillips, presided, supported by many Present and Past Grand Officers. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master however was not present, having been prevented by his parliamentary duties.

The whole of the Union Lodges of the province were found to be represented when the roll was called. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's account read and adopted, the Prov. Grand Master proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:

Bro. Thomas Protheros, P.M. 476	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Edwin Thomas, P.M. 378	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. Dr. Ring, 378	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. James Lewis, 1072	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
J. Jenkyn Jones, 476	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Joseph S. Adkins, 990	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
C. Rice Williams, P.M. 1072	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
George Tracey, I.P.M. 978	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
Thomas Hugh Thomas, P.M. 1177	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
John H. S. Lawton, W.M. 366	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
E. Jones Williams, W.M. 1072	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
John G. Lock, S.W. 1177	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Samuel Thomas, S.W. 464	...	...	Prov. G. Sd. Br.
W. H. Ribbon, W.M. 378	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
James Jones, S.W. 366	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
Thomas Williams, 366	...	...	Prov. G. Std.
John Henry, 378	...	...	Prov. G. Std.
Richard Miller, 378	...	...	Prov. G. Std.
Charles Mathias, 464	...	...	Prov. G. Std.
John Henry Coram, 990	...	...	Prov. G. Std.
Thomas Parker Wilson, 990	...	...	Prov. G. Std.
Thomas Poulter	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
John Williams, 366	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee was then brought forward, in which it was stated, that judging by the returns sent in for the past year, Freemasonry in the province was in a highly prosperous state. It recommended the re-election of W. Bro. J. Beavan Phillips to the office of Charity Commissioner, and a vote of thanks accorded him for his zealous and valuable exertions in the pursuit of his Masonic duties. Bro. Edwin Thomas, P.M. 378, P.P.G.P., was also recommended to be elected as Steward to represent the Province at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows for the year 1881-2; and considered that he was entitled to a vote of thanks for past services, having on the occasion of the late festival of the Girls' School taken up a sum of over £300. It concluded by recommending that the sum of twenty guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and five guineas to Provincial Fund of Benevolence.

After the various items of the report had been duly discussed and considered, they were unanimously approved of and agreed to be acted upon.

The PROV. G. MASTER expressed the pleasure he felt at the success of the meeting, and spoke upon the advisability of revising their existing bye-laws, and at the same time making some good suggestions, and pointing out matters which required all the attention those who were entrusted with them could possibly give them. Referring to the area over which the several lodges were distributed, it was a source of satisfaction to him to be able to realise the fact that Provincial Grand Lodges had now been held at the head-quarters of all the lodges in the province. While duly recognising the claims of the brethren to the honours it lay in his power to confer, he assured them he should always endeavour to distribute them in accordance to merit, and that no claim would ever be overlooked. It would now fall to the Cambrian Lodge, No. 434, Haverfordwest, to entertain Grand Lodge next year, but he would suggest to the brethren that that claim should be waived in favour of the St. David's, No. 336, of Milford, whose members were erecting a Masonic Hall, and it would be a favourable opportunity to inaugurate the new building. He concluded his remarks by requesting the brethren to join in attendance of Divine service at the parish church.

The procession having been formed, the brethren, preceded by a military band, proceeded to Llanstadwell Church, kindly lent by the Rev. Lacy H. Rumsey, M.A., for the occasion, where a full choral service took place, conducted by the Rev. the Prov. Grand Chaplain. The Llanstadwell choir, directed by Bro. W. H. Ribbon, successfully exerted themselves in their portion of the service. The sermon, preached by the Rev. Dr. Ring, R.N., Prov. G. Chap., and Chaplain of H.M., Dockyard Pembroke, taken from Heb. iii., 1. ("Let brotherly love continue") was one of the best we have ever had the pleasure of hearing, being characterised by a fervour equal to the exigencies of the occasion.

At the close of the sermon a collection, amounting to nearly £6 was made, and given for distribution among the poor and needy. On leaving the church the brethren returned in the same order of procession to the lodge, and on the completion of the remainder of the business previously arranged to take place, Prov. Grand Lodge was duly closed, all the formalities being strictly carried out.

The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which had been prepared for them at the South Wales Hotel, and which reflected great credit on the providers.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given and responded to, that of "The Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Lloyd Phillips," meeting with the greatest enthusiasm.

The meeting throughout was one of the most enjoyable and successful it has ever been our good fortune to attend, all the brethren being equally conspicuous in their endeavours to make our visit to New Milford one of the pleasantest epochs in our annals of Masonic gatherings.

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.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE HUNDRED OF ELLOE LODGE, No. 469.

The brethren of this lodge, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John Benner, spent a most delightful day on the 15th inst., in an excursion to the seat of H.R.H. the Grand Master, at Sandringham, in order to view the grand gardens, conservatories, stables, &c., of that establishment, and other objects of interest in the neighbourhood.

Thirty-four of the brethren, "on pleasure bent," started from Spalding by the 9 o'clock train for Lynn, where they arrived at 10.30, and after a luncheon at the Globe Hotel, provided by Bro. Marshall, they started in four wagonettes for Sandringham, calling on the way, first at Reffley Spring and then at Castle Rising, where a halt was called, and the beautiful ruins of the ancient castle inspected. A short time was spent here, in order to allow the brethren the opportunity to enjoy the splendid views obtainable from its ramparts, and also to enjoy the cooling and refreshing breezes obtained from that elevation. After some slight refreshment the drive was again resumed through the Sandringham estate, by the village of West Newton, to the far famed Norwich Gates, which superb specimen of modern metal work was closely examined and greatly admired.

Here the party was met by Bro. Penny, the courteous head gardener to His Royal Highness, and conducted through the flower gardens to the pretty little church of Sandringham, which was examined with much real interest and very much admired. From thence they proceeded by the side of the lake, the borders of which are studded with a wealth of symmetrical coniferous trees and shrubs, round the hall to the pheasantries, where hundreds of common domestic fowl are hatching out pheasants and partridges to turn into the woods for future sport. The kennels were then visited and also the bear pit, where two black specimens of that animal amused the party by their uncouth movements and antics. The superintendent of this department of the Royal domain (Bro. Andrew Jackson) whose fraternal kindness will be long remembered, then invited the brethren aside in a shady spot on the cool lawn, beside his residence, and produced a plentiful supply of the various fluids, of which the brethren partook, and thanked the donor for his generous hospitality.

The stables excited the most lively interest, as well for their great cleanliness and ornament, as for the care taken for the comfort of the occupants.

The kitchen gardens were then visited, where may be seen acres of choice fruits and vegetables, as well as miles of vines, peach, fig, and nectarine trees in the ever increasing vineries and orchard houses, and laden with the heaviest conceivable crops of fruits.

The plant and orchid houses and ferneries, which furnish the table and decorative plants and cut flowers, came in for a share of admiration; perfection everywhere testifying to the skill and master-mind of Bro. Penny in matters of horticultural design and arrangement. Arriving at Bro. Penny's house the brethren were again regaled without stint by that worthy brother, who exhibited true practical Masonry. And here the brethren had to bid adieu to that worthy brother.

Another drive by a different route brought the brethren back to the Globe, at Lynn, where Bro. Marshall had provided a banquet of the most *recherché* description. Ample justice was done to both viands and wines, and enjoyment was universal. H.R.H., the Grand Master, was duly toasted. The W.M. of the Hundred of Elloe responded very feelingly to his health, as did also Bro. Gifford, the W.M. of the Alexandra, No. 985. Bro. Morris, of Lynn, and Bro. Barrell, of Spalding, who had taken an active part in organising and conducting the trip, came in for a share of the honour.

At 7.15 the party left Lynn to return to Spalding, where they arrived in due time.

Thus ended a day of the greatest enjoyment, which will long remain a red-letter day in the memory of all those brethren who participated in it.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE, No. 1306.

The members of this flourishing lodge made their first visit to the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne, on the 20th inst. This was the first summer outing of the lodge, and the brethren had made arrangements for the presence of their ladies on this occasion. The whole of the company availed themselves of the facilities which the Great Eastern Railway Company afforded for reaching this pleasant resort.

The banquet was served in the commodious saloon, and ample justice was done to the good cheer. During the time occupied by the meal a capital selection was performed by a band under the direction of Mr. L. Kalischer. The band later on in the evening performed some bright dance music, much to the enjoyment of the ladies and brethren who thoroughly appreciated the pleasure of saltatory exercise. Among the brethren and ladies present were: Bro. J. Magrath W.M., and Mrs. Magrath; Bro. T. Wooding, S.W., and Mrs. Wooding; Bro. T. Couture and Mrs. Couture; Bro. C. Veal and Mrs. Veal; Bro. H. T. Hardy and Mrs. Hardy; Bro. T. G. Twinn and Mrs. Twinn; Bro. G. Wise and Mrs. Wise and Miss Bryden; Bro. G. T. Holdom and Mrs. Holdom; Bro. Bate and Mrs. Bate; Bro. T. Morris and Mrs. Miss Morris; Bro. East and Mrs. East; Bro. Gerard King and Mrs. King; Bro. Whybrow, Stephens, Stanger and Hansmann, Bro. Bassett and Mrs. Bassett; Bro. King and Mrs. King; Bro. Stephenson, and Mrs. Stephenson; Bro. Kingston and Mrs. Kingston; Bro. Perkins and Mrs. Perkins; and others.

At the conclusion of the repast, Bro. J. MAGRATH, W.M., proposed "The Queen and the Craft," followed by the toast of "The Prince of Wales." These were heartily received by all present, the band playing the usual music associated with those toasts.

In introducing the next toast, the W.M. said it was the toast of the day. All would join in wishing "Prosperity to the St. John of Wapping Lodge." All those who were acquainted with the old head-quarters of the lodge at Wapping would readily agree with him that the removal of the lodge to its present quarters was the first and most important step towards improvement and prosperity. (Cheers.) They were now established in a home where they had every convenience for lodge purposes, and no

better providers for their creature comforts could well be found than Bros. Kingston and Floom. The lodge was particularly fortunate in having a capital staff of officers, who were thoroughly up to their work; and, in addition to this, the junior members had paid such evident attention to the teaching of the various lodges of instruction, that when through the absence of an officer any vacancy occurred, many of the junior members were to be found capable and willing to discharge any duties he might require of them. (Cheers.) There was another feature he might mention, namely, the institution of a charity box. Although this had been in operation at only a few meetings, the contributions had realised a handsome amount. This had enabled the lodge to dispense substantial aid to several distressed brethren, and to the widow of a deceased brother. With these cheering facts before them he would call upon them to drink "Prosperity to the St. John of Wapping Lodge."

Bro. Morris having favoured the company with an amusing song,

Bro. VEAL, P.M., said he had the agreeable duty to perform of proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Magrath, who, as was stated on the menu, was "Upon my soul, a proper man." (Cheers.) If they lived fifty years they would not find one superior to him. Like himself, Bro. Magrath had held the belief that whatever was worth doing was worth doing well, and to that principle was to be credited the success of the present inaugural outing.

This was most heartily received, Mrs. Magrath's name being warmly associated with it.

After a song, "The S.W.," Bro. Thomas Wooding," was honoured. The W.M. said, nothing could afford him greater pleasure than to propose the health of Bro. Wooding. Bro. Wooding and he were initiated together, and from their first meeting until the present moment he had always found him a worthy brother. They had now attained a rank next to each other, and he (Bro. Magrath) looked forward to shortly see Bro. Wooding occupy the same high position in the lodge he now held. One thing they could be sure of, no better or more competent Master than he would make could be found, for wherever you go you are sure to see him acting his part in the lodge worthily, and always highly spoken of by all those who knew him.

These remarks were heartily received, and Bro. WOODING replied, thanking the W.M. for so kindly proposing, and the ladies and brethren for so heartily responding. He expressed the very great pleasure it afforded him to be present at the first summer outing of the lodge, more especially so as they were honoured with the presence of the ladies. He could only express a hope that the present pleasant experiment might be tried for many years with increasing success.

The toast of "The Ladies" followed, and was responded to in felicitous terms by Bro. G. H. STEPHENS.

The company then dispersed over the beautiful gardens to resume the outdoor enjoyment, which later gave place to some capital dancing, which nothing but the iron necessities of the railroad could have suspended at so early an hour, much to the disappointment of the ladies, who were certainly not advocates for their spouses to get home early on this, whatever they may be on other occasions. Thus the party returned to town, feeling happy to have met, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

During the day some capital songs were contributed by Bros. Morris, Veal, Hardy, Stephens, and Couture, and Bro. Gerard King furnished an amusing recitation, all of which gave great satisfaction.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE ST. THOMAS'S LODGE, No. 142.

The summer banquet of this successful lodge took place on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The company present included Bros. H. C. Levander, Grand Deacon, W.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Clerke; Bro. Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Bro. and Mrs. Battye, Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Dubois, Bro. E. W. Dubois and daughters, Bro. and Mrs. George Kenning, Bros. Tatlock, Rooke, C. F. Hogard, P.M. 201, and others.

The company sat down to an excellent dinner, exceedingly well-served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts. The only toasts proposed were those of "The Queen;" "The Grand Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE; and that of "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. TATLOCK.

During the evening a capital selection of music was given by Miss Roby, Miss Burton, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Turle Lee, under the direction of Bro. Wm. Worrell. The weather being fine, a most pleasant afternoon and evening were spent.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, AT YORK.

On Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., an interesting ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, York, being the presentation to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, by the W.M. and brethren of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.), of a set of Grand Lodge clothing and jewels, with an illuminated address.

Owing to the holiday season a number of the brethren were unable to be present, and sent letters of apology, amongst whom were Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, W.M. (absent in Devonshire); the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett; Sir James Meek, P.M.; Joseph Todd, P.M.; R. W. Hollen, P.M.; the Rev. W. Valentine, P.M.; W. Paley, M.D.; the Rev. James Blake, C. Palliser, Francis Smith, T. J. Wilkinson, Alderman J. Terry, and other brethren, some of whom were suffering from illness, and many of whom were absent from home.

Bro. George Balmford presided, and was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; C. G. Padel, J.W.; G. Garbutt, M.O.; M. Millington, S.O.; A. T. B. Turner, J.O.; H. Churchill, as S.D.; T. Humphries, J.D.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Secretary; J. R. Jackson, Reg. of Marks; P. Peason, Tyler; J. E. Wilkinson, R. Walker, Jas. Redfare, and others.

The visitors present were Bros. S. Middleton, I.P.M., Star in the East Lodge, Scarbro'; J. M. Meek, P.M., W.M. Middlesbro' Lodge, No. 270; and Wm. Beanland, P.M., Old York Lodge (T.I.), Bradford.

The business of the meeting was formal, with the excep-

tion of a discussion on the advisability of forming a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for North and East Yorkshire, the subject being opened by Bro. Whytehead, who briefly pointed out the advantages which certainly would accrue from such a movement. He also showed that it need not necessarily add materially to the expenses of each lodge, since the fees of honour on appointment, and a registration fee for each brother advanced, would probably meet current expenses without annual dues.

Bro. Cumberland followed, and entered into details on the matter, stating what had been done in other provinces.

Bros. Padel and Balmford, P.M., also made some comments favourable to the suggestion, and eventually it was moved by Bro. BALMFORD, and seconded by Bro. PADEL, and carried *nem. con.*:

"That in view of the increase in the number of Mark Lodges, it is the opinion of the members of the York Mark Lodge that the time has arrived for the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge for North and East Yorkshire; that the W. Masters and brethren of the various lodges be fraternally invited to co-operate in a movement for that purpose; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the W. Master of each Mark Lodge in North and East Yorkshire."

It was then moved by Bro. TURNER, seconded by Bro. GARBUTT, and carried unanimously:

"That each lodge in North and East Yorkshire be fraternally invited to send a Delegate to meet at an early and convenient day and place for the purpose of memorialising the Grand Lodge, and for deciding upon the brother to be nominated for the office of first Provincial Grand Master."

Wednesday, the 3rd of August was agreed to be a probably convenient day for the delegates to meet at York, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead was elected the delegate to represent the York Lodge at that meeting.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, S.W., then advanced to the East, and said that, with the permission of the W.M., he would proceed to discharge a very pleasant duty which had fallen upon him. Those present all knew how the lodge had been honoured lately by having two of its members appointed to office in the Grand Mark Lodge: Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett as J.G.W., and Bro. T. B. Whytehead to past rank as G.M.O. They all knew how much Bro. Whytehead had done for Mark Masonry and for the York Lodge. He had taken a prominent part in the movement which brought that lodge under the banner of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and had maintained an active interest in its working and prosperity ever since that period, and had occupied the office of Secretary since he had passed through the chair. He had performed important literary services to the Order, and had ever shown the greatest anxiety to be of service to this and other branches of Masonry. They all knew that there was no brother more reliable, or who was always more ready to give advice or instruction when it was asked or needed. It had seemed to him and others that some recognition of Bro. Whytehead's distinguished services was due, and when the suggestion had been first thrown out he had been much gratified by the readiness and heartiness with which it had been taken up. In fact, so anxious had been the brethren to subscribe, that the extent of the presentation had been considerably enlarged since it was first mooted. He was sure that it would give Bro. Whytehead pleasure to know this, and to be assured that the gift came in such a warm and fraternal manner. On behalf of the brethren of the lodge he begged to present to Bro. Whytehead a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing and jewel, together with a gold breast jewel and Past Master's jewel, and he would ask the acting W.M. to read the text of the illuminated address.

Bro. BALMFORD then read the address as follows: "Presented to V.W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. York Mark Lodge (T.I.), Past Grand Master Overseer (Grand Mark Lodge of England, together with a complete set of Grand Officer's clothing and jewels, and a Past Master's jewel, by the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.), as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them, and for the valuable services he has rendered to Mark Masonry. July 19th. 1881." Bro. Balmford then proceeded to invest Bro. Whytehead with the clothing and jewels, and congratulated him on the honour done to him, which he felt was thoroughly deserved, and concluded by wishing him many years of happiness to wear the gifts of his brethren.

Bro. Whytehead was then greeted with the grand honours.

On rising to reply, he said that one thing was quite evident, and that was that the lesson of secrecy, inculcated at the outset of Masonic teaching, had been well learnt by the brethren by whom he was surrounded, for a secret had surely never been better kept than that of the impending presentations. It had come upon him in the nature of a surprise, and one of a most overwhelming character; and he felt that, coming upon him as it had done, he was quite unable to speak as he would wish to have done on such an occasion. He was most of all gratified to be assured that the brethren were satisfied of his desire to promote the welfare of Masonry, because that had been his wish and aim ever since he had first seen the light. To say that he thanked them seemed but feeble words; but he felt sure that they would believe him when he said that their kind thought and deed would never be effaced from his memory, but that he should always look back to that evening, and to his association with the brethren of the York Mark Lodge, with the deepest sensations of pleasure. The address he regarded as a gift of special value, for, unlike the clothing, it would be read by many eyes, and would be an everlasting testimony of their kindness. Bro. Whytehead concluded by again thanking the brethren, and assuring them of his desire at all times to do his utmost to further the interests of the lodge, and to cement the bonds of fraternal union which they had hitherto enjoyed.

Bro. PADEL, J.W., then moved, and Bro. JACKSON seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That the fraternal congratulations of the W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.) be, and are hereby given to R.W. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.M., on his appointment as Junior Grand Warden, and to V.W. Bro. Thos. B. Whytehead, P.M., on his appointment to the rank of Past Grand Master Overseer in the Grand Mark Lodge of England; and that this resolution be entered on the minutes of the lodge, and a copy sent to Bros. Powlett and Whytehead."

The Senior and Junior Wardens of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416 (Thirsk), were proposed as candidates for ad-

vancement, after which the lodge was closed amid "Hearty good wishes," and Bro. Whytehead received the personal congratulations of the lodge.

The address was signed by the following brethren: Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, W.M.; Rev. W. Valentine, I.P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; C. G. Padel, J.W.; G. Garbutt, M.O.; M. Millington, S.O.; A. T. B. Turner, J.O.; T. J. Wilkinson, Chaplain; J. R. Jackson, Reg. of Marks; P. G. Hodgson, S.D.; T. Humphries, J.D.; F. Smith and W. Harrison, Stewards; W. B. Dyson, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; R. W. Hollin, P.M.; Sir James Meek, P.M.; J. Todd, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; W. Lawtin, S. Maltby, J. Terry, C. D. Barstow, M. Cooper, J. Shilto, T. W. Wilson, W. T. Gowland, H. Churchill, G. Moore, J. T. Sellar, P. S. Camidge, J. Redfare, W. H. Gainforth, I. F. Taylor, W. Paley, G. C. Lee, T. E. Abbey, J. E. Wilkinson, R. Walker, G. H. Hebblethwaite, G. Irving, C. Palliser, W. M. Briggs, W. Hill, T. D. Smith, Rev. James Blake, and E. T. Clark.

After the closing of the lodge an adjournment was made to the banquet room, where a bountiful supper was served by Bro. Calvert. The cloth having been withdrawn, Bro. Balmford, who presided, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. WHYTEHEAD, in responding to the Grand Mark Lodge, said it was the first time he had been called upon to discharge that duty, but he did it with great pleasure, feeling sure from the evident zest with which the Grand Master, Lord Henniker, entered into the spirit of the hour at the last Grand Lodge that he was a worthy successor to Lord Lathom. The immense success of the Order and its rapid increase and prosperity were in themselves signs that the leaders of the Order had their hearts in the work.

"The Health of Bro. Whytehead" was given by Bro. Cumberland, who spoke in high terms of his Masonic career of usefulness, and trusted they might long have the pleasure and profit of his fraternal association. In reply Bro. Whytehead again thanked the brethren for their unexpected gift, and assured the brethren that every Masonic meeting at which he was privileged to be present only added to the love which he had at first conceived for the Order, and that whether it was the Craft or any of the outside Degrees, the pleasure of the working as well as of the social gathering were always white stones in his daily life. He should always look upon the brethren of the York Mark Lodge with the kindest and most fraternal feelings.

"The Health of the W.M. the Rev. W. C. Lukis" was cordially drunk in *absentia*, after which Bro. Whytehead gave the "Visitors," referring to the delight which it gave them to see their old friend and Masonic veteran, Bro. Beanland amongst them, as also Bro. Middleton who was always welcome in York, and Bro. Meek who, by birth a York man, was also a member of several Masonic bodies in York, who was advanced in the York Mark Lodge, and whom he (Bro. Whytehead) had the honour to see installed as first Master of the Darlington Mark Lodge, and had himself installed as first Master of the Middlesbro' Mark Lodge.

Each of the visitors responded, after which "The Health of Bro. Balmford, P.M.," "The first Master of the lodge under the Grand Mark Lodge," and "The Past Masters and Officers of the lodge" was proposed and most heartily received. Soon afterwards the brethren separated, after passing an exceedingly pleasant evening.

On the P.G. Overseer's breast jewel, which formed a portion of the presentation, was engraved: "Presented to V.W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, York Mark Lodge (T.I.), Past Grand Master Overseer, by the brethren of the York Mark Lodge as a warm token of their esteem. 19th July, 1881."

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE IN THE BAHAMA ISLANDS.

A largely attended meeting of the Freemasons of Nassau (Bahama Islands) was held at the Masonic Hall on the 20th ult., for purposes connected with the erection of their proposed Masonic Temple.

Bro. A. J. Thompson P.Z., was unanimously elected Chairman, and in the course of an able and eloquent speech dealt with the various subjects under the consideration of the meeting, commenting severely upon the apathy which had characterised the proceedings of the Trustees of the Building Fund in former years—an apathy which had so long rendered abortive all efforts to erect a temple adequate to the increasing wants of Masonry in the Bahamas, and not unworthy of the great Craft whose rites were to be celebrated within its walls. The Trustees, he was bound to say, had altogether mistaken their functions and the position in which they stood towards the lodges, as whose servants it was their duty to act, instead of assuming the rôle of dictators, and steadily pursuing a course of obstruction with regard to the erection of the building. He referred in support of his position to an opinion of Sir George Anderson, who at the time was Attorney-General of the Colony and the Provincial Grand Master. But though the length of time which had elapsed since the project was first entertained had not been wholly productive of evil, since it had allowed the accumulation of the funds at the disposal of the lodges, he considered it an argument against further delay, and ably advocated the necessity for immediate action, pointing out the advantages that would accrue to the Fraternity from the erection of an edifice such as that contemplated on the plans before them—an edifice that would not only reflect credit on the Craft, but be an ornament to the city; and he showed that the funds (£2500) at present at the disposal of the lodges, were fully adequate to justify the immediate action he urged; and he appealed to the meeting to at once set about the removal of any and all obstructions to the desired end, should it even necessitate the removal of the Trustees themselves and the appointment of others who had the interest of the Craft more at heart. He pledged himself, as one of the Trustees, that should certain resolutions which he would have the honour of submitting to them later on, be adopted, the notices which he had already prepared, call for tenders for the erection of the proposed building, should go forth to the press of this city ere he quitted that hall; and he concluded by expressing the hope that the consummation of their long cherished expectations would now be shortly realised.

It was then moved that Bro. A. J. Thompson, P.Z., the Chairman of this meeting, be requested to lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Temple. The motion was carried unanimously, as it was felt that on none could the

honour be more fittingly conferred than on one to whom Masonry in the Bahamas owes so much, and to whose exertions, in conjunction with those of the Building Committee, it is mainly due that the long-desired Masonic Temple is at last about to become *un fait accompli*.

The CHAIRMAN then called upon Bro. Dr. Chipman to act as the Secretary of the meeting, and after reading the reports of the Building Committee several resolutions were put from the Chair and adopted.

A unanimous vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Thompson, P.Z., for the able manner in which he had conducted the meeting, the proceedings were brought to a termination.

The building, we perceive by the plan, will be about sixty feet wide, fifty feet deep, and fifty feet high. It will have three stories, and be crowned by a handsome dome. The façade will be ornamented by four pillars *in relief*. There will be five bay windows on each of the upper stories, and the lower rooms will be fitted up as stores. Nearly all the space of the second story will be occupied by one large chamber, considerably exceeding 2000 square feet in area. This will be available for use as a Concert-room, Lecture-hall, or Ball-room. The remainder of the building will be dedicated exclusively to Masonic purposes.

We congratulate the fraternity on the prospect of having at last a handsome Temple for their Masonic meetings, and the community on having a suitable hall for social purposes.

ABOUT PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS AGAIN.

The *Voice of Masonry* says that "the *Keystone* has gone wild on the matter of public installations." Not so, Bro. *Voice*. You are—if not wild—the champion of those who are, while we adhere to the old paths and to the dictates of wisdom and prudence. The *Voice* winds up its *cathedra* deliverance evidently in a pet, remarking, "Now, Bro. *Keystone*, be consistent, and either stop your nonsense about public installations, or cease publishing Masonic doings altogether." What a *non-sequitur*! We publish a newspaper for Masons, and only Masons care to take it and pay for it; but a public installation is professedly for the public—the profane, anybody and everybody who cares to come, and all are invited to come. The *Voice* says, further:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has decided to celebrate its Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary June 24th, 1882. We see the Editor of the *Keystone* reported the resolutions to that effect, which were adopted, and, as he is a most obstinate advocate of perfect secrecy in Masonic doings, we infer that the celebration is to be confined within the tyled recesses of the Grand Lodge Hall. There can be no consistency in having any of it public, if his theory is correct."

Another *non-sequitur*, Bro. *Voice*. Wherever the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration shall be held, the *Work of Masonry* will not be exposed therein before a miscellaneous audience. We can scarcely believe that our brother cannot discriminate between an address on Masonry and the performance of a part of the *Work of Masonry* in public. Nevertheless, it would seem otherwise, since the *Voice* says, in another place:

"The latest claim of the *Keystone* is that public installations are not an exercise of liberty, but of *license*. Well, some people inevitably 'get off their base,' and we fear that is now the trouble with the *Keystone*. Weekly it gives publicity to Masonic doings, and yet calls the public use of monitorial installation language *license*. It asks, 'Is this 'phunny,' too?' and we reply, it is very 'phunny.'"

It is one thing to publish a newspaper for Masons, and quite another to invite the profane up to a Masonic lodge-room to witness the *work of the Craft*, for the installation ceremonies are a part of our work.

Our brother deservedly gets little sympathy for his views on either side of the Atlantic.

The London *Freemason* of the 25th ult. says:

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

In conclusion, we would say that we don't see anything "phunny" in exposing any of the lodge-room ceremonies of Freemasonry, and we think that those brethren who are guilty of such an act degrade thereby the high character of the Fraternity, and obtain a little cheap popularity with the profane, at a great sacrifice of principle.

A LODGE OF SORROW IN AMERICA.

The funeral of the late Bro. Dr. Mackey, at Washington, was probably one of the most imposing ever held in that city. All the branches of the Institution were represented and the church was filled to its utmost capacity. The floral offerings were numerous, and as described, most artistic. The ceremonies were lengthy, but we only mention one episode as specially striking, thus:

The venerable Albert Pike, whose long white hair and imposing presence gives him a patriarchal appearance, then ascended the pulpit and commenced the beautiful ritual of the "Lodge of Sorrow" of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. This "Lodge of Sorrow," while it has been held in this city three times previously, has never before had the remains of the deceased at its working. The impressive and exalted language of the ritual was most effectively rendered by Bro. Pike, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, acting as Master; Samuel T. Schofield, of Albert Pike Consistory, as Senior Warden; and John Wilson, also of Albert Pike Consistory, as Junior Warden. The long friendship and fraternal relations that had existed between the deceased and Bro. Pike evidently deeply affected the latter, and his stern voice trembled with emotion many times, and especially as he stepped from the pulpit and took the lighted torch in his

hand, waving it and repeatedly calling: "Brother, we mourn for thee; we call upon thee to answer us. Dost thou hear the call?" Just as he did this a ray of sunlight from the window at the west streamed across the church and lit up his venerable head with a halo of light that gave him the appearance of a grand old saint; and the tinge of sadness in his voice as he continued the ritual—"Our Brother answers not our call"—heightened the illusion. The music consisted of the ritualistic chants and hymns, and the singing of Handel's charming air, "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," exquisitely rendered by Miss Eva Mills. As her pure, sweet voice vocalised the beautiful melody which reverberated through the vaulted arches of the building, a sincere hope in the heart of every Mason silently harmonised the phrase "Take, oh, take him to your care." At the conclusion of the Masonic service the plate was removed from the casket, and the family and friends took a last farewell of the deceased.

The remains were subsequently interred in Glenwood Cemetery, with the rites of Symbolic Masonry, conducted by Bro. M.W. Noble D. Lerner, Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT H. THOMAS.

We regret to note the death of this zealous brother, who has for so many years been distinguished as a Masonic collector and librarian. Something like nine years ago we had the pleasure of meeting him personally for the first time, and we well remember the pardonable pride he took in showing the rapidly increasing library of Kane Lodge, the result of his own intelligent efforts. This library has since grown into fine proportions, and the merits of Bro. Thomas were recognised by the Grand Lodge of New York, which made him its Grand Librarian. For some time past his health has been seriously affected, and now the sad intelligence comes that he died at Portchester, N.Y., June 6th, in the sixty-second year of his age. Compared with many he was yet a young man, but his work in behalf of Masonry and Masonic literature had endeared him to a wide circle of friends and brethren, who will continue to hold him in remembrance.—*The Liberal Freemason*.

BRO. THOMAS MEGGY.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Thomas Meggy, which occurred at his residence on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Bro. Meggy was well known in London Masonic circles, and has been an active worker and supporter of the Charities for many years. He was initiated in the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, in October, 1862, and occupied the chair of W.M. in 1867. He joined the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, in November, 1863, was W.M. in 1870, and continued a member to the time of his death. Was also Grand Steward in 1869. In the Royal Arch our brother was exalted in Chapter Lily of Richmond, No. 820, in June, 1864, and joined the Westminster and Keystone in 1874. Bro. Meggy took an especial interest in the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in February, 1863, in the Old Kent Lodge. He joined the Thistle, No. 8, in December of the same year, and was one of the founders of the Macdonald Mark Lodge, No. 104, in 1869. His appointments in the Grand Mark Lodge were: Grand Steward 1864, and Grand Master Overseer 1868. He was also Auditor of the Grand Mark Lodge. His efforts on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions were persistent, and he was a Vice-Patron of each.

France.

LES HEROS DE L'HUMANITE.—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau. There were present as officers Bros. Putraire Venerable; Bernard, 1st Surveillant; Dumont, 2nd Surveillant; Roche, Orator; and Retont Secretary. The attendance was not large owing to the great heat. Among the visitors were Bros. Wittlock, Bedouin Lodge, Leipsic; G. Collas Dickey, Royal Savoy Lodge, London; and W. R. Davis, Vitruvian Lodge, London. The meeting had been called for eight o'clock but it was after half-past eight when the lodge was duly opened in the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting which were at once confirmed, and the Venerable read the correspondence. It consists chiefly of summonses from other lodges, and letters of excuse from brethren unable to attend the meeting. As one of the brethren so excusing himself stated that he was ill in bed, three of the brethren present were at once appointed to visit him in the name of the lodge. Some conversation then took place respecting the summer banquet to be held in August. After which the Venerable read the three reports upon the candidates for initiation, Ms. Valens and Garnier, which reports strongly recommended their reception. The third ballot was then taken for them and was declared to be unanimous in their favour. As the candidates were not ready, a brother read an essay upon "God," in which he strongly attacked the doctrine of "Comtism;" the lodge having warmly thanked him, the candidates were announced to be ready, and being duly admitted were submitted to the "proof" through which they successfully passed. They were then received by the Venerable with the customary salutation and welcomed by the brethren with a "triple fire." The mystic circle was then formed and the pass word for the next half year was communicated. After this several brethren were appointed to call upon those members of the lodge who had not attended for some time, to ascertain the reason of such absence. After a "triple fire" had been given in honour of the visitors the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

On Wednesday, at one o'clock, General Sir R. Dacres, G.C.B., was installed as Constable of the Tower of London. His commission as Lord-Lieutenant and Constable was duly read, Lord Kenmare, the Lord Chamberlain, being present. The troops presented arms, and the keys of the "palace, fortress, and prison," were then handed to him. The ceremony concluded with an inspection of the troops.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, when there were present Bros. J. C. Woodrow, W.M.; A. W. Stead, acting S.W.; T. Perrin, J.W.; H. D. Stead, Treas.; Fullwood, D.C.; Crump, I.G.; Jas. Crowden and Ph. Philips, Stwds.; Jas. Orange, Org.; Bowler, Tyler; Robert H. Crowden, I.P.M.; Allen, P.M.; Lomas, Archer, Hicks, Jenkins, Robins, and Winkworth. Visitor: Bro. John Hammond, P.M. 1326, P.P.G.D.

The minutes of last lodge meeting having been duly read and confirmed, sundry letters of regret and telegrams were opened, announcing the uncontrollable absence of various brethren, after which, by the general desire of the W.M. and the lodge, Bro. Hammond, in a most finished, impressive, and perfect manner, raised his intimate friend, Bro. Robins, to the Third Degree, for which he received a vote of thanks from the lodge. Bro. Winkworth was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., Bro. Woodrow. A proposition was then made by the I.P.M., Bro. R. H. Crowden, that a Royal Arch Chapter, to bear the name of the West Kent, should be connected to the lodge, and the brethren cordially supporting the idea, it was seconded by Bro. Fullwood, and will remain for confirmation till the next meeting, in October.

The brethren then retired to a sumptuous banquet, admirably presided over by Bro. Woodrow, W.M., to whose genial and courteous bearing the success of the meeting was greatly due.

LEBANON LODGE (No. 1326).—A highly successful meeting of this lodge took place on the 16th inst. at the Lion Hotel, Hampton. Among those present we noticed Bros. J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., &c., W.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., &c., S.W., W.M. elect; Gloster, J.W.; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Steinhauer, J.D.; Marsh, I.G.; H. Potter, W.S.; Vassilo, D.C.; Knight, Org.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middx., &c., P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., &c., P.M.; Gilbert, P.M.; and others. The visitors were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., &c.; Cordingley, W.M. 45; T. W. Ockenden, W.M. 1512; Phillips, 1305; Jenkinson, 1319; Keeble, S.D. 1426; Spearing, 1502; Ealey, 1656; and Robins, West Kent.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. Walker and Kyle were duly initiated, Bros. Ware, McQueen, Shenton, and Ealey, passed, and Bros. Robertson, Mears, Bushell, and Brier raised; all the ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M., assisted by his officers and Bro. Ockenden, W.M. 1512. The installation of W.M. followed. In the performance of this ceremonial Bros. J. Hammond was aided by Bro. W. Hammond, P.M.; F. Walters, P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.M.; E. Gilbert, P.M.; and H. Potter, P.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Gloster, S.W.; Steinhauer, J.W.; E. Gilbert, Treas.; F. Walters, Sec.; Marsh, S.D.; Knight, J.D.; Vassilo, I.G.; H. Potter, W.S.; Mildred, D.C.; Lawrence, Org.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer, and several notices of motion having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and, after an interval, the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the customary preliminary toasts. W. Bros. J. T. Moss and W. Hammond responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." The former, in the course of his very able speech, said that, as one of the oldest members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, he felt proud at the position Middlesex now held in the Masonic world. He was also greatly gratified that the Lebanon Lodge possessed so many recipients of the Provincial purple. (Cheers.) In concluding his remarks, he congratulated the members of the province upon having so distinguished, so able, and so courteous a chief as Bro. Sir Francis Burdett at their head. (Applause.) W. Bro. W. Hammond having also expressed his acknowledgment "The Health of the W.M." was fluently proposed by the I.P.M. During the progress of his speech the I.P.M. said that the W.M.'s praises had been so often and deservedly sung in that room for his able performance of Masonic work, that it was almost superfluous for him (the I.P.M.) to say anything more than what they already knew, that a more energetic and worthy brother did not exist. (Hear, hear.) In concluding his remarks, he believed that the W.M.'s year of office would be one of the most successful in the history of the Lebanon Lodge. This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. modestly acknowledged the complimentary remarks that had fallen from the lips of the I.P.M. As one of the oldest initiates of the lodge he felt proud in occupying the position of W.M. He had striven ever since he first entered Masonry, as far as his capabilities admitted, to discharge the active and moral principles inculcated in the ritual of the Order. He had, during the course of his Masonic career, been greatly assisted by the advice and instruction of several influential members of the Lebanon Lodge, and, therefore, although he had passed the chair elsewhere, his sympathies were naturally with his mother lodge. Upon concluding his remarks he stated that although he could not hope to have so brilliant a year of office as had been so kindly augured for him by the I.P.M., yet he confidently believed it would be above mediocrity. "The Initiates" followed, and the pledge having been warmly received, was briefly replied to by the newly-admitted brethren. In giving "The I.P.M." the W.M. took occasion to speak of the zeal and ability always brought to bear upon Masonic work by Bro. John Hammond. He was sorry that time would not permit of his saying half what he should have liked to have expressed upon the subject toast. At the conclusion of his speech the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel. W. Bro. J. Hammond, in reply, briefly said that he hoped the brethren would not think him ungrateful or unmindful of their kindness, because by private exigencies he was obliged to leave them very abruptly. He was very pleased to think that his year of office had passed off very happily, and that his services had been so kindly and handsomely recognised. "The Visitors" followed. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Cordingley, Ealey, Jenkinson, and others. "The Past Masters" came next in order, and this pledge

was responded to by Bros. Moss, W. Hammond, and Gilbert. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer, and the Secretary," the W.M. congratulated the brethren upon possessing two such good officers. In Bro. Gilbert they had a most worthy and efficient brother, who in the discharge of his new duties as Treasurer would earn their highest encomiums. The services and worth of Bro. Walters were so well known that he would only say in respect to him that he (the W.M.) hoped that both his health and circumstances would ere long be greatly improved, a wish which he felt sure would be sincerely endorsed by all present. (Hear.) Bros. Gilbert and Walters having replied, the remaining toasts, viz., "The Officers," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Masonic Press" were, in consequence of the lateness of the hour, quickly got over, and as briefly responded to. The proceedings in lodge and at the banquet were greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bro. Jenkinson, of the St. Asaph Lodge.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. Among those present were Bros. H. P. Speedy, W.M.; W. P. Webb, S.W.; Marston, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Köhler, I.P.M.; Stokes, S.D.; Stranger, J.D.; Bolton, I.G.; Appleton, W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Reeves, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S. Middx., P.M.; and Drysdale, P.M. The ballot having been taken upon behalf of Messrs. John Lovesay and George Bailey, they were duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The ballot was also taken for Bro. G. Cooper, 47 (S.C.), Dundee, as a joining member. A vote of condolence having been unanimously passed to the widow of Bro. Warner Sleigh, of the English Bar, an initiate of the lodge, who had recently died while on his passage to America, whither he had gone to recruit his health, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation, which reflected great credit upon the new caterer.

The customary toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and this toast having been warmly received, the W.M., in response, briefly said that although he could not hope to equal the efforts of some of those who had passed the chair, yet he would strive to do the duties of the position to the best of his ability. "The Initiates" followed. In reply to this pledge Bro. Lovesay made a speech of some merit. "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers," which toasts were duly acknowledged, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

WEST SMITHFIELD (No. 1623).—A regular meeting took place on Thursday, the 21st inst. After the opening of the lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes having been regularly observed, the W.M., Bro. Pennefather, examined and passed Bros. Paterson, Wareham, and Chambers. The lodge then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, which was unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. Malthouse, C.C., who, being present, expressed his thanks to the brethren for their confidence. Bro. Howes, P.M., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Smyth, Tyler. Bro. Howes, P.M., proposed, inasmuch that Bro. W. Pennefather having discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office in the most efficient manner, and also for his many services, he be presented with a Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, from the funds of the lodge, adding, that upon the presentation he would have more to say on the subject. Bro. Malthouse seconded the proposition, which was confirmed by the brethren. An Audit Committee having been appointed, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—Again we have the pleasure to record another pleasant and instructive meeting of this vigorous lodge, which was held at the rooms, No. 34, Denmark-street, on Monday evening, the 25th inst. There was a capital muster of brethren considering the hot weather. The lodge was opened shortly after seven o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted by the following officers: Bros. J. Wood, I.P.M.; Edwd. Liddell, S.W.; M. H. Dodds, as J.W.; Wm. B. Elsdon, Treas.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; A. Simpson, as S.D.; Wm. M. Pybus, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. A. Dixon, I.G.; Wm. Dalrymple, J.S.; and Josh. Curry, Tyler. Amongst others present we noticed Bros. M. Corbett, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, W.M. 1119; W. Brown, J. A. Dixon, W. Whitfield, W. Leach, A. Simpson, D. McLeod, W. J. Reid, R. Tate, J. Ivson, E. Perry, R. Locke, R. Brason, W. C. Thomlinson, and J. Atkinson. The visitors consisted of Bros. Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; P. O. Smith, P.M. 541; J. Edminson, P.M. 24; R. Stephenson, P.M. 424; John Duckett, jun., I.P.M. 481; H. Usher, S.W. 541; T. C. Parker, 636; T. Harbottle, 87 (S.C.); E. S. Edminson, 24; J. Lawson, 24; and others.

The minutes of last lodge having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. F. Brown, who was duly elected. Messrs. Brown, J. R. Bewley, and R. R. Hudson (elected last meeting) being in attendance, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the S.W. explaining the working tools. Bro. W. C. Thomlinson was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. J. Wood, I.P.M., the S.W. explaining the working tools. Bro. Jacob Atkinson and Edwin Perry were afterwards raised as M.M.'s by the W.M., who gave the working tools. After a candidate for initiation had been proposed, the lodge was closed, at ten o'clock p.m., and, after such a laborious evening, the brethren retired to the refreshment board, and enjoyed themselves with toasts and harmony for an hour.

MACCLESFIELD.—Lodge of Unity (No. 267).—The brethren of the above lodge assembled on the 21st inst. at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, when the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and the festival of St. John was celebrated. Bro. Slade, for the second time, was appointed W.M. There was a good attendance of the brethren and also visitors from the sister Lodge 295; the Stamford and Warrington Lodge, Altrincham; Lodge of Friendship, Manchester; Staffordshire Knott, Stafford; the Derby Masonic Temple, Liverpool; and Eaton Lodge, Congleton. The Installing Masters were Bros. Cockayne, I.P.M., and Bro. R. Wood, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. R. Wood, P.M., S.W.; F. R. B.

Heaps, J.W.; W. Astle, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; H. Froggatt, S.D.; W. Harrison, J.D.; G. H. J. Gundry, I.G.; F. Harscher, Org.; Frith and Hordern, Stwds.; and D. Mason, Tyler.

The banquet was provided by Bro. Comberbach in his usual efficient manner, and a goodly number honoured the annual feast, including the Town Clerk of Congleton and representative brethren from the Eaton Lodge, Congleton. During the evening reference was made to the visit of Prov. Grand Lodge to Macclesfield in September next, and a regret was expressed that the R.W.P.G.M., Lord de Tabley, was in greatly impaired health. May T.G.A.O.T.U. speedily restore him.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., at the North Western Hotel. There were present Bros. S. Wood, Prov. G.R., W.M.; J. Senior, S.W.; J. Baker, J.W.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., Chap.; F. Woolley, Sec.; J. Mottram, S.D.; E. J. Mousley, J.D.; J. Bervon, Organist; J. Wooldridge, acting as I.G.; T. Rigby, Steward; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; G. Griffiths, S. B. Mottram, S. Masters, J. T. Evans, W. P. Dunculfe, J. Taylor, P. Bottrill, A. Ward, S. S. Plant, and A. F. Whitborne. Visitors: Bros. W. E. Proctor, Sec. 1520 and 526; and R. Barton, J.W. 1520. The lodge having been duly opened, a proposition by the W.M. that a Committee, consisting of the Past Masters and present officers of the lodge be formed to consider and report on the bye-laws of the lodge, with a view to their revision, was carried unanimously. Mr. Charles Addison Ash was afterwards introduced and initiated by the W.M. Mr. W. Brown was proposed as a candidate for Masonry, and the lodge was then closed in due form.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the afternoon of the 20th inst., in the Masnic Room, at the Athenæum. There was a good attendance, including several visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Hartley, S.W., was presented, and duly installed into his office, the ceremony being most efficiently performed by Bro. J. Ellershaw, P.M. Subsequently the newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers for the year ensuing as follows: Bros. Wm. Parker, I.P.M.; Richard Cleminson, S.W.; J. E. Oglethorpe, J.W.; W. King, Treasurer; J. Acton, Secretary; Joseph D. Bell, S.D.; C. J. W. Stork, J.D.; P. Dutton, I.G.; R. Woods, Organist; W. Huntington, S.S.; D. Shaw, J.S.; T. Abbott, D.C.; and A. K. Allison, Tyler. In the course of the afternoon Bro. Bagnall, P.M. 281, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Parker, with a very neat and handsome Past Master's jewel, the reverse of which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. William Parker, P.M., by the members of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1353, as a mark of esteem.—8th July, 1881." Bro. Parker acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

The brethren then adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, at Morecambe, where the installation banquet had been prepared by the host, Bro. W. Longmire. The menu was of a bounteous character, the viands being of the choicest quality, and well served, reflecting credit on the cuisine of this establishment. Some fifty-five brethren sat down under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Hartley, who was supported by Bros. Fenton, Jas. Hatch, E. Simpson, P.M. 281; Atkinson; W.M. 281 (*Freemason*); Wilde, W.M. 1650; W. Parker, J. Ellershaw, C. Hartley, J. Bell, J. Acton, and R. Wolfenden, P.M. 1353. Amongst other visitors were Bros. Warbrick, P.M.; Pilkington, Gregson, Stanton, and Bond, 281; Hall, 1090; Bannister, Poole, and Brown, 1650. Dinner concluded, and dessert having been handed round, the Chairman gave the toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales," which were received with the usual honours. Bro. Fenton gave the toast referring to Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge, speaking at length on the abilities displayed by them, and especially as regarded Earl Lathom, which was also received with the usual honours. The duty of proposing "The Healths of the Officers, Present and Past, of Provincial Grand Lodge," received full justice at the hands of Bro. James Hatch, who paid a warm tribute to the ability displayed by Bro. the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley in the cause of Masonry, and who occupied the proud position of Deputy Grand Master of the Province of West Lancashire. The toast was coupled with the names of, and responded to by Bros. E. Simpson, Prov. G. Purst., and Wm. Longmire, Prov. D.C. Bro. Parker, in brief, but complimentary terms, gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," which was drunk in a bumper. Bro. Hartley, in rising to respond, was received with much applause, and in the course of his remarks, expressed his sense of the high honour which had been conferred upon him that day in appointing him Worshipful Master of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge. It would be his duty to maintain the integrity of the office, and promote to the best of his ability the interest and welfare of the lodge; so that at the close of his term of Mastership he might hand over the emblems of office to his successor pure and unadulterated. After referring to the course he intended to adopt as regarded the routine work of the lodge, the Chairman alluded in praiseworthy terms to the Charities connected with Masonry, and which he looked upon as the brightest ornament connected with the craft. Bro. Wolfenden proposed "The Visitors," giving them a hearty greeting on behalf of the lodge, and expressing the pleasure their members experienced in meeting with brethren from neighbouring lodges. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Atkinson and Wilde. The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," paid a high compliment to Bro. Ellershaw on the manner in which he had gone through the ceremony of installation—a remark which was endorsed by other speakers of more experience. Bro. Ellershaw, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed his satisfaction that his efforts had met with the approval of the members, and stated that he would be willing at all times to do what lay in his power to advance the interests of the lodge. Bro. Bond, in a humorous speech, gave "The Health of the Past Masters of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge," which was responded to by Bros. Parker, Bell, and Wolfenden. Bro. Ellershaw gave the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," both of which was responded to by Bro. King, in the temporary absence of the Secretary. Bro. Longmire proposed "The Health of the Wardens and Junior Officers," and spoke of the im-

portance of their office, and the influence they exercised over the working of the lodge. Bros. Cleminson, Oglethorpe, Dutton, and Huntington responded. The Tyler's toast, which was given by Bro. Bond, brought the proceedings to a close. The pleasures of the evening were considerably enhanced by the vocal abilities of a glee party, composed of members of the lodge, as well as by those of individual members.

TWICKENHAM.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on Saturday, the 23rd inst. There were present: Bros. G. Clark, jun., W.M.; H. Clark, S.W.; H. Room, acting J.W.; H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of W., I.P.M.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; F. J. Perks, S.D.; W. S. Dunkley, J.D.; J. Holliday, W.S.; G. J. Dunkley, P.G.O., Org.; J. Daly, Tyler; G. Lee, J. B. Clark, W. Heelis, and others.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. Lee, raise Bro. J. B. Clark, and initiate Mr. Geo. Andrews, the whole of the work being well performed. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted in the choice of Bro. H. Clark, as W.M., Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., as Treas. (re-elected), and Bro. J. Daly, Tyler.

Refreshment followed, the W.M. giving the three toasts, "The Queen and Craft," "The Visitors," and "Success to the Royal Hanover Lodge."

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Shaw, W.M.; Pocock, S.W.; Bentley Haynes, J.W.; H. Clay, Sudlow, Preceptor; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Steingraber, S.D.; Money, J.D.; Wells, Tyler; Tanqueray, J. S. Fraser, William Fraser, Davidson and others. The lodge having been opened the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed by the brethren. Afterwards Bro. Tanqueray, acting as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was raised to the Degree of M.M.; the traditional history being given by Bro. Money. After a "call off" Bro. Sudlow worked the Third Section of the First Lecture, being assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bentley Haynes was elected the W.M. for the next meeting, Bro. Pocock having consented to again fill the office of S.W. on that occasion. The lodge was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTHDOWN LODGE (No. 164).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath, on Friday, the 22nd inst., when in the absence of the W.M. (Bro. C. J. Smith, Prov. G.M.S.W.), without any notification of his inability to attend, Bro. Capt. J. Braithwaite, P.M. &c., acted as W.M., Bros. Charles Hudson, S.W.; T. J. Pulley, P.M., P.G.M., Steward; P.G.M. Sec., Berks and Oxon, as J.W.; R. Paige, as M.C. &c.; C. Golding, Sec.; W. G. Hayliss, as I.G.; and Thomas Hughes, Tyler. Apologies were read from Bros. Dr. Trollope, P.G.M.; Lord A. W. Hill, D. P.G.M.M.; George Smith, P.M.; Dr. Hyans, J.W.; W. Hudson, P.M.; J. Pearson, P.M.; H. J. Martin, P.M.; George Rose Johnson, Chap.; W. T. Clarke, S.D.; and others.

Business being ended, the brethren adjourned into the spacious gardens and grounds belonging to Bro. Golding, Secretary, adjoining the Hotel, where a number of brethren and their friends were assembled by invitation to the annual garden party. The visit of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to Brighton on Wednesday, and the unpropitious state of the weather on the previous day prevented many attending.

Bro. C. W. Hudson, S.W., kindly presided over a most sumptuous tea, provided by our brother the worthy host; after which, loyal and other toasts were given and heartily responded to. The evening breezes were afterwards thoroughly enjoyed, particularly by the young people, until the time arrived for dancing, when among the party we noticed: Bro. Broadbridge and Mrs. Broadbridge; Bro. Chandler, Mr. Chandler and Miss Jeffries; Bro. McKellow and Mrs. McKellow, Mrs. Golding, C. W. Hudson, Paige, Elliott, Messrs. Beaty and Edwin Golding, Miss Golding, and Miss Rosa Golding. All enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and are anxiously waiting the next meeting.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The annual assembly of this conclave was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. On the roll being called there were present: Em. Sir Knights J. R. Banks, M.P.S.; W. F. Lamony, P.S., as V.E.; T. Mandie, P.S.; Sir Knights T. Bird, S.G.; P. de E. Collins, J.G.; H. Peacock, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas., Rec., and Org.; G. Dalrymple, Prefect; D. Bell, Almoner; T. Dixon, J. Ashworth, S. Thwaite, and J. Henson, Sentinel.

The minutes of the preceding assembly were read and confirmed. The statement of accounts, showing a balance on the right side, with all subscriptions for the ensuing year to come in, was passed unanimously. The permanent committee for the last year were re-elected. The next business was the consecration and enthronement of Viceroy and Sovereign for the year. Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, P.S., was appointed to perform the work, but, being called away on important matter at the eleventh hour, the duty fell on Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamony. On the successive closing of the college and senate, the following officers were appointed and invested by the newly enthroned M.P.S.: Em. Sir Knights P. de E. Collin, and T. Bird, V.E.; Sir Knights H. Peacock, S.G.; G. Dalrymple, J.G.; D. Bell, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas., Rec., and Org.; R. Baxter, Pref.; J. J. Robinson, Std. Br.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., Orator; J. Ashworth, Herald; T. Dixon, Almoner; J. Atkinson, D.C.; J. Holloway, Steward; and J. Henson, Sentinel.

The conclave having been solemnly closed, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Rampant Bull Hotel, where Sir H. Peacock and his "ladie Jayne" had provided the usual elegant refection, the attention to which consumed the time

at the disposal of the Sir Knights from a distance. In consequence, the toasts of "Her Majesty the Queen, the M.P.S., and V.E., and the enthroning Sovereign," composed the post prandial programme. By way of a pendant we have pleasure in stating that Dykes Conclave (constituted nearly eleven years ago) musters nearly forty swords, and is in a sound financial condition. It is now the only conclave working in the Cumberland and Westmoreland division, of which the late Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Past Grand Chamberlain, was chief Intendant General. Em. Sir Knight P. de E. Collin, we may add, has appointed the next quarterly assembly to be held at Whitehaven, when several candidates for installation are expected to be brought forward.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—This old and distinguished chapter held its installation meeting on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, when there were present, among others, Bros. C. H. Driver, I.P.M.W.S., acting on behalf of Ill. Bro. Nicols, M.W.S., who was absent, through indisposition; T. W. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Ace, D.D., High Prelate; W. Paas, P.S., Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.S., Recorder; T. C. Walls, Raphael; F. W. Driver, Captain of Guards; C. W. Tayleur, Org.; W. B. Kidder, G. Graveley, H. J. Lardner, J. E. Anderson, E. M. Lott, J. J. Murray, G. Berkeley, R. Stewart, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Lott, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. The ceremony of installing Bro. Dr. Ace into the chair of M.W.S. was then ably performed by Ill. Bro. C. H. Driver, 31°. The officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. F. Cutler, H.P. (by deputy); A. Williams, 1st Gen. (by deputy); T. C. Walls, 2nd Gen.; F. W. Driver, G.M.; C. W. Tayleur, Raphael; W. Paas, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; R. Berridge, C. of G. (by deputy); E. M. Lott, Org.; and E. J. Gardiner, D.C. The motion upon the subject of the recognition of the services of the Past Sovereigns was postponed, in consequence of the absence of the mover. The report of the Audit Committee having been received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, where a most excellent banquet was partaken of.

The usual toasts followed. "The Health of the M.W." was warmly proposed by Ill. Bro. C. Driver; and the toast having been duly acknowledged, "The P.M.W.S.'s" followed, coupled with the name of the Installing Officer. This pledge having been enthusiastically drunk, Ill. Bro. C. Driver replied in a speech distinguished by its modesty and point. "The Health of the Treasurer and Recorder" drew from the chair some very flattering remarks of approval upon the able services of those two old members of the chapter. Bros. Paas and Dewar having replied, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who responded, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

South Africa.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

The Annual Communication of this District Grand Lodge of the Eastern District of South Africa was held at Cradock on Monday, the 9th ult.

Several leading members of the Craft were present from King William's Town, Port Elizabeth, Graham's Town, Somerset East, &c.

The D.G. Lodge was opened in due form by the District Grand Master, Bro. C. J. Eyer, A.B., M.R.C.S.E., at 7 p.m. The roll call of the lodges belonging to the district was then called. The minutes of the last regular Communication (held at Queenstown, June 10th, 1880) were then read and confirmed. At that meeting the District Grand Lodge was asked for statistics as to the number of subscribing members to the lodges in the district, and the returns presented showed that from the returns of fourteen lodges (out of the eighteen in the district) there were 762 subscribing members. The other four lodges had not sent in their returns in time to complete the list, but it was hoped that at next District Grand Lodge Communication their return would be more complete.

The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were then read and confirmed. They showed a very satisfactory statement. The report of the Board of General Purposes was then read and adopted.

Bro. R. J. Dick, P.M. 853, was then re-elected Treasurer.

The R.W. District Grand Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year, in which he was assisted by Bro. J. C. Hemsley, P.D.G.S.W., and Bro. Leigh, P.D.G.S.W.:

- Bro. C. F. Mouat, P.M. 711 ... D.G.S.W.
- James McIntyre, P.M. 853 ... D.G.J.W.
- James Hemsley, P.M. 711 ... D.G.S.D.
- Alex. Cruikshank, P.M. 1581 ... D.G.J.D.
- Rev. C. J. Wirgman, M.A., D.C.L. ... D.G.C.
- R. Dick, P.M. 853 ... D.G. Treas.
- G. Perks, P.M. 853 ... D.G. Sec.
- J. W. Mackay, P.M. 863 ... D.G.D. of Cers.
- A. E. Austen, P.M. 1469 ... D.G. Purs.
- Burfield, 918 ... D.G. Org.
- J. Green, P.M. 1469 ... D.G. Swd. Br.
- Bros. A. Webb, P.M. 918; G. Gates, P.M. 1599; O. Bute, P.M. 1824; J. R. Southey, W.M. 1909; Metcalf, S.W. 1469; and Wheelwright, P.M. 863 ... D.G. Stewards.

The report of the Board of the Masonic Educational Charity, together with the Treasurer's report, were then read and discussed.

All business being concluded, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer.

On the following evening the brethren of the Meridian Lodge No. 1469, Cradock, entertained the officers of the District Grand Lodge and visiting brethren at a banquet in a large hall belonging to the Victoria Hotel. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Ziervogel being absent (on a visit to England),

the chair was occupied by the Immediate Past Master Bro. Austen, who very ably performed the duties of that position. Ample justice having been done to the goodly banquet presented to the brethren, the Chairman gave the usual toasts, "The Queen and the Royal Family," "The Prince of Wales," "The Grand Master," "The Prov. Grand Master" and "The Deputy Grand Master," which were all duly honoured. The next toast was that of "The R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. C. J. Eyer." He spoke of the long and able services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Eyer, and to the success which had attended the District Grand Lodge in the Eastern Province of South Africa under his superintendence.

In replying, the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, after thanking them for the manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health, said, that he considered that the plan of holding District Grand Lodge in different towns of the Province every year had rendered much to the spread of good feeling and Masonic intercourse among the brethren. Before the establishment of this District Grand Lodge, the meetings were always held in Cape Town, too far away for the brethren of the Eastern District to attend, and all the honours were kept for Cape Town brethren. None were ever distributed in the Eastern Province. In making appointments in District Grand Lodge he had endeavoured to choose out those brethren who showed that they took an interest in Freemasonry, by not only working in their own lodges but by attending the communications of the District Grand Lodge. It was only by meeting the brethren on these occasions that he could become acquainted with them, and know who were worthy of promotion. He also earnestly asked their attention to the Educational Charity, hoping they would firmly establish it in the district, to show the outside world that there was more in Freemasonry than merely secret meetings and convivial banquets.

Bro. LEIGH, P.D.G.S.W., next proposed "The Present District Grand Officers," and while complimenting them on their appointments, urged upon the duty of assiduously performing the duties they had undertaken.

Bro. MOUAT, D.G.S.W., responded.

The R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER then gave "The Past District Grand Officers," and in so doing drew the attention of the brethren to the advantages accruing to Freemasonry by having a District Grand Lodge, when properly carried out. Without such a body as District Grand Lodge to govern them, Freemason lodges were more or less isolated, and partook much of the nature of small clubs. This was obviated by the existence of the District Grand Lodge, which was necessary to bring members together, and to make them feel that they were only parts of one grand system, which inculcated the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Its presence made the whole district work more harmoniously together for their general good, and he would recommend to their consideration the old fable of the bundle of sticks, which single were easily broken, but united were strong and unbreakable. The District Grand Lodge was the bond that tied them together. Thus by uniting together, and by co-operating for some worthy object, they would increase their strength and usefulness, and success would crown their efforts.

Bro. J. C. HEMSLEY suitably replied.

Bro. GREEN proposed "Our District Grand Secretary, Bro. G. Perks," and called the attention of the brethren to the very great efficiency that had marked out his performance of the onerous duties of the very important and responsible office he filled.

The toast was received most heartily, and duly honoured. Bro. PERKS replied, thanking them very much, and stating that the advancement of Freemasonry was the predominant wish of his heart; that he had always done his best for this object, and hoped always to do so.

Bro. MACKAY, D.G.D.C., proposed "Success to the Meridian Lodge," complimenting the brethren on the temple they had erected, and thanking them for the hearty reception they had given their visitors.

The toast was responded to by the CHAIRMAN, who expressed his regret at the absence of the W.M. and of the W.M. elect, both of whom were absent in England, whose presence, he was sure, would have added much to the kindness of the reception accorded to them.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. JAMES HEMSLEY, D.G.S.D., who, having thanked the brethren of the Meridian Lodge for the hearty reception they had given the visitors, cordially invited them to attend the installation of officers on St. John's Day in Port Elizabeth.

"Sister Constitutions" was then given by Bro. LEIGH, P.D.G.S.W., coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Smyth, P.M., who had lately arrived in the colony from Ireland.

Bro. SMYTH responded in a very humorous speech; and Bro. MOUAT, who had been affiliated to an Irish lodge in New Zealand, also acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. J. C. HEMSLEY, P.D.G.S.W., proposed "The Health of Bro. Bain, Past Deputy District Grand Master," and, in doing so, spoke in very complimentary terms of his services to his lodge, and to Masonry in general, and expressed the regret that was felt on account of his resignation of the office of D.D.G.M.

Bro. PERKS, D.G.S., proposed "The Health of Bro. Ziervogel, the W.M. of the Meridian Lodge," regretting that he was absent from the meeting of the District Grand Lodge.

The R.W.D.G.M. proposed "The Church," associating with it the names of the Present and Past D.G. Chaplains (Bros. the Rev. Dr. Wirgman and the Rev. Dr. Ross). He said Masonry recognised no denominations in religion, but required of all brethren belonging to the Order to express their belief in the existence of a Divine Ruler of the Universe, and where Masonry was fully carried out, it might be called a handmaid to religion. He was glad to find that the Church in South Africa took an interest in Masonry, and that so many clergymen had joined the Order.

Bro. GREEN proposed "Absent Brethren," and Bro. AUSTIN "Poor and Distressed Brethren," which brought the proceedings to a close.

Between the toasts Bro. Tregunther, acting D.G. Org., played selections on the piano, which added greatly to the pleasures of the evening.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox (vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate) preached before the court of the Weavers Company at the church of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, on Monday last.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Portsmouth on Tuesday, 9th August. It is expected that an unusual large number of brethren will be present, and in consequence of which the Lecture Hall at the Soldiers' Institute (the same hall as the constitution of the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge was held in) has been engaged. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) will preside.

Bro. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P., received on Tuesday a cheque for a thousand pounds, which has been sent to him from Kimberley, South Africa, by some unknown donor, who wishes the money to be devoted to the purpose of relieving the Jews of Southern Russia, in whose aid a fund is being raised under the auspices of the Anglo-Jewish Association. This fund now amounts to close upon seven thousand pounds.

Bro. Thomas Joseph Adams Williams, Town Clerk, of Monmouth, died at his residence, The Little Castle, Monmouth, on Wednesday, the 20th inst.

A warrant has been granted for a new lodge, to be called the Gallery Lodge, and also to approve of the nomination of Bros. H. Massey, P.M. 619, as first Master, Harry Bussey, as first Senior Warden, and Thomas Minstrell, as first Junior Warden. The idea of the lodge originated with Pressmen in the Houses of Legislature, and it will be composed entirely of journalists, being as far as possible limited to "gallery" reporters. This will be the only pure "Press" lodge in the kingdom, and the honour of getting the warrant has been enhanced by the fact that but this one was issued, although applications were received for warrants from all parts of London.

Six Presidents of the United States have been Freemasons, viz: Washington, Tyler, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan, and Garfield.

Bro. His Majesty King Kalakaua has been appointed an honorary member of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, was installed W.M. of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Hampton, on the 16th inst.

Bro. Dr. Ace was installed M.W.S. of the Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3, at 33, Golden-square, on the 5th inst.

INNER TEMPLE.—At the July examination on the subjects in which instruction has been given by the tutors of the Inn, the Masters of the Bench have awarded pupil scholarships of 100 guineas each to the under-mentioned students: Common Law, Mr. W. P. Schreiner; Equity, Mr. W. J. Lee; Real Property Law, Mr. W. F. Beddoes.

The summer banquet of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306, was held at the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne, on the 20th inst.

The Prince and Princess of Wales honoured Sir Albert Sassoon with their company on Thursday, the 21st inst., at his residence in Eastern-terrace, Brighton.

Bro. Dion Boucicault will appear at the Standard Theatre on Monday. The house has undergone a thorough renovation.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., was present on Wednesday, the 20th inst. at Countess Percy's reception.

Bro. Philip Saillard, of Aldersgate-street, has been a large buyer during the last few days of landed estates near Horsham, Sussex.

Bro. Frank Green, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, has been elected Worshipful Master of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827.

The M.W.G.M.M.M. of England, at the recommendation of the P.G.M. Lodge of Tunis and Malta, has chartered a Mark Lodge at Syracuse, in Sicily, bearing the number of 287, and called after the D.P.G.M.M. of Malta—the Coffey Lodge. The introduction of Mark Masonry on the Continent of Europe marks another era in the history of the Degree; and we believe a warrant will soon be in request at Palermo. It is in contemplation to form Tunis, Malta, and Sicily into a Mark Province, to be designed the District of the Mediterranean. Bro. Coffey has done good work during the unavoidable absence of R.W. Bro. Broadley in England.

Bro. H. A. Isaacs, C.C. (Master) presided at a court dinner of the Loriners' Company held at the Star and Garter, Richmond, on the 19th inst.

Conway Castle, said to be the finest ruin in North Wales, has been given by Sir Thomas Erskine to the Corporation.

Our Portsmouth correspondent sends us some particulars of a circumstance which occurred a few weeks ago, and which has been kept very quiet. It appears that a gentleman was proposed, balloted for, and elected in one of the Portsmouth Lodges. On the night of the initiation the candidate put in an appearance in anything but a fit state to go through the solemn ceremony. A member of the lodge informed the W.M. of the appearance of the gentleman, with the idea that the W.M. would not initiate him, but it was thought the candidate was not too far in a state of intoxication as to undergo the ceremony, and he was dressed in the usual attire, and taken into the lodge. Everything worked well until the candidate was about to be advanced to the East, when, what with the heat of the room, and the excitement, the candidate had to be well supported by the Deacons, who were instructed to lead the candidate out of the lodge, as he was too drunk to understand any of the ceremony. The declaration he had made in the declaration book was torn out, and his subscription was returned to him. This gentleman is now talking in the clubs about the circumstances, and what ordeals he went through. Surely the Grand Lodge will make some inquiries about the case.

Bro. the King of the Sandwich Islands honoured the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Mr. Burdett-Coutts-Bartlett with his presence at dinner on Thursday week at Holly Lodge; among those present being Colonel Judd, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Syngé, Miss Seymour, Lady Kemball, the Hon. Miss Sydney, Colonel and Miss Loftus Tottenham, Miss Rosman, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Chapman, and Bro. G. A. Sala.

Bro. J. H. McLeary, Grand Master of Masons of Texas, is the present Attorney General of that State. He has lately appointed the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas near the Grand Lodge of England.—*Keystone*.

Bro. the Duke of Richmond had a narrow escape at Chichester Railway Station on Monday. He was on the point of crossing the line when the Royal train with the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were on their way to Goodwood, ran up, and the Duke was only saved by the promptness of the station master in dragging him back upon the platform.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the 6th prox.

Bro. Alderman Staples has headed the list of donations towards the fund for a memorial to the Rev. W. C. F. Webber, late incumbent of St Botolph, Aldersgate.

Bro. Alderman David Smith, the Mayor of Brighton has issued an official memorandum thanking the inhabitants for the support rendered him on the occasion, and stating that he has received a letter from the private Secretary of the Prince of Wales, expressing the appreciation of his Royal Highness at the gratifying reception accorded himself, the Princess of Wales, and the Royal children.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., presented the prizes at the Hatcham Schools (Aske's Foundation) of the Haberdashers' Company, on Monday last.

Bro. General Sir Frederick and Lady Roberts attended on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at a bazaar held at Portsmouth in connection with the Soldiers' Institute established there.

Bro. E. Dresser-Rogers, C.C., has been added to the arbitrators of the United Wards Building Society.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., K.C.B., one of the Lords of the Admiralty, distributed the prizes to the successful students at the Royal Naval School, New Cross, on Wednesday last.

Bro. Lord Leigh, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, distributed the prizes on Wednesday at Leamington College.

Bro. G. A. Sala ("Echoes of the Week"), in the *Illustrated London News*, says that the journalist "is compelled systematically to break the Sabbath, because people insist on having newspapers on Monday morning."

Bro. Lord Henniker presided at the opening of the new Museum at Ipswich, on Wednesday.

Bro. Justice Cave will be one of the Long Vacation judges.

Bro. Robert Whitfield, of Gateshead, will read a paper on "How to make Mechanics' Institutes most useful and attractive to working lads between thirteen and twenty-one;" and Bro. William Brewis Elsdon, of Gateshead, on "The Progress of Education," at the annual meeting of delegates of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, to be held under the auspices of the Cambois Mechanics Institution in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Cambois, near Blyth.

The Meridian Lodge, No. 1469, Cradock, entertained the Officers of the District Grand Lodge, Eastern Division, South Africa, at the Victoria Hotel, Cradock, on the 10th ult.

Comp. Edward Letchworth, P.Z. 1237, will propose at the meeting of Grand Chapter on Wednesday next, that the Committee of General Purposes meet at four o'clock instead of three as heretofore.

A vote of condolence was unanimously passed to the widow of the late Bro. Warner Sleight, at an emergency meeting of the Kennington, Lodge, in which he was initiated, on the 19th inst.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead was presented with a set of Grand Mark Lodge clothing and jewels, and an illuminated address, by the members of the York Mark Lodge, on the 19th inst.

Bro. Slade was installed W.M., for the second time, of the Lodge of Unity, No. 267, Macclesfield, at the last meeting of that lodge.

Bro. Henry Hartley was installed W.M. of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1553, Lancaster, on the 20th inst.

It is proposed to form a new Provincial Mark Lodge for N. and E. Yorkshire, and a meeting of delegates will take place on August 3rd for the purpose of memorialising Grand Lodge and for deciding upon a brother to be nominated for the office of first Provincial Grand Master.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh has written to the Secretary of the Mait training ship that he intends to visit Dundee next month, to inspect the Mars, which has 400 boys on board training for the Royal Navy and Mercantile Marine.

Bro. Dr. James A. Henderson, Q.C., Grand Master of Canada, laid the corner-stone of the Presbyterian Church, at Clark's Mills, in the county of Lennox and Addington, Canada, on the 16th ult.

No less than 3670 vessels, registering 1,065,629 tons, cleared from Sunderland port during the half-year ending June 20th last, the port tonnage dues of which amounted to £50,112 8s.

We understand that the Freemasons of York intend to give a fraternal reception to the Masonic members of the British Association on the occasion of the Jubilee meeting, which will be held in that city at the end of next month.

Bro. W. C. Malthouse, C.C., was unanimously elected W.M. at the meeting of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, on the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

THE CITY OF LONDON COLLEGE.—A meeting in connection with the Building Fund of the proposed new City of London College, presided over by the Lord Mayor, took place a few days ago in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, and was numerously attended by most of the well-known advocates for the advancement of knowledge and education, who were unanimous in their opinions as to the inadequacy of the accommodation for the requirements of the College, and several resolutions were passed for the erection of a suitable building, capable of affording the required accommodation. It was announced that a sum of £6000 had been received towards the Building Fund. A vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for his kindness in presiding and granting the use of the Egyptian Hall terminated the meeting.

A scheme for the improvement of Billingsgate-Market has been suggested by Mr. W. E. Heath, of 23, Camden-road, and has been published by Mr. S. Clark, Paternoster-row. It involves a viaduct from Eastcheap to the market, the upper part of which it is proposed to remove, and to form upon the internal columns a flooring or roadway over the entire area, pierced with staircases and wells for hydraulic lifts, which would take ordinary packages, and others for loaded vans and carts; a bridge or viaduct would be thrown over Lower Thames-street, at the western end of the market. Plans accompany the scheme.—*City Press*.

We regret to announce that owing to an attack of paralysis our venerable Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, and P.P.G.S.W. of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland, was unable to be installed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, as had been arranged on Tuesday last. Particulars of the meeting will be found in another portion of the *Freemason*.

A NEW KNIGHT.—The honour of knighthood is to be conferred on Mr. J. A. Picton, F.S.A., a Justice of the Peace for Liverpool, and an old member of the Town Council of that city. By profession an architect, he is best known to the public as the author of the "Annals of Liverpool" and various philosophical and other papers. Out of compliment to Mr. Picton's literary services the Picton Reading Room opened in Liverpool some time ago was called after him, and his long services in the Town Council has, in the eyes of his party, given him a fair claim to the mayoralty, with an aldermanship.

Miss Phillimore, daughter of the Right Hon. Sir Robert Phillimore, is writing a life of Sir Christopher Wren, to be published in October by Messrs. Kegan, Paul, and Co. Bro. Henry Wright, of the Alliance Lodge, and Honorary Secretary of the City Church and Churchyard Protection Society, has helped her with that portion relating to the City churches, most of which were built by Sir C. Wren. He is now occupied with gathering information respecting Sir C. Wren as a Freemason.

It is an interesting fact, as indicating the value of land, that an auction held at Henstridge on the 22nd inst. by Messrs. Chinnock, Galsworthy, and Chinnock, the total quantity of land offered being 104a. 0r. Sp., with a rental of £220, the whole realised the sum of £6910, being thirty-one years' purchase, or £66 per acre.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Neilson, one of the oldest members of the English Press, which event took place on Wednesday. He was for nearly forty years the chief of the reporting staff of the *Times*. The great accuracy of his reports, and the intelligence and judgment which always characterised them, led to frequent requests that he should be employed on special occasions when important addresses were to be made, political or otherwise. Sir Robert Peel and successive Prime Ministers and members of the Cabinet from his time to the present were often glad to obtain in this way the services of Mr. Neilson.

There has just been purchased for the British Museum a collection of Biblical and other Oriental manuscripts, which are of the utmost importance to the criticism and exegesis of the Old Testament. The collection, which was made in South Arabia, consists of forty manuscripts. Fifteen of these are portions of the Hebrew Scriptures, and two are probably the oldest which have as yet come to light of the old Testament Scriptures. A third, which contains the Hagiographs, exhibits a recension of the Hebrew text, the other two portions of which are already in the Museum, thus completing the whole Hebrew Bible. The remaining twenty-five manuscripts are Midrashim, or homiletic commentaries and liturgies.

The Reserve Squadron, under the command of the Duke of Edinburgh, which has just returned from the Baltic, and which on the previous evening left Leith Roads, on Wednesday appeared off Scarborough about noon, and was in sight for about two hours. The squadron came near to the shore, and thousands of persons crowded the cliffs to watch the vessels till they were out of sight. The squadron was under canvas, and proceeded southward without communicating with the shore.

The Trustees of the late Mr. Batty have just handed to the Secretary of the City Orthopaedic Hospital a donation of £1070 in aid of the funds of that hospital.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.—The additions to these gardens during the past week include a red-handed tamarin from Surinan, presented by Mr. Keiser; an American black bear from Nova Scotia, presented by the Earl of Caledon, F.Z.S., and the Hon. Charles Alexander; two grey ichneumons from India, presented respectively by Mr. C. R. Smith and Mr. C. Hassell; a common raven, British, presented by Major Botts; a carrion crow, European, presented by Miss Mortimer; a Sykes monkey, three vulturine guinea fowl, from East Africa, deposited; three common pea-fowl, two cheer pheasants, two horned tragopans, and a Siamese pheasant, bred in the gardens.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The following circular has been issued from the above office:—

“Office of the Grand Secretary,
Montreal, P.Q., June 24th, 1881.
“To the R.W. the Grand Secretary of the M.W. the
Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of—
“FRATERNAL SALUTATIONS.”

“R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,—
“I have the pleasure, by command of the Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. and A.M., to
communicate through you, to the M.W. the G.M., and to
the other officers and members of your Grand Lodge, and
through them, to all the lodges of obedience to your said
Grand Lodge, that the three lodges late Scottish registry
in the city and district of Montreal, namely, the Elgin,
late No. 348, S.R., the Argyle, late No. 625, S.R. and the
King Solomon, late No. 622, S.R., have happily become of
obedience to, and have been duly enrolled on the registry
of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, under warrants regularly
granted thereto by our said Grand Lodge of Quebec; that
the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland has recalled and
cancelled the patent of the District Grand Master of
Montreal, S.R.; and that the said Grand Lodge of Scotland
has, by the request of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and of
the three aforesaid lodges, returned the three original
warrants duly endorsed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by
the said lodges, and by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in
order that the said warrants may be preserved as mementoes
in the archives of the three aforesaid lodges.

“I am also further commanded by the Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge of Quebec, respectfully and fraternally
to request that all the officers and members of the lodge
aforesaid, viz. the Elgin, the Argyle, and the King Solomon,
be fraternally and cordially acknowledged, received and
recognised by your Grand Lodge and by all lodges and
brethren of its obedience, and by all regular and beloved
brethren of our fraternity throughout the world, as of due
and faithful obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of
Quebec, and as being fully entitled to all the rights,
privileges, and prerogatives appertaining thereto.”

“I have the honour to be, R.W. Sir, yours truly and
fraternally,
“JOHN H. ISAACSON,
“Grand Secretary, G.L. of Q.”

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The “acting editor” of the (Sydney, New South Wales)
Freemason, sends us a long communication, in reply to an
editorial that appeared in the London *Freemason*, and was
transferred to our columns, concerning the so-called Grand
Lodge of New South Wales. This communication con-
cludes, singularly, as follows: “In the interest of our
ancient and holy Order, and in the interest of those
brethren who dared to demand that freedom of thought,
deed and act, to which they, as Freemasons, were entitled,
I claim a speedy recognition from every Grand Lodge
throughout the United States of America, and the whole
of the globe, for the Grand Lodge of New South
Wales. Not as a favour do I ask this, but
as a recognition of the inherent right of lodges which exist
in a neutral territory of erecting an independent Grand
Lodge in such territory. And I shall be impelled to con-
sider any antagonism which may be exhibited in any of
the Grand Lodges in America, or in any Masonic journal,
as a positive support and approbation of tyranny in its
worst form, viz.: that tyranny which prohibits freedom of
thought, speech, and act.” It strikes us that our brother
is slightly *peremptory* in his demands upon the Grand
Lodges and Masonic journals of America. Even indepen-
dent jurisdictions have no right to demand any concession
from another independent jurisdiction—much less has a
so-called Grand Lodge, struggling for independent ex-
istence. Our brother will do well to be less autocratic,
and more modest, and he thereby may more surely advance
the cause he has at heart.—*Philadelphia Keystone.*

MUSIC IN MASONRY.

The introduction of a musical ceremony in connection
with the conferring of Masonic Degrees, has occasioned
considerable comment in certain quarters—particularly
among English brethren. A lodge in Lancashire, England,
recently made use of an extended musical service while
conferring the First and Second Degrees, and this musical
part of the ceremony was condemned by a prominent
visitor, Bro. H. S. Alpess, the Provincial Grand Secretary,
as being an unwarrantable innovation. The ceremony con-
sisted of chants and the singing of hymns by a strong body
of voices in the gallery, together with the use of instru-
mental music. The visiting officer declared in open lodge
that he would not permit such a deviation from the ancient
landmarks of the Craft. Considerable feeling was mani-
fested, and the question as to the propriety of the “new
departure” was referred to the Board of General Purposes
of the Grand Lodge for a decision. The following was
the answer returned:

“Freemasons’ Hall, London, W.C., 9th May, 1881.—
Dear Sir and Brother: In reply to yours of the 6th inst.,
on the subject of vocal music in lodges, I may inform you
that the question has been more than once before the Board
of General Purposes. The following is the text of the
last letter I wrote by their direction: ‘The singing of
hymns forms no part of the ritual of the Three Degrees of
Masonry, and the Board would, if appealed to, object to
the practice. At the same time no objection would be
made to an instrumental musical accompaniment.’ Yours
fraternally, SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S. Bro. H. S.
Alpess, P.G. Sec., W. Lancashire.”

We can see no reason for excluding vocal music on the
occasion of a Masonic service. It adds to the effectiveness
of the ceremony in the conferring of Degrees to have both
instrumental and vocal music, and we know of nothing in
the ritual or organic law of Masonry that conflicts with
the employment of so valuable an aid. It only needs that
good judgment be exercised in regard to the selections,
and the way and manner in which they are introduced into
the ceremony.—*Freemasons’ Repository.*

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—The
Merchant Tailors’ Company have made a grant of thirty
guineas in aid of the funds of this association.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, August 6, 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 30.

No meetings.

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, AUGUST 1.

Lodge 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James’s Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich,
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul’s Churchyard, 7.
St. George’s, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
St. Mark’s, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, “The Moorgate,” Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord’s Hot., St. John’s Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters’ Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Batter-
sea Park, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James’s, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 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, AUGUST 3.

Supreme Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul’s-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin’s-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
Zetland, King’s Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
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, AUGUST 4.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
“ 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.

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-ct., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John’s Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Vic-
toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5.

Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball’s Pond-rd., N.
“ 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
“ 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul’s
Churchyard.

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, AUGUST 6.

Gen. Com. Boys’ School, at 4.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-
CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE**

For the Week ending Saturday, August 6, 1881.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
“ 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
“ 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
“ 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
“ 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen’s Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Skelmersdale Red Cross, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
“ 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
“ 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
“ 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
“ 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
“ 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John’s L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5.

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

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

BURWASH.—On the 23rd inst., at Fairholme, Holly-park,
Crouch-hill, N., the wife of Mr. Edward Burwash, of
a daughter.

HENRY.—On the 24th inst., at Brighton, the wife of Mr.
James Henry, of Blackdown, Sussex, of a son.

SEGAR.—On the 24th inst., at Severn Side, Castle Fields,
Shrewsbury, the wife of the Rev. Halsall Segar, of a
daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SOLOMON—MACLURCAN.—On the 5th inst., David, son
of the late Mr. Leon Solomon, of Dawlish, Devon, to
Frances Antonia, daughter of the late S. J. Maclurcan,
late Captain 48th Regiment.

DEATHS.

MEGGY.—On the 19th inst., at Bedford-place, London,
Bro. T. Meggy, aged 43.

STAPLES.—On the 20th inst., at Avenue-road, Regent’s-
park, Edith Constance, daughter of Bro. Alderman
Staples, aged 94 years.