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THE entire Masonic Fraternity, at home and abroad, patriotic citizens as they always are, wherever their lot be cast, will be deeply grieved to hear of the untimely and mournful death of the President of the United States, General GARFIELD. The first feeling which predominates in our minds on reading the sad telegram is one of personal sorrow,—earnest and sincere; but the second is one of overpowering indignation and shame that this distinguished man should, in all the maturity of his powers, and with the prestige of an honourable and gallant life, be prematurely struck down by the hand of a cowardly assassin. In this most untoward result of a fearful and cruel crime, America, Great Britain, and the Canadas mourn as one people. It is, indeed appalling to realize to what desperate lengths the fearful iniquity of "Nihilism" will go, and how deeply the baneful principles of hateful violence can sway the minds of men, and prompt the obscure agent or the hired "bravo" to perpetrate deeds which are a degradation to our common humanity. We, as Freemasons, have another tie with the ever-gracious memory of the murdered PRESIDENT—that he was a brother of our Order; and we cannot help feeling and hoping that the loyal and beneficent principles of Freemasonry have been intensified in his distinguished career, in that detestation of unbridled violence, that respect for order and for law, that faithfulness to duty, and that adherence to principle which have so significantly characterized his utterances and acts, and so emphatically represent the true "outcome" of a real and living Freemasonry. Our sympathies, as Freemasons, naturally turn to the poor mourning widow and orphan children, for whom we wish, with earnest aspirations, all that strengthening help and those benign consolations which in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. religion can place within their reach and realization. And then we must sympathize with the American people, deprived of their head under such afflictive circumstances, trusting, however, that in the moral government of the world by HIM who always brings good out of evil, the peaceful progress and happy advance of that great people may be protected and developed. But what a warning we have in this awful crime, and in similar atrocities, against the tendencies of those hateful associations which preach assassination, and whose open aim or covert end seem to be the uprooting alike of the rights of property, the fruits of industry, every tenure of authority, and every principle of loyalty, duty, and public security. It is with such abhorrent teaching that the minds of many are leavened just now, which fact seems to prompt the desperado and the coward to deeds whose result is, and can only be, the suffering of the many for the wickedness of one. H.M. the QUEEN, to do honour to the memory of an illustrious brother, has ordered a Court mourning, which, unprecedented in itself, has just now a deep significance, both for the American and English people.

OUR readers will have noticed, as we did, with deep pleasure, in our last issue, that most sympathetic testimonial of attachment and appreciation which has recently been offered by the worthy brethren of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, Liverpool, to their esteemed and valued Treasurer of many years, Bro. JOSEPH WOOD. We think that it is a most touching fact in itself, and one that reflects abiding credit on the kindly donors and the venerable recipient. Bro. JOSEPH WOOD has, during a long career, properly earned the respect and regard of all who have come in contact with him, and we always rejoice to place on record, if in this special case under some very afflictive circumstances, all such just tributes of fraternal regard and goodwill towards modest merit and unpretending worth. We think that this affecting tribute of fraternal sympathy reflects most truly the benevolent spirit of genuine Freemasonry.

WE are always glad to rectify an error, or apologize fraternally for a misquotation. It seems that our admirable contemporary, the "Masonic Advocate," has to complain of a slight misreading by us of one of its paragraphs. It appears that we attributed to our respected Bro. G.M. PRATHER, Indiana, U.S., some remarks really delivered by the Hon. N. CUMBACH. The report in our contemporary is very concise, and if our memory serves us, the division was not accurately marked between the

speeches of the GRAND MASTER of the Freemasons and the GRAND MASTER of the Odd Fellows. Hence our editorial remarks that the laudation of "Odd Fellowship" seemed to us out of place at a "Masonic ceremony." We are, however, glad to alter the allusion, and to say, that it is now clear to us that the speech remarked upon was delivered by the GRAND MASTER of the Odd Fellows, and not by the GRAND MASTER of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Ought not, however, Masonic ceremonies to be purely Masonic? Freemasonry and Odd Fellowship proceed on such totally different lines as to have little in common. The "Odd Fellows" constitute a beneficiary association,—a pure benefit society. Freemasonry has nothing to do, either in principle or practice, with any such organizations, however good in themselves.

"FREEMASONRY IN UTAH" sounds somewhat strange to English ears, and to all who remember the peculiar proceedings of "Saint SMITH" and BRIGHAM YOUNG. It has been said that at one time there was a sort of Masonic reception and association among the Mormons themselves, Though, of course, Freemasonry was itself in perpetual antagonism with a people who professed to believe in a miraculously discovered golden book. The subsidiary tenets of Mormonism were also in entire disagreement with the unchanged moral, domestic, social teachings of Freemasonry. We trust that the beneficent principles of true Freemasonry may take root, and bear much good fruit in Utah.

WE venture to think that the members of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, were very right in seeking to vary the somewhat rigid uniformity of lodge festivals, by organizing and carrying out a trip from Liverpool to Llandudno. Everything seems to have gone off most successfully, and we feel sure that our lady friends and sisters, and the brethren all, were mutually pleased and benefited by such a charming little expedition, and by such a graceful fellowship—those innocent pleasures and that harmless sociality which tend so much to lighten the "wear and tear" of life, illuminate its dark hours, and to develop its sunny ones. Such "reunions" must do good, despite Bros. "GROWLER, CYNIC, & Co.," and we trust that they will be persevered in, and that they will increase among us for the good of the brethren, and the happiness of Freemasonry.

AFTER all KING KALAKAUA had a quasi-Masonic reception in "Auld Reekie." He was duly installed "Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine" before a distinguished conclave, and as we note that some of the leading members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland were present, including Bro. D. M. LYON, G.S.,—a host in himself, we are warranted, we think, in using the term with which we began,—"quasi-Masonic." The Order of Constantine, whether you accept the fuller history of the Abbè GUISTINIANI or the more limited view of Père HONORE St. MARIE, has an historical past, and sets forth a pleasing ceremonial, and its accessories are all graceful and decorous. What the actual intrinsic value of this and similar modern revivals may be it is impossible at present to measure or realize; the more so as patient researches seem to demonstrate this one fact, undoubtedly and unmistakably, that the only two organizations which appear to satisfy the demands of historical criticism, and outlive the decay of passing time,—are Craft Masonry proper, and the "Ancient and Accepted Rite." But having said this, we are by no means insensible to what has been so ably urged by others, and, above all, by our lamented Bro. R. W. LITTLE, in defence of the Order of Constantine, and there is a large amount of presumption, we think, at any rate, in favour of the fact that the Order of Constantine represents an Order founded by the Emperor ISAAC ANGELOS COMNENIUS, at Constantinople, in the thirteenth century, and which was, in itself, a revival of an older order, founded in the fourth century by CONSTANTINE THE GREAT himself.

THE difficult question propounded by Bro. JOSEPH LAMBERT deserves careful consideration, and we think that Bro. MASKELYNE's letter "hits the nail on the right head." As a rule, one jurisdiction has no right to intrude into the jurisdiction of another; but if it be doubtful whether a proper Masonic jurisdiction exists at all, then in such cases everything must turn on the reality and necessity of the movement. We are inclined ourselves at present to think that the course suggested by "MASKELYNE" is the safest and the best for Bro. JOSEPH LAMBERT and others to follow, as there can be no doubt but that such lodges will be both "legal" in the eyes of Masonry and as before the laws of the land.

By a letter from the Secretaries and by a report of the London Masonic Charity Association elsewhere, we find that that very unpretending but useful Association is "again to the fore," and we trust that all success will attend its operations. We never could understand the secret and the spirit of opposition

directed against it. It has sought to assist "good cases," though comparatively "friendless," and to preserve to the London subscribers of our Charities a fair proportion of elected candidates. Just now the provinces are increasing in strength, organization, and power of combination of votes yearly. In London the interests of the metropolitan candidates, unless taken up by influential brethren, or an active private Committee, have but little chance of success; and, as many of the London brethren help habitually provincial cases, so scattered has the voting of London subscribers become, that unless, as we said before, private and personal influence is exerted for particular cases they cannot poll, and have no chance of polling, the requisite number of votes. It would almost seem as if the dignity of some good brethren is ruffled, and the influence of other worthy friends assailed, by the creation of this friendly London Committee, if we were to judge by the speeches we hear of, and the statements openly and surreptitiously made. The London Masonic Charity Association, as it calls itself, however, undauntedly goes on its way, seeking no one's favour and fearing no one's frown, and will endeavour in the future, as in the past, without "partiality, frown, and affection," to do its duty to those who support it, and those it supports, in a truly Masonic spirit of zeal, sympathy, and goodwill.

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THE Grand Lodge of the Netherlands has lost its old and faithful G.M., the oldest of all existing Grand Masters. Once a soldier, since the great war he has devoted himself to the arts of peace, and under his sagacious, tolerant, and friendly rule Dutch Freemasonry has safely progressed and notably flourished. May his example long continue to guide and govern Dutch Freemasons, and may they, remembering their old history and adherence to the sacred landmarks of our universal Order, loyally avoid rash changes, and untoward complications. All English Freemasons have long learned to know and appreciate the great services to Freemasonry, national and cosmopolitan, of the late G.M. of the Order, H.R.H. Prince FREDERICK of the Netherlands, G.M. of Dutch Freemasonry. He has passed away, after a long and useful career, in a good and green old age.

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WE often hear complaints as to sentences in our Criminal Courts and Police Offices, which seem to jar on our sympathetic sentimentalities. No doubt it often happens that offences against the person do not appear to have been meted out to them the same amount of punishment as those against property. Such is, however, often a characteristic of English law, wisely or unwisely; and we must also bear in mind, keeping in view, too, the morbidity of the day, that such sentences are the sentences of "experts," the complaints those of "non-experts." Two recent sentences will not, however, be found fault with by any. One is in the Central Criminal Court, where the RECORDER has sentenced Mr. LEDRU ROLLIN REYNOLDS to two years' hard labour and Mr. RAYBOURNE to fifteen years' penal servitude. We hope that one of the vilest systems of commercial swindles and personal profligacy we ever heard of, or which has come before the police, is now broken up, and we commend alike the prosecution and the sentences. Mr. DE RUTZEN has very properly, also, sentenced an individual, who is, of course, "a highly respectable person," and one, too, "who actually drives a gig," to "fourteen days' hard labour," for proceeding at a "furious rate," not being sober, through the streets, and endangering the lives of the public, and notably of some children. Considering the open daily risks attendant on our crowded thoroughfares, we think that Mr. DE RUTZEN deserves the hearty thanks of all classes of the community for thus seeking to protect the interests both of the walking and driving public, and to put down a state of things disgraceful to the metropolis, and to civilization.

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WE are a little chary, we confess, in accepting implicitly the sudden appearance of "Masonic relics." We have dabbled in other matters and other "archæologies," and we know also the nature of humanity to make profit of everything. Some time ago, on good authority, we were told that most of the little Oriental idols we see in distant climes were actually made in England, a very unpleasant fact, and we are becoming a little fearful lest this demand for "Masonic relics" may induce some ingenious persons to palm off on credulous and too confiding brethren certain modern adaptations for genuine ancient relics. Do any of us recall that ingenious man, we forget in which town of England he lived, or which he blessed with his presence, who, when the idea came across the minds of subtle and devoted housewives of having coffee-berries ground at home in little coffee mills, sometimes turned, too, by fair fingers, immediately took out a patent for imitation paste coffee berries? So, then, we think it well to-day to offer a friendly warning to all brother students and collectors. Things are not necessarily "antiques" because they are said to be so, and even "relics" become a question eventually for "experts," and it often requires much discrimination to judge between the "original" and the "imitation." A few friendly utterances of "caution" are never, it seems to us, unseasonable, or out of place.

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SOME of our readers may note with amusement that that serious nuisance, the so-called "Salvation Army," has recently "come to grief," and under circumstances which, while they necessarily provoke laughter, evoke many serious thoughts. Good-looking young damsels had better not henceforth "loiter" or listen to the "soft imprecations" of "Captains" and the like, both for the health of "body and soul." We trust that the police will soon be able to put a stop to proceedings which savour sadly of hypocrisy, and even openly border on profanity!

THE abduction of the Rev. Mr. KENNARD, in open day in this great metropolis, is a fact which suggests most serious considerations to us all and for us all, as peaceful denizens of our own "little village." We trust that a most searching enquiry will be conducted by the police authorities, as to the conduct specially of the constable near the house to which Mr. KENNARD was violently brought, and illegally conveyed. It is greatly to be feared that owing to the untoward prevalence of a "special agency system," to which Sir CRESSWELL CRESSWELL once emphatically alluded in court, the most serious interference with the liberties of Her MAJESTY'S subjects constantly takes place, a process of "squaring" goes on discreditable to all concerned, and innocent persons are "interned" contrary to the laws of the land, without any power of ready relief, or possibility of even legal redress.

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THE Congress of Orientalists at Berlin has been a great success, and we hope to see Professor MASPERO'S able analysis of the great discovery near Thebes, one of the most remarkable that has ever been made, reprinted in the *Masonic Magazine*. Just now Masonic students are specially interested in anything that can throw light upon Egyptian Hermeticism.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of this Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The President's chair was occupied by Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President; the Senior Vice-President's by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President; and the Junior Vice-President's by Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China. There were also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, G. P. Britten, P.M.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M. 186; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; George Lambert, P.D.G.M., China; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; John Constable, P.M.; C. F. Hogard, P.M.; J. M. Klenck, P.M.; W. Stephens, P.M.; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; A. Mallord, W.M. 1288; J. Borrows, P.M. 1623; R. G. Bird, P.M. 70 and 1550; Arthur E. Gladwell, W.M. 172; Andrew McDowall, W.M. 948; John Skirving, W.M. 87; J. Mason, P.M. 1567; C. Breden, P.M. 781; Thomas West, W.M. 1815; Joseph Harling, P.M. and Treas., 30; Irvine Harle, I.P.M. 1780; W. Gibson Bott, W.M. 1839; John Williams, W.M. 1791; Henry W. Green, W.M. 108; E. Somers, W.M. 1897; Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1471; George S. Bigley, W.M. 1298; Walter E. Gompertz, P.M. 1475; C. B. Chase, W.M. 869; Thomas Butt, P.M. 907; James Garrod, W.M. 754; H. Sadler, G.D.; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the extent of £145. There were only twenty-one new cases on the list, a smaller number than has been the case for a long time past. Out of this list four cases were postponed, being incomplete, and one case was dismissed. The remaining sixteen were relieved as follows: Two £40 each (£80), four £30 each (£120), three £25 each (£75), three £20 each (£60), two to £10 each, and two £5 each (£10), or a total sum of £365.

Lodge was then closed.

ANNUAL MOVABLE GRAND MARK LODGE AT SHEFFIELD.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

The Annual Movable Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Thursday, by invitation of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, at Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield. Previous to the meeting of the lodge the visiting brethren were conducted over the works of Sir John Brown and Co., where they witnessed the Bessemer process of making steel armour plates, fly-wheels, axles, and springs. The Britannia Lodge met at half-past twelve, when the Mark ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Reaney, Master.

Afterwards the Prov. Grand Lodge was received and held. Bro. W. V. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master, acting for the Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, who, through serious illness, was unable to be present. A letter was read from his lordship, in which he explained the cause of his absence as being that his medical adviser had assured him that his attendance would lead to permanent illness.

The business of Grand Lodge, after a sincere expression of regret on the part of the brethren at Lord Henniker's absence, was then proceeded with, and Bro. John Woodall, of Scarborough, was installed as Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire.

When this ceremony was finished, Bro. Dr. Scollope, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, installed Bro. S. H. Gatty as Master of the Britannia Mark Lodge for the ensuing twelve months.

The Board of Masters who witnessed the ceremony was the largest ever known, there being eighty-one Past Masters present. The ceremonies of the day were very imposing, and a full choral service added greatly to the impressive nature of the ritual.

The number of brethren who attended the Grand Lodge from Lancashire, Middlesex, Yorkshire, and other provinces in the country was over three hundred. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, the Grand Masters of the Provinces of Sussex, Northumberland and Durham, Lincoln, Kent, South Wales, and other provinces were present, besides Captain Frank R. Mott, of the United States Army.

The following Present and Past Grand Officers also attended: Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., G.S.W.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; Rev. H. G. Morse, G.C.; F. Davison, G.T.; W. Roebuck, P.G.M.O.; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., P.G.M. South Wales; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.S.O.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; F. Binckes, P.G.W.; — Pidcock; Thos. J. Pulley, G.D.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.G.M. Sussex; H. Lovegrove, G. Supt. of Wks.; C. J. Bannister, P.G.S.O.; W. J. Meek, G.S.; W. Barkley, G.S.; G. A. Rookes, G.S.; N. Berridge, G.D.C.; D. M. Dewar, A.G. Sec. and P.G.M.O.; John Barker, P.G.S.; John Walker, D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire; and H. Massey, P.G.S. (*Freemason*).

A grand banquet followed the Masonic proceedings of the day.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this Association took place on Friday last at No. 16a, Great Queen-street, when the officers were elected for 1881-82, a Sub-Committee appointed to conduct the election in October, and the Candidates selected for the support of the Association. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford was re-elected Chairman, Bros. Middlemass and Headon were elected Vice-Chairmen, Bros. Gladwell and Willing Auditors, and Bros. Tisley and Webb Secretaries. The Sub-Committee for the elections was also appointed.

It was unanimously resolved on the present election only to support Arthur Fellowes as candidate for that Boys' School election, and that Edith Mary Orridge (her last chance), and Nellie Louise Walters should be the only candidates for the Girls' School election. The support of the London brethren is much needed to enable the Association to succeed at the approaching elections.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

Having been able to refer to Facciolati, I can now deal with some questions which relate to the early use of "cæmentum."

It seems that Facciolati always spells it with an "æ," though in later times it was written "cementum," "cimentum," "sementum," "simentum," and the personal noun became "cementarius," "cimentarius," "sementarius," and "simentarius," accordingly.

Facciolati tells us that "cæmentum" meant cement. It also meant, and I beg my readers to note this, "rough unhewn stones," "stones as they came from the quarry," "pieces cut off from larger stones," "material for building;" any stuff of which walls are built—"stones," "rubbish," "cement."

Thus, "cæmentarius" is a "builder of walls," "a Mason," "qui cæmenta componit et muros struit." "Cæmentarius" thus became even in classic times a term for "Mason," and the word was used even apparently as synonymous with "lapicidæ," stone cutters.

Facciolati does not recognize "latomus" or "lithotomus," though he mentions "latomiæ," stone quarries, as identical with "lautumiæ," or "latumiæ," but prefers lautumiæ, though I think it is quite clear that "latomiæ" was in more frequent use. The word latomiæ, or latomia, in Greek, seems to come from laas, a stone, and temno "I cut." "Lapicidæ," stone cutters, hewers of stone, come from "lapicidinæ," and refers to those "qui lapides cædunt." "Lithourgos," "latomos," all mentioned by Facciolati, and "latomia," a stone-quarry, as of Greek usage, though Liddell and Scott prefer "latomia," and recognise the use of "latomos," "lithotomos," "lithourgos." We have since in medical parlance still, "lithotomy" and "lithotripsy."

Hence then we see that latomus is of Greek origin, if of past classic times and of monastic use. The barbarous use of "sementarius" needs no allusion here. It is a very remarkable fact, as pointing to the cessation of all active Mason work and life in the period between the fall of the Roman Empire and the revival of arts, architecture, letters, &c., that in the "Romane," or "low Latin," the "patois" of three or four hundred years used by the Latin races, no trace appears, according to Roquefort, of those common technical words such as "cæmentum," &c., and the like, though he mentions "Macon" as coming from "mansio." Architect comes from "architectus," Latin, and architecton from the Greek "architekton." But "archiatros," alluded to in a previous communication, is really a chief physician, and not an architect at all, and is another proof of the caution required in dealing with similar entries, as two facts ought always to be kept before us, the "ignorance" of many of the scribes of Greek, and even Latin, their usage being merely "hearsay," learnt by rote, and also the misuse of words often introduced in monastic common terms.

It may interest some admirers of the "rights of women" to know that the Latins recognised an "architecta," a female architect.

The result of such researches appear to me to be this, that cæmentarius or cementarius is of early classic use; that latomus is of monastic use, and is Greek in its derivation; and that "cæmentarius" precedes the use of "latomus." I think too, we may safely add that everything is pointing to a Roman and Grecian origin of the guild system, beyond, far beyond Teutonic, Bauhütten, and Steinmetzen and Anglo-Saxon sodalities, as the product and the remnants of Roman civilization in this country.

SOME FAMOUS MASONIC RELICS.

(Concluded from page 416).

When the President of the United States, Bro. George Washington, the acting Grand Master and the Master of Lodge No. 22, had taken a position to the east of the stone, with the Craft in a semi-circle westward, the Grand Marshal delivered to the Commissioners a large silver plate, upon which was the following inscription, which was read aloud:—

"This South-east corner-stone of the capitol of the United States of America, in the city of Washington, was laid on the 18th day of September, 1793, in the thirteenth year of American independence, in the first year of the second term of the presidency of George Washington, whose virtues in the civil administration of his country have been as conspicuous and beneficial as his military valour and prudence have been useful in establishing her liberties, and in the year of Masonry 5793, by the President of the United States, in concert with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, several lodges under its jurisdiction and lodge No. 22, from Alexandria, Virginia. Thomas Johnson, David Stewart and Daniel Carroll, Commissioners; Joseph Clarke, R.W.G.M.P.T.; James Hoban and Stephen Hallate, architects; Collin Williamson, Master Mason."

The plate was then handed to the President, who, attended by the Grand Master and three Worshipful Masters, descended to the trench and placed it and the stone in position, with the mystic rites of the Craft.

A gavel was manufactured for use of Bro. Washington on this occasion, and after the ceremonies he presented it to Worshipful Bro. Valentine Reintzel, Master of Lodge No. 9, at Georgetown. This lodge was organised in 1789, and at the time the corner-stone was laid was in very prosperous condition; but it soon afterwards ceased to exist. Bro. John

Mountz, who was its Secretary at the time of its dissolution, said it fell to pieces by its own weight. The brethren, however, were indisposed to do without Masonic communion, and October 22nd, 1795, the Grand Lodge of Maryland received a petition from a number of brethren in Georgetown, asking for a charter for a lodge there, in accordance with which request Columbia Lodge, No. 19 (now Potomac Lodge, No. 5), was formed; the Washington gavel had remained in the custody of Bro. Reintzel after the suspension of Lodge No. 9, and when Columbia Lodge No. 19, was organised as a continuation of Lodge No. 9, he placed the gavel in the possession of the new lodge, as its property, and it was used as the Master's gavel until 1818.

August 8th, 1829, a double celebration was observed in Baltimore—the centennial of the foundation of the city and the planting of the first stone of the Baltimore Susquehanna Railroad, now the Northern Central of the Pennsylvania Company's system. The Masonic Fraternity participated in these ceremonies, and, after appropriate centennial observances at the Battle monument, a procession was formed, consisting of the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, and Maryland Encampment, No. 1, Knights Templars, together with other societies and the state, city and railroad officials. Colonel William Stewart, Deputy Grand Master, performed the ceremony of planting the stone, and used the gavel with which Bro. Washington had planted the corner-stone of the National Capitol, at Washington. About ten years ago the Railroad Company made some changes in the line of its tracks and it became necessary to remove this stone, which was done, October 28th, 1870.

February 22nd, 1860, the equestrian statue of George Washington, by that distinguished artist and Craftsman, Bro. Clarke Miles, was dedicated in Washington city. The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the District of Columbia performed the rites of the Order in the inspection of the foundation, after which the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. G. C. Whiting, addressed Bro. James Buchanan, President of the United States and Past Master of Lancaster Lodge, No. 43, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as follows:

"Mr. President: This gavel, prepared expressly for the purpose, was used by Washington, as President of the United States, and as Grand Master of Masons *pro tempore*, in laying the corner-stone of the capitol of the nation, on the 18th day of September, 1793, and I now have the honour of requesting, in the name of the Fraternity, that you, his brother and successor, likewise employ it in the crowning act of dedicating his statue."

The President received the gavel and in appropriate language solemnly dedicated the "statue to the immortal memory of the Father of his country."

September 17th, 1866, this famous gavel was again employed in laying the corner-stone of the elegant Masonic Temple on North Charles-street, Baltimore. Here, again, the President of the United States attended as a Mason in the person of Bro. Andrew Johnson, Past Grand Master of Tennessee.

Another famous relic was used on this occasion—a gold trowel that had been manufactured for use in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall, St. Paul-street, Baltimore, May 16th, 1814, and bore this inscription:

"This trowel was presented to his excellency Levin Winder, Grand Master of Masons, at the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Hall, May 16th, 1814."

July 4th, 1815, this trowel was again used by Most Worshipful Bro. Winder, in laying the corner stone of the Washington Monument, at the intersection of Charles and Monument-streets, Baltimore; and again on July 4th, 1828, it was employed in the Masonic ceremonies attending the inauguration of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, on which occasion the venerable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, turned the first ground for this great undertaking.

Another valuable relic present upon the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of Baltimore's magnificent Temple, was the apron worn by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John Coates, which was made by Madame La Fayette and presented by her to Bro. George Washington.

There are numerous Masonic relics possessed by lodges throughout the Union, and their history should be written before it becomes tinged with tradition; modern Masonic research is in the direction of Truth, and in the matter of our *curios* we ought to have the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.—*Voice of Masonry*.

THE CARDINAL VIRTUES.

Every initiate in Masonry is taught that there are four cardinal virtues which mark his character as a Mason, and by these he is at all times ready to prove himself to those who are entitled to test his qualifications, and the claim he makes of being a member of the great Fraternity which has no limit on this earth, but forms a complete connecting chain all around the world. But how few are there who can even tell the names of these four cardinal virtues, much less explain their attributes, or how they work on the character of the members of the Craft. We have met many who, having stated that they would stand the test at once failed to do so on the application of the proof. When asked what they were, the answer had almost invariably been, "I was not posted on that." Why not? No candidate has ever yet been initiated without being informed that these four virtues constituted a portion of his character, and it should be the duty of every Master to impress this fact upon the mind of the novice. It is of as much importance as the investiture of a new name, which is given with so much solemnity. A Mason who cannot prove himself by the test he offers, is virtually no Mason at all; for what is the value of Masonry unless the brother can prove himself while travelling in foreign lands?

Where the brother is well known, the proof is rarely required; but the advantage of Masonry is that its disciples can make themselves known where otherwise they are, and would be, totally unknown. No matter what the language of the country may be, or whether the traveller is conversant or not with the tongue of those with whom he is brought in contact, Masonry will always furnish an interpreter. Some will say that these virtues are not essentials, but in this we differ. Everything in Masonry is an essential, especially when offered as proof. There is not a step in Masonry that is not essential; there is not a position that is not essential, else why are they so particularised? Consequently the perfect points of a Mason's character are very essential. No Master can afford to neglect the cardinal virtues, nor allow his disciples to be neglectful of them. Brethren, think of this!—*New York Courier*.

NOTICE.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book" for 1882 is preparing for publication on the 1st of November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

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The largely increased circulation of the *Freemason* necessitates our going to press at an earlier hour on Thursday.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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.]

A QUERY ANSWERED.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you are aware, I have often written to you in re French Freemasonry, feeling, for various reasons, much interest in it, and having taken the pseudonym of one of the earliest reputed founders of French Freemasonry—the Chevalier Maskelyne, whoever he may have been. I therefore write to you again to-day, under the same signature, in answer to the letter of Bro. Joseph Lambert, which appears in your last issue. Many questions necessarily arise out of his simple query, and questions not at all easy to answer or deal with.

Freemasonry in France is just now in a most abnormal state, and the condition of the Grand Orient may be not inaptly described as a "living death." And for this reason. It has, as your readers and Bro. Joseph Lambert know and finds, given up the old goodly, godly landmarks of our universal Order, and has substituted in their stead something new, revolutionary, unhallowed. It may be a grave question for Masonic juriconsults whether any section of the Cosmopolitan Fraternity, thus abjuring the universal

and unchanging landmarks of our Brotherhood, does not place itself out of the pale of Masonic comity; does not sever itself from the remaining branches of a wide-spread family; does not practically excommunicate itself; does not cease to be a jurisdiction which can command or claim legal submission, or international (Masonic) recognition. I repeat, it is, in my opinion, a fair question for Masonic juriconsults, in that though we have no precedents, happily, to guide us in such painful circumstances, common sense seems to point out the proper course to follow, and the needful remedy to adopt.

If, as regards France, owing to the Masonic proceedings of the Grand Orient, there is no legal Craft jurisdiction now, then there is no reason, Masonically speaking, why Bro. Joseph Lambert should not seek a charter for an English Lodge from some lawful authority.

At the same time I say all this I am not quite clear in my own mind that any such Masonic interregnum, as regards Craft Masonry, exists in France. Others may hold differently, but I always wish to speak out openly and clearly. "Abusus non tollit usum" is the old scholastic and legal adage; and however unwisely in my opinion the Grand Orient has acted, I do not myself see that it ceases, therefore, to claim jurisdiction over French Freemasons. If French Freemasons like all these recent proceedings, "tout pis pour eux," we may say, but such a state of things, however deplorable, cannot, it appears to me, take away from the French Grand Orient what is inherent in its constitution, self-government, and self-legislation.

What its position may be as regards exterior jurisdictions is another and a very different matter. The English Grand Lodge has practically decided the same question in Belgium; in that it declined sometime back to give a charter to English Freemasons to form an English lodge at Brussels on the ground of the existence of a legal governing body—the Grand Orient of Belgium. The allegations of the petitioners were pretty much the same as those of Bro. Joseph Lambert; the Belgian Freemasons having most submissively followed suit with the French vagaries.

There is another question which Bro. Lambert has to look in the face—Would any such lodge "outside of the Grand Orient" have a chance of recognition and permission to meet from the Government of France? I doubt it. But there is, it seems to me, notwithstanding, a way by which Bro. Lambert could raise the question in France itself, and under conditions perfectly legal and perfectly safe. Let him go to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and ask them to grant him a warrant for an English Lodge, to work in English.

The governing body of the French Ancient and Accepted Rite are a very liberally-minded body of men, and its more than probable that any such request would be received and considered in a most friendly and fraternal spirit. All French Masonry being originally English, it is only after all "history repeating itself," and I do not see myself that any opposition in that jurisdiction need be anticipated.

In the Grand Orient the religious point is the burning question; but such a discussion need not affect the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In France, and in other countries, as some of us know, Craft lodges are chartered under the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and, in the present circumstances of the case,—peculiar and unprecedented as they, in truth, are,—I, for one, see nothing to object to, and a good deal to approve of, in the course I venture to suggest to Bro. Joseph Lambert.

I am, yours fraternally, MASKELYNE.

THE MASONIC RECEPTION AT YORK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have had pointed out to us by Bro. W. W. Wheelhouse, of Lower Edmonton, Enfield Lodge, 1237, that his name does not appear as having been present at the Masonic reception at York, on the 5th inst. We fear other brethren will find their names omitted. The reception having been got up by a Joint Committee of the two York Lodges, it was decided to ask the brethren to sign two books. There were upwards of forty brethren who signed only one book. The list in the newspapers was made out from one book only—hence the omission. Bro. T. B. Whytehead is, however, preparing a little pamphlet, which will contain a complete list of the articles exhibited on the occasion, and of the 198 brethren who honoured us with their presence.

We are, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

A. BUCKLE, } Secs. of the
J. S. CUMBERLAND, } Joint Committee.

Manor House, York,

21st September, 1881.

THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

With your kind permission I beg again to ask those of my brethren who have no strong case of their own to support, kindly to give me their votes, whether for the Girls' or Boys' School Election.

On each former occasion I have received so much friendly help that I venture again to rely on their fraternal forbearance, and invoke their confidence and assistance. Neither will be misplaced.

I am, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde-park, W.,
Monday, Sept. 19th.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been directed by the Committee of this Association to ask you to kindly inform your readers in your next issue that the Committee have resolved to support at the elections in October next the following very deserving cases, viz.: Edith Mary Orridge, Nellie Louise Walters, and Arthur Fellows.

I have been also instructed to ask for the support of all London brethren for these thoroughly good cases.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

A. TISLEY,

1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, E.C., Hon. Sec.
September 20th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Now that our Association has selected, for its own good and wise reasons, its two candidates for the Girls' School election and its own candidate—Arthur Fellows—for the Boys' School election, I beg respectfully to make one or two suggestions through the medium of your impartial columns.

1. The one is, that all the friends of the candidates should bestir themselves to give the Association all the help they can at the next elections, which—to use a common expression—will be very stiff ones. A very large number of votes will be required to ensure success, and no one friend of the candidates should deem the case won until it be won.

2. A very mistaken belief prevails that because the Association takes up a case it is, therefore, safe. Such a theory is a complete fallacy. The Association cannot make votes; it only relies on the cheerful support and ready help of its own members and the friends of the candidates it supports. Just now the Association is met by two great difficulties,—the one is the apparent apathy of metropolitan subscribers for London cases; the other is the zealous and compact organization of the provincial Committees.

They command complete combination of voting power, the provincial subscribers voting as one man through the medium of the Charity Committee, and the consequence is, that the provincial representatives come up to London with a large number of votes, and are practically able to dominate the election.

In London, on the contrary, all is at haphazard and "cross purposes." Some worthy brethren take up special cases, but a great deal of voting power is lost by duplicate voting, and a still larger number of brethren, from the best motives, take up and carry through provincial cases, so that as the provinces grow stronger year by year, the chances of success of the poor London candidates proportionally decrease. I commend these remarks in all good feeling and deference, through your columns, to the notice of London voters, although I am not so foolish as to contend that every act of the London Masonic Charity Association has been the proper thing to do, or every proceeding perfect; yet the "idea" it seeks to embody in theory, and carry out in practice, is a true one,—true both for the interests of the London cases, and for the progress and welfare of the Charities themselves.

I am, yours faithfully,

A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to hand you enclosed letters received this week from America for publication.

Yours fraternally,

EMRA HOLMES, F.R.H.S.

[COPY.]

"Austin, Texas, August 23rd, 1881.

"Right Worshipful Emra Holmes,

"Fowey, England.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"I enclose you with this a copy of our Grand Secretary's letter to me of August 20th.

"Under the circumstances there is nothing else to be done except to recognise our representative, so long lost but now found. And I shall therefore be compelled to annul the commission heretofore issued to you. In doing so allow me to express the regret that we should be deprived of your valuable services.

"And believe me to be, dear Sir and brother, fraternally,
"J. H. McLEARY,
"Grand Master."

[COPY.]

"Austin, Texas, August 23rd, 1881.

"Grand Secretary's Office, Texas,

"Houston, August 20th, 1881.

"M. W. J. H. McLeary, Grand Master,

"Ancient and Accepted Masons, Texas.

"Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"Your favour of the 19th inst., received this day, in compliance therewith I have examined the proceedings of A. D. 1847, and find Bro. A. S. Ruthen was Grand Master for that year; in his address states that Robert Lee Wilson who was then representative to the M. W. Grand Lodge of England resigned, and recommended Bro. James Wyld, of the County of Cornwall, his successor, who was accepted by the Grand Lodge of Texas upon the adoption of the report of the Committee on foreign correspondence (see Ruthvens reprint vol. 1, pages 200 and 209). This is the first that I was aware of a representative at said Grand Lodge.

"Fraternally thine,
"G. H. BRINGHURST,
"Grand Secretary."

Reviews.

BIBLIOTHECA RABBINICA. Otto Schultze, Leipzig. Three more parts, the 9th, 10th, and 11th, of this very interesting compilation are before us, and for all who can read German, and "have a turn that way," they are full of information and instruction. It is undoubtedly true, and it is useless to deny the fact, that what are called "Rabbinical conceits" abound in these pages, but still, there is a fund of knowledge and illustrations as regards the scriptures of the Old Testament, which it is good for us all to read and realize, to study and pore over. The words of the wise "teachers and doctors of Israel" throw a light upon many obscure passages and illustrate many technical expressions, and though, of course, a blind adherence to the Rabbinical teaching is neither reasonable nor requisite, it is well for us to-day to understand alike what they say and think, what they teach and what they declare.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS. Bernard Quaritch, No. 339. We alluded to this catalogue last week, and its works on Hermeticism and Freemasonry, many of which, however, deserve a more detailed review. We say nothing, for want of space, on the valuable works it contains on philology, anatomy, medicine, astronomy, mathematics, physics, chemistry, electricity, magnetism, optics, and physical geography. We recommend brother students and book collectors to read the catalogue for themselves. We need not, either, allude farther to the Masonic books, as we mentioned them last week, except to say that one volume, No. 4511, contains an "Ahiman Rezon," of 1756; "Jachin and Boaz," 1762; "A Freemason's Answer to Suspected Author of Jachin and Boaz," 1762; a very interesting volume. Among the Hermetic works we notice "Speculum Alchemie," a Latin MS., 1480; and the "Tractatus Astrologici," of Guido Bonatus, also in MS. of the fourteenth century; "The Works of Cornelius Agrippa," in two volumes, said to be the original and best edition; and "Libro detto Angelico," also a MS. on paper, 1546. We note, moreover, Barrett's well known "Magus," a rare and curious work; the "Astrologicarum Libri V.," of Campanella, 1629; Sir Christopher Heydon's "Defence of Judicial Astrology," 1603; the "Ars Magna Scienti" of Kircher; Lilly's "Christian Astrology," 1647; the opera of "Raymundus Lullius," 1617; and also his "Ars Inventiva," dedicated to Cardinal Ximenes, 1515. We also light upon in this catalogue on "The Examen Alchymicum" of Pantalone, 1676; "Paracelsi Opera Omnia," 1658; Ragon's "Maconnerie Occulte," 1853; "The Laws of the Fraternity of the Rosie Crosse," and many other works interesting to the students and collectors in such branches of literature. There are two curious works, for instance, one published in London, 1684, called Weidenfeld's "De Secretis Adeptorum," and Smale's "Sketches of Early and Later Scottish Alchemists," privately printed, 1875.

BIBLIOTHECA SUNDERLANDIANA. First Part. Mr. Quaritch is also now offering to his customers and the public the sale catalogue of the great library at Blenheim, of which the first part has appeared for the auction which is to begin December 1st and go on to December 12th. The sale will be in four portions. The next portion will take place in April. The first portion contains 2700 lots, and among them books of the rarest interest and most lasting value. This library, as some of our readers probably know, was collected by Charles Spencer, third Earl of Sunderland. He was a great lover of books, and he is said to have formed the library in the short space of twelve years. It contains a wonderful collection of editions of the Greek and Roman classic writers. It has a remarkable and numerous collection of Bibles and Testaments, some of which are most rare and unique. It has a most extraordinary number of books on vellum, probably the largest number in any private library in the world, and some of which have been hitherto uncollected and unnoticed by bibliographers. Its MSS. are not so very numerous, though there is a Palimpsest codex of the Gospels, in Greek, of the eighth century; a Latin Bible of the fourteenth century; there are also two codexes of the Gospels, in Greek, of the twelfth and thirteenth century respectively, the works of Ephraim Syrus thirteenth century, of Chrysostom, twelfth century, and a beautiful illuminated work of the "Romance of King Arthur," in 2 volumes, and several other of less important MSS. And so, too, as regards English county histories, chronicles, works relating to Italian writers, canon and civil law, the fathers and councils, there is a very striking and important collection under each head. The early English tracts and pamphlets, extending from the reign of Queen Elizabeth to Queen Anne, include, we note, many of very great value and rarity. There is, also, a large collection of works relating to America, and French controversial and historical tracts of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; and, therefore, the sale is likely to be largely attended, and to be the subject of great excitement and absorbing interest for bibliomaniacs and book buyers of all countries for some time to come. Many of our readers in America will like to have this "Pvecis" of the first part of the catalogue, which is eventually to form one continuous collection, and remain a valuable memento of the library and the sale.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

Some time ago there was a little controversy between my esteemed friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, and myself, relative to the date of the first edition of this work. We did not agree in our conclusions, but we "agreed to differ," preserving that mutual respect for each other's honest convictions. It may be remembered by those who "care for such things," that Bro. Hughan basing his argument on the fact of a copy in America bearing date 1762, declared himself in favour of that date for the first edition; whereas, on my part, acting on divers statements in the "Revelations of a Square," as to a first edition in 1750, confirmed, as that seemed to be, by Bro. R. Spencer's memories of a 1761 edition. I did not and could not see anything "a priori" impossible or improbable in the earlier date. I had not then seen the 1762 edition, nor did I until a few days ago, when, favoured by Mr. Bernard Quaritch, of 15, Piccadilly, I obtained a volume from the library of our late lamented friend, John Hervey, which

contains "Ahiman Regan," 1756; "Jachin and Boaz," 1762; another Masonic tract, to which I shall speedily allude, also 1762; and a tract on "Christian Piety and Modern Enthusiasts," of date 1756, all bound together.

I have seen since the 1762 edition, and I feel bound honestly to confess at once that I must give up the 1750 edition, as the 1762 is to my mind clearly the original edition. I note, among other points, that it is a tract of fifty-six pages, not thirty-six as is sometimes stated; and that the writer, whoever he was, declares he had found the papers five years before—that would bring us to 1757—so that, unless the preface was printed in 1750, and it is a copied "verbatim et literatim" in 1762, the date of 1750 does not in any way tally with his own avowments. There is a difficulty to be got over as regards the edition of 1761, which Bro. Walter Spencer thinks he remembers, but may not he be thinking of an edition which Kloss mentions of 1763? For, in addition to the appearance of the work itself, as published in 1762 by W. Nicoll, St. Paul's Churchyard, with no allusion whatever to any previous edition, I am greatly struck by the following fact—that with this edition of "Jachin and Boaz" is bound up in this volume a Masonic tract, also of 1762, printed for J. Cooke, at Shakespeare's Head, in Paternoster-row, 1762, entitled, "A Freemason's Answer to the Suspected Author of a Pamphlet, entitled 'Jachin and Boaz.'" The writer quotes the following appropriate lines from Bro. Shakespeare:

"You would pluck out the heart of our mystery."—*Hamlet*.
"Oh! that Heaven would put in every honest hand a whip To lash the rascal naked through the world."—*Othello*.

In this pamphlet, of which I have been able to observe no trace in Kloss, at any rate, under two great heads, and which I have never seen previously quoted, the writer assumes, apparently, from first to last, that Jachin and Boaz has quite recently been published. I admit that he does not say so, perhaps, in express words, but he nowhere alludes to an earlier edition, and as he does say, "Besides the pamphlet under consideration many books and pamphlets have been published, the authors of which pretended to reveal the whole mysteries of the Fraternity to the public," I think if this writer appeared in the world previously to 1762, the indignant brethren would have said so. Therefore I come to the conclusion that Jachin and Boaz did first appear in 1762.

Two interesting points arise out of these pamphlets, first, who are the "many pamphleteers who have written upon the same subject," who hold that the "origin of the people called Freemasons is said to have been a certain number of persons who formed a resolution to rebuild the Temple of Solomon." This, too, in 1762. Secondly, what are the names of "many books and pamphlets" which had been published, "the authors of which pretended to reveal the whole mysteries of the Fraternity to the public?" This, too, was, let us remember, stated in 1762.

As I presume that in the last case, the professed "revealers" are those alluded to in certain publications well known to Masonic book collectors, I propose, next week, under this heading, to give the names of all known to myself, or which have come before me in references and the like, and then, perhaps, others may add to the list, all too long for to-day.

MASONIC STUDENT.

HORWOOD—HARWOOD.

The oft-mentioned Freemason, Wm. Horwood, of Fotheringay, is called, in a recent ecclesiastical publication, "Harwood," and his style of architecture is said to be "well known." Can any reader give me the authentic uses of his name in building contracts and the like? He is so far the earliest "Freemason" named, 1434.

MASONIC STUDENT.

GUILLIM.

In reply to "Her. Ord. Temp," I would ask, Is Guillim's passage original? Is it not based on Stowe? Of course Guillim, being a "herald" himself, he might know the very facts to which he deposes to. But is not the very same passage, and almost in "ipsisimis verbis," in Stowe? I may add that the original grant of Hawkeslowe, with the confirmation of Benolt and St. George, is among the Additional MSS. at the British Museum, and was published sometime back in the "Masonic Magazine."

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC MEDAL.

Per Bro. Newton, P.M., &c.

I have had a search, but have not yet identified the medal mentioned by my friend and Bro. J. Newton. I am glad he has described it, as, in fact, he has generally when aught curious comes into his possession. The only medal by Milton, in Bro. Marvin's splendid work, is at page 197, and is of the latter part of the last century. There are so many medals belonging to other societies that are so Masonic in their character that it is almost impossible to tell what they really refer to, unless there are titles thereon to guide to a decision. I am inclined to think Bro. Newton's medal is not Masonic, though I am not able to say what it is. The inscription, certainly, is most unusual if it be a Masonic medal.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE EARLY USE OF "FREEMASON."

I have been much pleased to see the references to this point by Bro. Gould and Mr. Papworth, and later on by the "Masonic Student." The last mentioned alluded to the same subject sometime since. The Editor of the "Masonic Cyclopaedia" cites the use of this term as early as A.D. 1435. How many can go beyond this date? Strange to say, Bro. "G. B. A.," in the "Freemason," and Bro. W. Harry Rylands, F.S.A., in the "Masonic Magazine" for September, must have been writing just at the same time about "William Kerwyn, Freemason, 1594." I quite think with the former that this Kerwyn was not simply an operative Mason, but in all probability a builder of financial position, and possibly an architect, as Bro. "G. B. A." suggests. The two articles should be carefully read, as they are quite independent, and suggest considerations of importance. Bro. Ryland's interesting article, especially, relative to 1594, being the earliest reference he knows of Freemason in connection with the old Masons' arms, should receive attention. Sorry I cannot just now give more time to recommending the subject once again to zealous Masonic students.

W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. THOMAS'S LODGE, No. 1914, AT KIDSGROVE.

Another Masonic lodge has been added to the roll in the Province of Staffordshire, and the ceremony took place on Thursday, the 17th inst., in the National Schoolrooms at Kidsgrove. Upwards of seventy brethren were present, principally from the neighbourhood. The R.W. Bro. Major G. S. Tudor, Prov. G.M., and the W. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, D.P.G.M., preceded by several Present and Past Provincial Officers, subsequently entered the lodge-room in procession, and on the R.W.P.G.M. taking the chair he was Masonically saluted, and afterwards proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge. The chairs of Senior and Junior Warden were occupied respectively by Bro. Gothard, 624, P.G.S.W., and Bro. Thos. Bickley, 418, P.G.J.W.

Letters of apology were read by Bro. W. CARTWRIGHT, P.G. Sec., from several brethren, including the P.G. Chap., and at his request certain portions of the ceremony were performed by the D.P.G.M. The P.G. Sec. having read the warrant, and the W.M. nominate and the brethren of the new lodge having been approved by the brethren present, the ceremonial of consecration was performed.

At the conclusion the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER pronounced the dedication, and in the name of His Royal Highness the Grand Master named it St. Thomas's Lodge, 1914 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England. The Provincial Grand Master was then again saluted Masonically, the honours being led by the Prov. G.D. of C., Bro. T. E. Fowke.

The installation was next proceeded with, the Prov. Grand Master vacating the "chair of King Solomon," and requesting Bro. Warwick Savage, P.M. 451, to act as Installing Master.

During the ceremony the W.M. nominate of the new lodge was appointed W.M. actual of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 1914, and the installation took place in the proper form, the W.M., Bro. W. Saxe Pearson, appointing and investing his officers.

The officers of the new lodge are: Bros. W. Savage, 451, I.P.M.; W. S. Pearson, W.M.; James Davenport, S.W.; T. E. Storey, J.W. and Treasurer; James Booth, Secretary; T. K. Pedley, S.D.; F. G. Warburton, J.D.; John Davies, I.G.; and Blakeley, Tyler.

The musical portion of the whole proceedings was conducted by Bro. F. Mountford, Organist.

The installation was terminated by the usual salutations, greetings, &c., and the brethren subsequently walked in procession to the Harecastle Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was prepared by the host.

The brethren who signed the Tyler's book were Bros. George Singleton Tudor, R.W.P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, W.D.P.G.M.; and the following Present and Past Provincial Officers and brethren: Bros. W. J. Gothard, 624, P.G.S.W.; W. H. Hales, P.M. 418, P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Bickley, 418, P.G.J.W.; Thomas Wood, 726, P.G. Registrar; Richard Tooth, 637, P.P.G.R.; T. E. Fowke, I.P.M. 726, P.G.D.C.; Alfred Dain, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Sampson Bennett, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Green Ainsworth, 460, P.G.S.D.; W. T. Pearson, 451, P.P.G.S.D.; Charles Round, 347, P.G.S. of Works.; Edward H. Thorne, 1383, P.G.S. of Works.; J. Beaumont Piercy, 418, P.P.G.S. of Works.; James Thorburn W.M. 98, P.G.S.B.; J. Webberley, 546, P.M. P.P.G.P.; Wm. Thompson, 1383; W. G. Lowe, 624, W.M.; Alfred L. Broad, 460, P.M.; J. P. Edwards, 451, P.M.; W. T. Copeland, 637, P.M.; F. Brandon, 418, W.M.; E. Roberts, 637, P.M.; T. Blair, 546, W.M.; Warwick Savage, 451, P.M.; John Pierpoint, 98, P.M.; Joseph Boulton, 98, P.M.; W. Bentley, 98; W. Bell, 98, S.W.; J. H. Rowley, 98, J.W.; James Booth, 98, S.; Robert Coulter, 98; G. Woolf, 98; James J. Amor, 98; Andrew, McCulloch, 98; John Field, 98; Enoch Sherratt, 98; Ralph Hilditch, 98, I.P.M.; Frank Weston, 98, Sec.; G. H. Pickburn, 98, S.D.; Robert Beswick, 98; George Smith, 98; T. K. Pedley, 98, I.G.; W. Beswick, 98; W. Cooper, 98, S.D.; Henry Platt, 98; James Emberton, 98; J. E. Brown, 98; Charles E. Woodstock, 98; John Procter, 98; Thomas Cope, 98; John T. Cox, 726; the Rev. John Hilton, 418; W. Boulton, 418; E. V. Greatbach, 418, I.G.; John Robinson, 418; W. Tunnicliff, 418; G. W. Martin, 460, J.D.; Edward B. Jackson, 418, J.D.; James Norris, 451; Thomas Blakeley, 451; G. C. Kent, 546, J.D.; W. E. Piercy, 637; Elijah Jones, 460; John E. Storey, 451, S.D.; E. H. Croydon, 460, S.W.; Philip Elliot, 460; F. Mountford, 460; W. Brown, 347, S.D.; F. G. Warburton, 979; John Davies, 979.

The banquet at the Harecastle Hotel (where the new lodge will in future hold its meetings) was attended by about fifty of the brethren. The W.M. presided, supported on the right by the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Tudor, and the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Gough, and on the left by the Installing Master, Bro. W. Savage, and Bros. Gothard and Bickley, P.G. Wardens. The usual Masonic toasts were given and most cordially received, but we are unable to find space for a report of the proceedings. Speaking of the good that Freemasonry is doing as a charitable institution, the W.M. stated that nearly £60,000 are annually dispensed by the Craft in connection with their schools and other charities.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the General Committee of the above-named Institution was held on Friday evening, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at which Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., presided. There was a large attendance, and, during the proceedings, it was proposed to recommend to the next Court of Governors that fourteen children should be placed on the foundation of the institution, the annual cost of education and clothing amounting to £112. Bro. R. Wilson, P.G.D., acted as Secretary at this meeting, in consequence of the illness of Bro. R. Brown and the absence from town of Bro. Broadbridge, the joint Secretaries of the Charity. It will be most welcome news to a very large proportion of the brethren in West Lancashire to know that Bro. Brown is now recovering from his severe illness, and an ardent hope is generally expressed that he may soon be able to take his place in the Masonic and business world which he has so long and admirably filled.

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COMPLIMENTARY MASONIC SUPPER TO BRO. WALTER BENTLEY.

On Friday evening, the 16th inst., the Freemasons of Belfast entertained at a supper, in the Banqueting Chamber, Freemasons' Hall, Arthur-square, Bro. Walter Bentley, the talented young tragedian, who on Saturday night completed a fortnight's engagement in the Ulster Hall. The supper, which was given on the occasion of his benefit, was attended by brethren hailing from the following lodges: The Provincial Grand Lodge of Co. Antrim, Provincial Grand Lodge of Co. Down, and Lodges Nos. 7, 10, 22, 36, 40, 51, 59, 77, 88, 97, 98, 103, 109, 111, 118, 154, 160, 180, 195, 254, 272, 372, and 746, Ireland; 477, Dunedin, N.Z., Scotch Constitution; and 721, 1264, and 1440, England.

Bro. Wm. Redfern Kelly, G. L. Inst., P.G.L. Antrim, presided, and grace having been said, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast. Supper being over, and the cloth having been removed,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the three charter toasts of Freemasonry—"The Queen," with which was coupled "The Craft." This toast was most enthusiastically acknowledged, and was followed by that of "The Three Grand Masters—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, of England; His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, of Ireland; and Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, of Scotland." This toast having been received with the grand honours of Masonry, it was followed by that of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Co. Antrim," coupled with the name of the Marquis of Donegal, its Grand Master. This toast was also warmly received and duly honoured.

A letter of apology from Bro. J. F. Warden was read, in which he expressed the regret he felt at not being able to be present on the occasion, on account of his absence from home.

The CHAIRMAN next proceeded to propose the toast of "The Guest of the Evening, Bro. Walter Bentley," and, in doing so, referred to the great pleasure it afforded him to be present on the occasion, and to assist in doing honour to a worthy and distinguished brother. In the name of the brethren present he most cordially welcomed Bro. Bentley, whose advent to Belfast for the purpose of his present engagement they all so joyfully hailed, and whose speedy departure they as sincerely regretted. (Applause.) Bro. Bentley's visits were like those of the angels, few and far between; he, however, hoped that at least once in each year the brethren would have the pleasure of feasting themselves upon the intellectual treats with which he was accustomed to regale them. He (the Chairman) referred to the first impression which was created upon his mind on witnessing the inimitable performance of their guest on the occasion of his appearance in the role of *Clarence*, in Bro. Henry Irving's representation of "Richard III." His brilliant, lucid, and refined perception of the character which was intended by the writer, and his masterly execution of the piece, were such as to impress every lover of the stage and every admirer of talent who heard him on that occasion with the belief that he was destined sooner or later to inscribe his autograph upon the great scroll of histrionic fame (applause), and certainly the recent display of his undoubted talents in the production of some of the most difficult and trying of the immortal Shakespeare's plays before Belfast audiences (of all others famed for their keen criticism), amply justified the impression first formed as to his theatrical genius. (Great applause.) Bro. Bentley had, in common with most other men of genius, to contend with the innumerable obstacles which bar their advancement in this world. So far, however, it was gratifying to find that he had been most successful in surmounting those obstacles one after another. One by one the barriers opposed to his progress had fallen beneath his persevering assaults, and he would, no doubt, yet succeed in placing the citadel at his feet. (Applause.) It had been said of Bro. Walter Bentley that he had presumed to imitate the celebrated Bro. Henry Irving. Could such imitation be regarded as a crime? Was there anything condemnatory in the desire of a young and rising actor to follow in the footsteps of a tragedian, so refined, so accomplished, and so eminent as is Bro. Henry Irving? Certainly not; but rather, on the contrary, such an emulation ought to be considered as being laudable and praiseworthy in the extreme; however, be that as it might, they all felt proud of their young brother, and indulged in the fond hope that (if spared) he would one day occupy as a tragedian a position on the British stage not less exalted than that now occupied by Bro. Henry Irving or Bro. Harry Sullivan, two of the greatest and most famous tragedians of the present age. (Prolonged applause.) Bro. Bentley was no stranger amongst those present; he was, in fact, personally known to most of them, and all who knew him were proud to bear testimony to his great personal worth. He was a gentleman, not alone by birth, breeding, and education, but by the profession and practice of those exalted principles and virtues, the acquirement of which is essential to all those who would appropriate to themselves the proud title of Freemason. In conclusion, he wished Bro. Bentley the utmost prosperity in the honourable profession which he had elected to adopt; and whilst expressing regret at his departure, he was sure that all present would also rejoice with their brother guest in order to cheer and support him on his road to fame. (Prolonged cheering.)

The toast was received with the usual Masonic honours amidst the utmost enthusiasm.

Bro. BENTLEY, who, on rising to respond, was received with loud cheering, said: Bro. Chairman and brethren, on my arrival in Belfast I was informed of your intended kindness, and I can assure you that I felt very deeply the compliment proposed, and was delighted to accept your offer to be present at this entertainment. I accept, as a young man beginning his professional career (as I confess I am), such kindness as a sort of "God-speeding" from man to man, and from brother to brother. As one engaged in an arduous profession such as is mine, one which requires immense thought, and the exercise of every effort if success would be attained, you will quite understand how impossible it would be for me to devote as much of my time as I should feel inclined to do in furthering the best interests of Freemasonry, an Order which I love, and of which I, and I am sure all of us, feel proud. (Applause.) I am not an exalted Mason, and cannot see what I have done to elicit from you such a kindly expression as has been conveyed by you, Bro. Chairman, from the brethren present on this occasion. Such being the fact, I must take the

compliment as one not paid to myself personally, but to the profession which I represent. As to the path of life which I have chosen, I would take leave to say that the stage is an honourable profession, and one of which I feel proud. The drama has an elevating tendency; it is an edifying power of no mean pretensions, and instead of its being recognised, as it very often is, as being a mere vehicle of amusement, it should occupy its legitimate position in the intellectual world as a grand educational medium, which no doubt it is. (Loud cheering.) I feel proud to have my name associated with that of Bro. Henry Irving, even as being the student of the man who has done more than any other dramatic artist living towards elevating the stage to that proud and dignified position which it is surely entitled to occupy among the many noble institutions of which our country can boast. I do not intend to imitate his gait or his manner, but I can surely, without being rendered liable to a charge of plagiarism, follow in the steps of a great master, who himself follows, and is a profound exponent of the genuine principles of the histrionic art. (Prolonged cheering.) As Freemasons I am proud to meet you all, and I much regret that I cannot oftener be with you and visit your lodges "at labour;" for though I am not what is termed a working Mason, I have the principle of the Order deeply rooted in my heart. (Loud applause.) I leave Belfast in a day or two, and I can assure you I will carry with me the warmest feelings of gratitude for those members of the Masonic Craft who have so nobly and so unselfishly extended to me the right hand of fraternal friendship. (Prolonged cheering.) I thank you deeply for having thus bid me a kindly God-speeding on my way. (Loud cheering.)

Bro. W. A. CAMPBELL next proposed in eloquent terms the toast of "The Chairman, Bro. Wm. Redfern Kelly." The toast was received in the most enthusiastic manner, and the grand honours of Freemasonry were accorded to Bro. KELLY, who in feeling terms acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the great pleasure which it afforded him to preside on so auspicious an occasion.

During the evening the brethren were entertained with a choice selection of readings and songs from the following brethren: Bros. Walter Bentley, John Mantell, H. Joy McCracken, W. J. Stokes, Samuel K. Cowan, R. J. Brown, Francis E. Dale, R. J. Howard, R. J. Connor, W. Chambers, Arthur Beale, and M. Corkin; and a very enjoyable entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

THE REASONS WHY LADIES HAVE NEVER BEEN MADE FREEMASONS.

Arduous is the task I am now entering upon, and very difficult indeed is it to eradicate opinions which have been so strongly impressed upon the people's mind (and especially those of the fair sex) for ages past. However, the reasons and arguments that I shall lay down I hope will remove those grounded opinions, and trust will prove highly satisfactory to my fair readers, as I am sure when they consider seriously upon Masonry, and but for a moment reflect that its institution is for the improvement of the mind and morals of mankind, they will allow them to be just.

In the first instance, and it must be allowed a truth beyond the power of contradiction, that no society or body of men upon earth can venerate, adore, and esteem the fair sex more than Freemasons do. We cannot but reckon it a very great misfortune that the ladies should be offended at their non-admission in our Craft, and the more so as they learn with what moderation Freemasons conduct themselves in their assemblies; but without knowing the reasons why they are not admitted, some indeed, censure us with all the severity their delicate minds are capable of; others, again, are as liberal and unrestrained in praise of the society. This, we must beg leave to say, is entirely owing to mistaken prejudice, because a little reflection would convince them that their not being received into our institution is not in the least singular, as some allege, and whom I understand to have said "they stand in the same predicament with respect to the priesthood and many other societies, the solemn assemblies of the Ancients, the senates of Pagan, and the conclaves of Rome, all national senates and ecclesiastical synods, universities, seminaries of learning," &c., &c., with which they might in equal propriety be offended.

Others have asserted that the reason why ladies were excluded our society was to take away all occasion for calumny and reproach, which those shallow geniuses seem to think would have been unavoidable had they been admitted. And, again, that since woman had in general been always considered as not very well qualified to keep a secret,* because the woman of Tamnath, whom Samson took to wife, betrayed the secret of the riddle which he entrusted her with to the Philistines; † likewise, because Delilah, after repeated stratagems and arts, persuaded Samson to inform her where his great strength lay, which he had no sooner done but she betrayed him to the Philistines, who bound him and put out both his eyes; ‡ I think it exceedingly unjust to exclude the fair sex from benefiting by our societies on account of Delilah's behaviour, because it is not known whether she was one of the daughters of Israel or a woman of the Philistines. Sacred history is silent on the subject, and, according to Josephus she was a mercenary woman, and would do anything for money.§

My fair readers will please to recollect that in the most early ages of antiquity women's minds were not so enlightened as in the present age; that they were only considered in the days of King Solomon as handmaids, and not as companions and associates to men, employed in so learned, so useful, and so mysterious a society as Masonry, as there are many transactions in the Royal Art which are far beyond that knowledge which women generally attain. || At

* Some men, I feel confident, are less qualified to keep secrets than the ladies are here represented to be.

† Judges, chapter xiv.

‡ Judges, chapter xvi.

§ Josephus, v. 7, chapter x.

|| The most ancient inhabitants of the East were little acquainted with the strongest passions of the soul. They never showed the least marks of affection or tenderness for that sex so much courted by Freemasons of the present age. They considered their wives (and even do at present) rather in the light of slaves than of companions. They did not even suffer them to eat with them always, and had occupied the right of divorcing them without permitting the indulgence of marrying again. The women then felt themselves born to obey, and submitted patiently to their fate.

the first institution of Masonry, it was thought proper to exclude the fair sex, and as old customs are but too seldom laid aside, their expulsion has been handed down to us. And as we are such strict observers of the ancient manners and customs so transmitted to us by our forefathers, these, I hope, will be sufficient reasons why that amiable part of creation has hitherto been excluded.

Many of the fair sex, I am truly sensible, would be the greatest ornaments to Masonry, did not our laws and institutions exclude them. However, what I shall now advance will be allowed, especially among those of my fair readers who are united in the sacred institution of marriage with Freemasons, who, I flatter myself, are convinced of its truth. And as Freemasons, by the rules of the Craft, pay a far greater attention to the moral and social duties of life than the generality of mankind, they are inspired with a far greater desire and reverence for the most sacred and happy of all institutions—marriage. They of all others best know how to love, to cherish, to value the dear companion of their fortunes, who, by her kind participation and affectionate regard, softens and alleviates every distress and worldly care, and adds sweetness and comfort to all the pleasures of life. She is the most pleasing companion in the gay and cheerful hour of prosperity, and his chief friend and adviser in the dark and dismal day of adversity. She is the tender and careful preserver of his health, and the ever anxious and soothing attendant on his sickness. She is the watchful, cautious, and prudent manager of all his domestic concerns.

We do declare there is nothing which affords so pleasing a prospect of human nature as the contemplation of wisdom, virtue and beauty; the latter is the peculiar gift of heaven to that sex we call fair; but wisdom, virtue and beauty are attributes too celestial to be frequently found united in one form. We too often find beauty capricious, self-sufficient, negligent of adorning itself with any other ornaments than such as are conveyed by the hands of fashion and folly. If this most beautiful part of the creation would but for a moment consider how much their charms are heightened and their empire preserved, by an accomplished mind and manners, they would neglect no opportunity of obtaining those more lasting charms, which will be engraved on the hearts of their husbands when the transient flower of life is no more.

Whenever a good Mason's fancy and judgment has agreed in the choice of a partner for life, he will support the authority and dignity of a husband with that wisdom, moderation, tenderness and affection that shall render him honoured and beloved; for the Mason, above all others, well knows that if happiness is not found in the narrow circle of his own home it will be sought for in vain; in short, the fair sex will ever find in a Mason a warm and passionate admirer, a most sincere friend, an affectionate husband and father; they will ever find a Mason the protector of innocence, and at all times and situations attentive to every delicacy and decorum they so justly claim from all mankind.

I must further add, that in the most solemn and serious moments of the assembled Freemasons in open lodge, and at the reception of a brother, the ancient, and even a part of the modern Freemasons, present the newly-initiated brother with two pair of white gloves, one pair for himself, and another for a lady, with a strict charge to present them to that female for whom he has the greatest regard; and even in our hours of relaxation from labour, when innocent mirth abounds, we never forget Milton's words, viz.:

"Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eye,
In every gesture dignity and love."

And in another place:

"So absolute she seems,
And in herself complete, so well to know
Her own, that what she wills to do or say,
Seems wisest, virtuousest, discreetest, best;
All higher knowledge in her presence falls
Degraded; wisdom in discourse with her
Loses, discountenanced, and like folly shows;
Authority and reason on her wait,
As one intended first, not after made
Occasionally; and to consummate all
Greatness of mind and nobleness, their seat
Build in her loveliest, and create an awe
About her, as a guard angelic placed."

No better proof is required of a Mason's admiration for the fair sex than the Masonic song:

"We're true and sincere
And just to the fair,
They'll trust us on any occasion;
No mortal can more
The ladies adore,
Than a Free and Accepted Mason."

A Masonic writer of reputation observes, that though men are more reserved and secret in their friends' concerns than their own, women, on the contrary, keep their own and friends' secrets better than men. Modesty in a woman surpasses all other virtues; immodesty, all other vices. Women generally take greater care of their reputation than men do of theirs; why, then, do we count them the weaker sex? Hence, virtue makes a beautiful woman appear more beautiful, so beauty makes a virtuous woman really more virtuous.

In many countries ladies have been admitted to 'sundry parts of our ceremonies, such as laying the foundation stones of public buildings, private or public orations, at one of which the ladies in particular were addressed thus by the orator.*

"You have heard, ladies, our grand principles explained, with the instructions given to the brethren, and I doubt not at other times you have heard many disrespectful things said of this society. Envy, malice and uncharitableness will never be at a loss to decry, find fault, and raise objections to what they do not know. With what respect, superior esteem and regard are we to look on every lady present that has done us the honour of being present on this occasion. To have the sanction of the fair is our highest ambition, as our greatest care will be to preserve it. The virtues of humanity are peculiar to your sex; and we flatter ourselves the most splendid ball could not afford you better pleasure than to see the human heart made happy, and the poor and distressed obtain present relief."—Bro. Z. A. Davis in the *Keystone*.

* Thomas Dunckerley, Esq., Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Wiltshire and Dorsetshire, England.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. With commendable promptitude Bro. Pennefather, W.M., opened the lodge, and was numerously supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Malthouse, C.C., S.W. and W.M. elect; T. Mc. Butt, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; G. H. Stephens, I.D.; J. I. Howes, I.G.; E. Mallett, P.M., Sec.; J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; T. Butt, P.M.; J. King, W. C. Smith, R. B. Greenwood, A. Silver, W. Snow, S. Renaut, Gaskin, Brasher, W. H. Milton, Brickdale, Cooper, Wareham, T. Smith, and others.

An emergency meeting having disposed of the business left at the last regular lodge meeting, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Malthouse, was proceeded with. Bro. J. Howes, P.M. and Treasurer, having presented the W.M. elect for the benefit of installation; the charges were read by the Secretary, Bro. E. Mallett, P.M., and Bro. Malthouse was duly obligated. On the re-assembling of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was saluted according to ancient form, and the officers were invested as follows: Bros. T. Mc. C. Butt, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; G. H. Stephens, S.D.; J. I. Howes, J.D.; W. Snow, I.G.; W. Butt, D.C.; R. B. Greenwood, W.S.; J. Howes, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); E. Mallett, P.M., Secretary (re-appointed). The W.M. addressed each of the officers in congratulatory terms, and the several appointments gave general satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. W. Smyth was also appointed Tyler. Bro. Pennefather then concluded his arduous duties as Installing Master by giving the ancient charges to the Master, Wardens, and the brethren in a highly impressive manner, at the conclusion of which Bro. Pennefather was greeted with hearty applause. The report of the Auditors was received, and, proving highly satisfactory, was unanimously adopted. The W.M. next rose to perform a highly pleasing duty—that of placing on the breast of the I.P.M. a jewel from the brethren of the lodge, recognising the highly efficient manner in which Bro. Pennefather had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past twelve months. Bro. Malthouse could personally testify to the valuable assistance and instruction which Bro. Pennefather had imparted, not only to himself but to all the members of the lodge, and trusted he would live to wear the jewel for many years, and continue to be with them to instruct them in the grand principles of Freemasonry. Bro. Stephens having suggested that the appropriate collar and badge of office be purchased for Bro. E. Roberts, the honorary Organist of the lodge, the suggestion was warmly supported and adopted. After some routine business, during which the Secretary and Treasurer found ample and agreeable occupation, "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where, under the able superintendance of Bro. Hamp, a banquet of a thoroughly satisfactory character was efficiently served. This banquet was the first which was served in the new and handsome *salle a manger*, named the Duke's Saloon, which is a highly-finished and handsomely decorated room. The panels are of mosaic tiles, depicting the various phases of the history of the ill-fated Lady Jane Grey. The ceiling is enriched with gold and tapestry, and its walls are lined with American walnut. All these accessories, joined to a capitally served banquet, combined to render the occasion, by general consent, a red-letter day in the annals of the West Smithfield Lodge. Another feature which added to the enjoyment was the admirable selection of music played by the band under the baton of Mr. C. Saunders whilst the banquet was proceeding. Grace having been said, the W.M. introduced the usual loyal and Craft toasts, Bro. Egbert Roberts giving the National Anthem and a verse of "God Bless the Prince of Wales" in capital style. In replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," one of the visitors, Bro. E. Lott, was called upon to respond, and, in reply, expressed his thanks for the warm reception the toast had met with. All who knew him were aware he was not given to the making of long speeches. He had only one language in which he loved to express himself, and if called upon he would prefer to interpret his sentiments in that language. Bro. E. Lott, P.M., was thereupon called upon to oblige with a selection, and favoured the brethren with a fantasia upon several popular airs, which was heartily applauded. Bro. W. Pennefather gave, in a eulogistic speech, "The Health of the W.M.," and, after a song from Bro. McButt, S.W., Bro. Malthouse returned thanks for the hearty reception his name had met with. He trusted to prove himself worthy of the choice of the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge, and would do all in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge, and further the good of Freemasonry at large. "The I.P.M." was next honoured, the W.M. expressing the great obligation he felt to Bro. Pennefather for the capital manner in which he had been installed into the chair of King Solomon, and for the instruction which Bro. Pennefather had imparted to him. This was heartily received, and Bro. Stephens having favoured the brethren with a song, Bro. Pennefather expressed his thanks for the warm and flattering reception which the toast had met with. He would at all times be most happy to do all in his power to render any assistance to the lodge which might be required of him, and hoped to be spared many years to see the lodge go on in a prosperous condition. Bro. Conture having sung a song, Bro. E. Mallett, Secretary, responded to "The Health of the P.M.," on behalf of himself and Bro. Howes, P.M., Treasurer, and the toast of "The Visitors" was given, Bro. Malthouse extending a hearty welcome to one and all. After a song from Bro. Brickdall, the toast was replied to in suitable terms by Bros. Runacres, P.M. 1558; E. H. Bramley, 957; A. Boehr, 1585; C. Stevenson; T. Wooding, S.W. 1306; T. Conture, 1306; T. T. Philips, J.W. 1929; and others; and "The Officers" were next toasted. Bro. Malthouse, in brief but expressive terms acknowledging the acquaintance each brother had shown for the duties which had been entrusted to him, and asking a bumper toast in honour of the officers of the West Smithfield Lodge. This was most heartily rendered, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most memorable and highly successful meeting.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The first meeting after the summer vacation of this old and well-known lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The chair was taken by Bro. Jas. Hilton, W.M., supported by Bros. T. Hatton, S.W., and W. Gick, P.M. 1756, J.W.; besides whom there were present Bros. E. Catrall, Sec.; C. Bromley, P.M., P.Z., Treas.; Hounsell, S.D.; Donnelly, J.D.; Galloway, I.G.; P. Ball, P.G.T., Tyler; W. H. Martin, S.S.; Frank Johnson, J.S.; J. P. Bryan, Org.; C. Birch, I.P.M.; J. W. Alston, P.M., Z.; E. Johnston, P.M., P.Z., P.M. 1756; Dr. T. W. Sergeant, P.P.G.S.D., P.Z., P.M., M.C.; J. A. Wilson, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W., P.Z., P.M.; and a good number of members and visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Steele and Stopforth were raised by the W.M. to the Third Degree, who performed the ceremony in a highly creditable manner.

After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren and visitors adjourned to the large banqueting room, where supper was served, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. T. M. Serjeant proposed "The Visitors," which was heartily received; Bros. Graham, 1609, and Bro. Wadsworth, 293, responding. A choice selection of music was effectively rendered by Bros. J. Queen, 1505; A. Child, 1756; J. Mure, 823; T. Hatton, 203; and Donnelly, 203; Bro. Galloway giving a stirring recitation. Bro. J. P. Byran furnished the accompaniments. A vote of thanks to the musical brethren was unanimously accorded, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Queen on their behalf. Altogether this was a most pleasant and successful meeting.

HARWICH.—Star in the East Lodge (No. 650).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was celebrated on the 13th inst., when a large number of the brethren assembled at the Pier Hotel, Harwich, to witness Bro. J. H. Jennings, who had been unanimously re-elected, installed into the chair of King Solomon for the second time. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. A. Welsh, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W., in a most impressive manner, after which the W.M. invested the following brethren to assist him during his term of office: Bros. R. Clowes, S.W.; H. G. Everard, J.W.; Rev. E. Sullivan, Chap.; W. Groom, Treas.; M. L. Sanders, Sec.; S. Newton, S.D.; R. Watson, J.D.; C. R. Salter, Org.; T. Dunn, I.G.; R. Barlow, Tyler.

After the ceremony the brethren proceeded to a most sumptuous banquet prepared by Bro. Rule, who was most deservedly congratulated for the very efficient manner in which he catered. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and Bros. R. Clowes and Rev. E. Gaye conducted much to the enjoyment of the brethren by their excellent singing. Bro. Turlie Lee rendered some pianoforte recitals in a masterly manner. Bro. Sir H. Taylor was unavoidably absent through indisposition. The brethren retired about eleven o'clock, much delighted with the pleasant evening.

LEDBURY.—Eastnor Lodge (No. 751).—This lodge last week opened their new lodge room, which is situated in High-street. After the business had been conducted a banquet was held in the room, when there was a good muster, the Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, Bro. the Right Worshipful Sir Joseph Russell Bailey, Bart., M.P.; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Jowitt, and other visitors being present. The banquet was supplied by Mrs. Matthews, of the Royal Oak Hotel, assisted by Mr. W. H. Hopkins, and gave the greatest satisfaction.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst., Bro. R. Wilson, W.M. in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. J. Harper, S.W.; Jordan Ashworth, J.W.; D. Bell, S.D.; G. Lowden, J.D.; E. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Treas.; W. Martin, P.M. Sec.; J. Banks, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler; J. McMullen, Steward; James Peel, James Routledge, and Bros. Baxter, Black, Macaulay, and Walker. Visitors from Kenlis Lodge, 1267, Egremont. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the general business before the lodge was to raise Bros. Peel and Routledge to the Third Degree. They having given proofs of their proficiency, Bro. Clarke assumed the chair and performed the work according to his usual ability. The general routine business of the lodge having been disposed of, and the usual proclamations put, three candidates were proposed for initiation. With "Hearty good Wishes" the lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

SHOEBURYNES.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—The annual banquet held in connection with this flourishing young lodge took place at the Cambridge Hotel on Friday evening, the 16th inst., and passed off in an exceptionally satisfactory manner. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. J. M. Farr, presided, being supported by the following officers and brethren of the lodge: Bros. G. J. Glasscock, P.P.G.S. Essex, I.P.M.; C. Floyd, S.W.; H. Church, J.W.; S. Turner, S.D.; J. Taylor, jun., 160 and 1000, J.D.; J. Ayling, I.G.; E. D. Bacon, P.D.G.J.W. Gibraltar, Org.; H. Gunnell, Steward; J. A. Wardell, P.P. A.G.D.C., D.C.; C. Eltham, P.M. 1817, Treas.; J. W. Harris, P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; A. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C.; Capt. W. Smith Cox, P.M. 1000, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; H. J. Hatch, P.P.G. Chap., &c.; G. Berry, W.M. 1000; J. N. Carey, W. Stafford, A. W. Petty, W. Y. Ogden, W. Kirkwood, and others.

The visitors included Bros. Capt. Weston, P.M. 1536, M.F.Z., P.G.S.B. Kent; W. Pissey, P.M. 160 and 1734, P.P.G.J.W., M.F.Z. 1000; F. G. Green, P.M. 1024; D. J. Wright, W.M. 1024; J. F. Harrington, I.P.M. 160; H. Harper, W.M. 160; F. F. Barrett, S.W. 1000; W. Kilpin, 160; L. Warren, jun., 1000; Anderson, Horton, and Harding, 1536.

At the conclusion of the banquet, which was excellently served by Bro. Ayling, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to with Masonic "fire," Bro. A. Lucking, who was warmly received, replying for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bros. Harper and Pissey for "The Visitors," and Bro. C. Eltham for "The Masonic Charities." The W.M., in proposing "The Past Masters of No. 1817" (Bros. Eltham and Glasscock), presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, and in the course of his observations he alluded to the punctuality and assiduity with which Bro. Glasscock had at

all times discharged his duties throughout his tenure of office. Bro. Glasscock, in acknowledging the presentation, said that during year of office he had endeavoured to fulfil his duties in an impartial manner, and he was gratified to find that he had done so to the satisfaction of the brethren. During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was performed by Bros. Horton, Harding, and Anderson, of the United Military Lodge, and by Bros. Farr, Berry, Glasscock, Bacon, Eltham, Hatch, and others, the proceedings, which were of a more than ordinary pleasant and convivial character, terminating shortly after midnight.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge was held at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 17th inst., under the able presidency of Bro. J. A. Powell, who was ably supported by Bros. Gilham, S.W.; E. Woodman, J.W.; Percy, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; Spencer, S.D.; Kent, J.D.; E. Payne, I.G.; also Bros. J. P. Cohen, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Snare, R. Defriez, D. Moss, Brasted, F. W. Jones, Wolf, Fysh, Bird, Stroud, A. M. Marks, G. A. Davis, Parkes, Perl, F. W. Jones, Rothschild, sen., J. Everett, Weedon, and others.

All formalities were complied with. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Perl personating the candidate, which was performed in a most perfect manner by the W.M., who afterwards worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. John Everett, of the Henry Muggridge Lodge, 1697, I.G., Davis, of the Joppa Lodge, 188, and E. Payne, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, 1602, were duly elected members. Bro. Gilham, P.M., Stuart Lodge, 1632, was elected W.M. for next meeting, Saturday, the 24th, when it is hoped that he will be supported by as numerous an attendance as on this evening. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—This recently-formed lodge having removed to the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Regent-street, W., held its first meeting on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when the following members were present: Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., presiding as W.M.; Forrest, S.W. 1321, as S.W.; Kirkaldy, as J.W.; G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321, Hon. Sec.; F. T. Edgington, W.M. 1321; G. Willson, J.W. 1321; Fendick, S.D. 1321; H. Reed, P.M. 733; Smith, P.M.; and B. H. Swallow, P.M. 1563. It was proposed and seconded that the future meetings of the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1821, be held at the above house every Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock. At a meeting held in the same house on Wednesday, the 14th inst., the above resolution was confirmed. On this occasion there were present: Bros. G. Willson, W.M.; Kirkaldy, S.W.; H. W. Percy, J.W.; Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Preceptor; G. F. Swan, Hon. Sec.; Forest, and E. J. Scott; and the following brethren who were elected members: Bros. J. Docker, W.M. 1678; Dean, W.M. 1900; Shand, W.M. 1563; Percy, 1853; Boyell, 1321; Richmond, 975; B. H. Swallow, P.M. 382, and 1563; Jones, 27; and F. Green, 1687. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and some of the Sections in the First and Second Degrees were worked. The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. Docker the last Wednesday in this month. Brethren being M.M.'s are invited to join. Customary lodge of instruction fees.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when there was a very good attendance of the brethren; the offices being filled as follows: Bros. Kern, W.M.; Gayton, S.W.; Tanqueray, J.W.; Stoddart, S.D.; Bucé, J.D.; S. T. H. Saunders, I.G.; R. Clay, Sudlow, Preceptor; and Joseph D. Langton, Secretary. The lodge was duly opened, and the Secretary read the minutes of the last lodge meeting, which were confirmed by the brethren. Bro. Bentley Haynes, acting as candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. gave the explanation of the second treasury board. The Second and Third Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barnett was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Thomas Clarkson, of the Amhurst Lodge, No. 1223, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge, after which the lodge was closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 15th inst., there were present Bros. F. Rothschild, W.M.; T. Pingston, S.W.; J. Fletcher, J.W.; J. Rothschild, S.D.; S. Rushton, J.D.; S. W. Reddall, I.G.; Robert D. Cummings, Preceptor; George H. Calderwood, Treas.; Harold Halliday, Hon. Sec., and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, with the exception of the minute referring to the alteration of the time of meeting. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed by Bro. F. Rothschild, P.M. 1288, and W.M. elect of the mother lodge, Bro. Calderwood being the candidate. Brethren only who have had the pleasure of hearing Bro. F. Rothschild's working can know how excellently this was done and the hearty thanks it elicited. The ceremony of passing was also rehearsed in the same effective manner as the former, Bro. Byass acting as candidate. Bro. Pingston was unanimously chosen W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed officers in rotation. This ended the business of the evening, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

RUNCORN.—Bridgewater Chapter (No. 758).—The annual installation meeting in connection with this chapter took place on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The duties of Installing Principal were performed by Comp. Stephens, P.Z. 537, in an able manner. The chiefs installed were Comps. J. P. Platt, P., as Z.; J. K. Digges, as H.; and W. R. Wass, as J. The following companions were duly invested by Comp. Platt as his

officers: Comps. R. Evans, Treasurer; W. Mellor, Scribe E.; W. Lyon, Scribe N.; G. Purver, P.S.; and W. Houghton, Janitor. The balance-sheet was presented, read, and declared very satisfactory, showing a handsome balance in the funds. Bro. James White, I.P.M. 1384, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of holy Royal Arch Masonry. Bro. George Roberts, M.M., 758, was duly proposed as a candidate for the next chapter meeting. Hearty good wishes were tendered by several companions from other chapters.

South Africa.

CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1735).—There are few towns where Masonry flourishes as it does in Cape Town, and we have Masonic buildings which can compare with the finest temples of the brotherhood in the world. On Wednesday, the 24th ult. there was a large Masonic gathering, when the Very Rev. Dean Clarke took his Third Degree. The ceremony was impressively performed by W.M. Webster, of the Carnarvon, Lodge, assisted by the Past Masters. Amongst those present were: Fairbridge, D.G.M.; Riddlesdell, D.G.S.W.; Inglesby, P.D.S.W.; Davidson, D.G.S.; Hawthorn, P.D.G.S.; Usherwood, D.G. Org.; Zurvogel, P.M.A., Meridian Lodge, P.D.G. Senior Deacon, of the Eastern Division, of South Africa; James, W.M. and officers of British Lodge; Stephens, P.M. British Lodge; Webster, W.M. and officers of Carnarvon Lodge; Traviss, P.Z., British Royal Arch Chapter; Fairbairn, R.W.M., Southern Cross Lodge; Dr. Douglas, J.W.; W. B. Captain Roebuck, Mary's Chapel Lodge, Edinburgh; B. Jansen, Provincial Grand Lodge of the Netherlands; Rev. D. Faure Lodge, de Goede Hoop; Douallier, W.M., Lodge de Goede Trouw; M'Intyre, P.M. Lodge de Goede Trouw; and about 100 brethren of various lodges.

Amusements.

THE GAILETY.—Of the many pretty burlesques which have been at various times placed on the stage, perhaps we are not depreciating any of them when we say that *none are more full of genial fun than the "Forty Thieves,"* which Bro. John Hollingshead brought out at the early part of this year at the Gaitey, and which has passed its 200th consecutive representation, and is likely to remain a long time yet on the boards, judging from the success which has hitherto attended it, the crowded state of all parts of the house attesting to its merits as burlesque, and its popularity as a means of amusing the masses. Of course, it is no secret that its success is in a great measure attributed to Miss Kate Vaughan and Miss Nellie Farren, whose acting and singing are continually encored. We need not relate the story of the "Forty Thieves," everyone in their days in the nursery had the Arabian Nights read or told to them. Bro. Hollingshead's piece is an excellent burlesque on it. Miss Nellie Farren, as *Ganem*, enters her character with her usual fervour, and keeps the vast audience in roars of laughter with her drollery and pretty singing. Of course, puns are very numerous; we won't say good, bad, or indifferent, for none are bad, though some are better than others. The duets and trios of Misses Farren, Vaughan, and Mr. J. G. Taylor are extremely beautiful. Perhaps Mr. John Dallas' song, "The Puzzle of Fifteen," is the most popular of anything sung. We must not omit an allusion to the pretty scenery, dresses, and dancing of the ballet, and particularly the dancing of Mr. J. D'Auban, which he has to repeat every evening. In the ballet is introduced a marvellous and clean skipping-rope dance by Miss Connie Gilchrist. It is only fair to say that the "Forty Thieves" is not all the good things Bro. Hollingshead presents to us; anterior to the burlesque is a very amusing farce, called "The Fast Coach," in which Mr. J. G. Taylor creates great mirth.

CRITERION.—At this pretty little theatre Bro. Sims's "Flats" has been revived, and is again attracting large audiences. It is one of the funniest pieces on any stage at the present time. Bro. Sims is particularly fortunate, no less than three of his pieces being played just now in London, and another, "Don Juan Junior," in the provinces. He has been styled the only original play-writer of the day. We anticipate for "Flats" a great run, judging from the audiences it draws, and has drawn for so long. The most fastidious will have nothing to find fault with, as there are neither bad words, nor actions, nor moral. The *Daily News* lately contained an article on the drama, we cannot help thinking the writer had in his mind Bro. Sims's "Flats" when he said "We fear it must be confessed that the art of acting, and the no less important act of play-writing does not develop at the same extraordinary pace, but even here there are visible signs of improvement. We have at least one or two original writers who can now and then produce pieces that will interest audiences." Our readers had better pay a visit to the Criterion, and they will there find a piece that will interest audiences of all classes. Mr. Hill as the *Gigglethorp*, Mr. Blakely, as *Feremiah Deeds*, and Mrs. Mellon (*Mrs. Gigglethorp*) are, perhaps, the most amusing characters. The first-mentioned is droll in his very figure. The following anecdote of Dean Stanley is worth repetition, as it has never appeared in print. A few weeks before his death he was invited to dine with a body of clergymen in the City, and, in responding to a toast, the Dean took occasion to again allude to the sore which had irritated him for two years respecting the Prince Imperial Memorial in the Abbey. That the good old Dean never got over. But it was all re-opened at the death of the Earl of Beaconsfield. It will be recollected the Dean at once offered the Abbey for the Earl's place of burial. A question was put in the House of Commons respecting this, and Sir Stafford Northcote, in alluding to it, expressed a hope that the late Premier's body would not be buried in a "certain place of notoriety—Westminster." The Dean felt this keenly, and seized the first opportunity he could to express his indignation with irony. "When I read in the newspapers the other day," said the Dean, "of a certain place of notoriety in Westminster, I wondered what it meant. I asked myself, Can it be the Houses of Parliament? and I thought no; that can't be it. Can it be Westminster Abbey? No, that can't be it either; and the conclusion I came to was that Sir Stafford Northcote meant the Westminster Aquarium." This is so characteristic of the Dean that it is too good to be lost.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. Colonel Lloyd Philipps, Provincial Grand Master for Wales, Western Division, has consented to take the chair at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We offer our congratulations to Bro. Terry on having secured the support of such an excellent and influential Mason.

Bro. W. Malthouse, C.C., was installed W.M. of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, on Thursday, the 15th inst.

The Grand Lodge of Italy has opened a subscription to erect, in the cemetery at Rome, a monument designed to perpetuate the memory of its former Grand Master.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire, under the presidency of Bro. Lord de Tabley was held at the Drill Hall, Chestergate, Macclesfield, on Wednesday last at noon. A full report will appear in our next issue.

Bro. J. Atkinson will be installed W.M. of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday next.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.—A most interesting meeting of the members of this lodge was held last Monday evening at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when a valuable presentation was made to Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, W.M., on the occasion of his marriage. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, vicar of St. Helen, Bishopsgate, we regret to learn, has been very ill since he left England in August. He has now returned, but is still suffering from weakness.

Bro. George Sims's "Lights of London" is said to have raised the receipts at the Princess's Theatre to an amount beyond any recorded since the opening of the new house.

The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction No. 1321, meets at the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Regent-street, every Wednesday at eight p.m.

The vigour of the free library system in Birmingham and its neighbourhood is indeed in curious contrast with its feebleness in London. The issues at the Reference and Central lending libraries in Birmingham reached last year a total of 640,845 volumes.

ERRATA.—In the report of the Mount Edgecumbe Lodge, in our last, the name of Bro. C. A. Wilks, P.M., &c., should have been Bro. R. Sindall, P.M., &c., and instead of Bro. Black, P.M., it should have been Bro. P. M. Black.

With the consent of Lady Brassey, Messrs. Longmans and Co. have issued an edition of the "Voyage in the Sunbeam" at the low price of sixpence. This edition is in magazine form, and contains sixty illustrations.

Bro. Sir Knight Rev. Otis H. Tiffany 33°, the eloquent orator and preacher, Pastor of the Broad and Arch M.E. Church, Philadelphia, is now in London as a representative to the Ecumenical Council, which is being held in the City Road Chapel.

Bro. Byron is writing a new piece for the Adelphi, the title of which will be "London."

A fire occurred last week at 108, Lancaster-gate, Bayswater, the residence of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, F.R.A.S., F.R.G.S.

By the death of Prince Frederick the Jews in Holland have lost a warm friend, and a generous patron and benefactor of their charities. One of his last public acts was to preside, as Grand Master for the Netherlands, at a Freemasons' lodge, where resolutions were passed condemning the anti-Jewish agitation in Germany.—*Freemish Chronicle*.

The Lord Mayor and Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, who are officially connected with the International Potato Exhibition, attended in state on Tuesday last at the Crystal Palace, and the Lord Mayor presided at the luncheon.

The Sanitary Committee of the Commissioners of Sewers, at their meeting yesterday, had under consideration the propositions of Bro. Malthouse to appoint an additional assistant inspector at the Central Meat Market, and also to provide a suitable office for the use of all the inspectors at the market. The latter is undoubtedly much required, and would greatly facilitate the officials in question in the discharge of their important and onerous duties.—*City Press*.

Bro. Captain Bedford C. T. Pim, writing from 2, Crown Office-row, Temple, to the daily papers, observes that the intelligence just received to the effect that Lieutenant Greeley's exploring party was landed safely at Discovery Bay, and that there was then open water to the northward as far as the eye could reach, is conclusive evidence of the forethought and grasp of the subject which Bro. Captain Cheyne has shown throughout his wonderful persevering efforts to inaugurate another attempt to reach the North Pole.

The Countess of Bective, wife of the Prov. G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, through whose exertions an association has been formed for the encouragement of British woollen manufactures, is at present on a visit to Bradford for the purpose of examining the processes of the worsted manufacture. The Earl and Countess of Bective left their residence at Kirby Lonsdale on the 20th inst. for Bradford. They visited the works at Saltaire, and were entertained at luncheon. At Bradford they were received by a large number of gentlemen in the room of the Chamber of Commerce, and a suitable address was presented to Lady Bective, who was dressed in material of Bradford manufacture. They afterwards visited the warehouses of Messrs. A. and S. Henry and Co., and were subsequently entertained by the Mayor (Alderman Holden) with a select party at dinner at the town-hall. During the night they were the guests of Mr. William Foster, the High Sheriff of Lancashire, at his residence Harrowins, Queensbury. On Tuesday the Earl and Countess visited other manufactories at Queensbury and Manningham. At Bradford the event was observed by an immense display of bunting and the gathering of large crowds in the streets.

We have much pleasure in stating that Bro. D. A. Davis, P.M. of the Devonshire Lodge, 625, Glossop, who was a Steward at the last Boys' School Festival, has handed in his list for £20 10s, instead of £16 10s., as previously announced.

On Wednesday, the 28th inst., the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, held at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Cannonbury, N., at 8.30 p.m.

The Heir Apparent has announced that he has every day for the next two years booked.—*Life*.

Bro. Edmund Yates was present on Thursday week at the banquet given by the Mayor of Manchester, Mr. Alderman Baker, to Mr. Harrison Ainsworth, the eminent novelist.

Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott is the President, and Mr. Deputy Nind and Mr. Deputy Brass are Vice-Presidents of the City of London Bicycle Club.

Bro. G. C. Boor, C.C., who for five years past has been the able and zealous chairman of the South Hornsey Local Board of Health, bringing to the discharge of his duties a knowledge and experience gained during long service, laid the memorial stone of the new buildings which are in course of erection for the Board on Thursday week, near Seven Sisters'-road, N.

Bro. J. C. Dwarber presided at the meeting of the City of London Tradesmen Club on Thursday week at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street.

Bro. S. C. Hall, who recently retired from the editorship of the *Art Journal*, after holding that position for nearly forty years, has accepted a pension of £300 per annum from the proprietors.

Bro. F. J. Sheppard will be installed W.M. of the Fidelity Lodge, No. 445, at the next meeting of that lodge, which will be held at the Pomfret Arms Hotel, High-street, Towcester, on Friday, October 7th.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master of Scotland, has left Doncaster for Scotland.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey and Lady Brassey are making a cruise through the Shetlands in the yacht Sunbeam.

The American small boat, Little Western, has arrived at Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P., addressed his constituents of the eastern division of the county of Gloucester, at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, on Tuesday last.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, P.G.M., Cornwall, has left the Alexandra Hotel for Mount Edgecumbe.

The Duke of Saxe-Meiningen has decorated Bro. H. Irving with the Knight Cross of the Ducal Saxe-Ernestine House Order in recognition of his great services to the dramatic art.

Mr. Thomas Hughes has written his reminiscences of the late Dean Stanley, especially with reference to his Rugby life and his work as a pacificator in the High Church difficulties at the East of London. The paper will appear in *Harper's Magazine*.

A new chapter, attached to the Longleat Lodge of the Royal Arch Freemasons, and named the Thynne Chapter out of compliment to Bro. Lord H. Thynne, M.P., was consecrated at Warminster on Thursday, the 15th inst. Bro. Lord Thynne was the first Master of the Longleat Lodge, and the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Wilts.

The season at Sadler's Wells Theatre will commence (under the management of Bro. F. B. Chatterton) on October 8th., with a new drama in seven tableaux, entitled "The Foundlings," adapted by Leopold Lewis.

Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts has returned from Germany, where he witnessed the autumn military manoeuvres.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, writing from 1, Bedford-square, on the increased charges by London Water Companies, says the iniquitous anomaly exists of having to do with trading bodies that are empowered to dictate to their customers terms on all points—price, quality, and quantity, and when, where, and how they (the customers) shall receive one of the most important necessities of life.

Bro. T. J. Barnes, the veteran Preceptor, of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, will work the Fifteen Sections on Friday next, the 30th inst., at the Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road (to which house the lodge has now returned, having been temporarily removed during rebuilding of the premises). As Bro. Barnes will be supported by many of the leading Past Masters and workers in the East-end, a highly-instructive and numerously attended meeting is anticipated. Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, W.M.; Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; Cohen, P.M. 205, J.W.; and Myers, P.M. 820, I.P.M. The following is a list of the brethren who will work the Sections:—

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. Shingfield, I.G. 554.
2nd "	" Macgregor, J.D. 1448.
3rd "	" Loone, W.S. 1421.
4th "	" Hopkins, 749.
5th "	" Stephens, S.D. 1623.
6th "	" McDonald, J.W. 1445.
7th "	" Durell, W.M. 1349.
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. Wooding, S.W. 1306.
2nd "	" Musto, P.M. 1349.
3rd "	" Fenn.
4th "	" Cundick, P.M. 1421.
5th "	" Moss, S.D. 1275.
THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section	Bro. Cohen, P.M. 205.
2nd "	" Job, S.W. 1076.
3rd "	" J. Taylor, J.D. 554.

Bro. James Glaisher, F.R.S., presided at the half-yearly meeting of the Harrow District Gas Company, held at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday, at which, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Chapman, a dividend at the rate of 6½ per cent. per annum was declared, and it was announced that gas would be reduced 5d. per 1000 feet.

Bro. John West, P.M. 1055, of South Parade, Manchester, has been awarded by Sir John Hawkshaw, C.E., the first premium, value £750, for his design for the New Exchange Station of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company at Liverpool, for which no fewer than forty-four competitive sets were sent in.

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—The Press and *St. James's Chronicle* intimates that the Royal Historical Society is to be used as an organ by the church of Rome. The Ultramontane journals urge Roman Catholics to become members of it.

The annual festival of the Langton Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge, on the 3rd prox., at six o'clock. The installation ceremony will be worked by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, the Preceptor of the lodge. Tickets for the banquet (3s. 6d.) can be obtained from the Stewards or from the Hon. Sec., Bro. J. D. Langton, 6, Adam-street, Adelphi, W.C.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who will open new docks at Swansea on October 18th, will be entertained at a grand ball by the Freemasons of the district on the evening of the 17th. Another ball will be given after opening the dock, and the Prince and Princess will leave the town on the 19th.

French Masonry is *sui generis*. A French Mason having fallen in love with, and desiring to marry, a young lady living in a distant province, sent to the lodge in her town to make enquiries as to her family. The Master of the lodge deemed this a proper request and the information was promptly furnished.—*Keystone*.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., was present on Thursday week at the opening of Churcher's College, Petersfield, which was founded in 1722. The Lord Chancellor was to have opened the building, but was prevented by indisposition. A letter was, however, received from him, in which he stated that there few more pressing needs of the present time than the increase of good middle-class schools for such communities as the inhabitants of the more important county towns.

We are authorised to state, in reference to the Fish Supply of the Metropolis, that the question of sites is now occupying the attention of the special Committee of the Corporation, and that instructions have been given that any suggestion as to a site for a fish market forwarded to the City Architect, Guildhall, on or before the 28th instant, will be considered.

Bro. Major F. R. Sewell, P.M. 229, P.G.M.O., has been appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Mark Province of Cumberland and Westmorland by Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master. The appointment will give much satisfaction in the north, our gallant brother being a thorough working Craftsman in every department of Masonry with which he is connected.

D.D.G.M. Bro. Alexander M. Lloyd, acting for Bro. Hon. Samuel B. Dick, Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, laid the corner-stone of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Altoona, Pa. (Rev. O. S. Woodle, rector), on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Bro. the Rev. W. Henry Platt, rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, was present, and acted as Grand Chaplain. P.M. Bro. Capt. E. H. Turner delivered the oration. The new church, when completed, will be the finest church edifice in the city.

We (*Athenaeum*) read with grief and shame that it has been thought needful to protest against the desecration, in order to "utilise" the place as a cart-shed, of the beautiful Priory Chapel of St. Leonard at Stamford, one of the masterpieces of English Gothic architecture. If such a work of art as this is to be destroyed in order to save the cost of building a new cart-shed, what can be said of the results of the expenditure of millions in the art education of the English? Surely the town of Stamford or the county of Lincoln would build a cart-shed for the owner of the chapel rather than allow him to destroy a structure which is not only beautiful, but associated with the history of the place.

It is not generally known among antiquaries that the tabular arrangement of births, marriages, and deaths, much as they stand in the columns of our daily papers, dates back all but three centuries, if not further. Mr. B. Quaritch, of Piccadilly, lately found pasted into the covers of an old edition of Ptolemy's Geography (1513) a number of old German broadsides, with rough illustrations, heraldic, grotesque, and topographical. Among these is one printed by a *Formanschnieder* of Augsburg, in 1587, giving in epitome a return of the births, marriages, and deaths during the previous year, showing how many had died young, and the relative proportions of boys and girls, grown-up men and grown-up women. To this is prefixed a table in four columns, showing the totals of births, marriages, and deaths (but unclassified) in Augsburg annually from 1510. At the top of this broad-side are three curious engravings, evidently from wood-blocks, the first showing the interior of a bed-chamber with a mother and her infant, the second the celebration of a wedding in a church, and the third the digging of a grave in a churchyard. At one side are between twenty and thirty doggerel verses, amplifying the idea that "there is a time to be born and a time to die," and some further observations of the same kind in prose. Bound up in the same volume is a curious view of the city of Augsburg itself, dated 1563; and a pedigree of the reigning Duke of Wurtemberg, which mentions his son Everard, Count of Mumpelgart, who was born in 1545, and died prematurely in 1568, and to whom some interest attaches on account of an allusion to him, and his almost unpronounceable name, which occurs in Shakespeare.

"The Masonic Magazine." (London: George Kenning.) Among the many interesting articles in the current number of this magazine, that on Chinese Freemasonry, of which we have the first instalment, will be found particularly interesting.—*Broad Arrow*.

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.

Encouraged by the success which has attended the introduction of dining-room cars on the Great Northern Railway, the Midland Railway Company have decided to follow in the same direction. They intend to place a dining car on all their express trains running from London to Manchester and Liverpool, and *vice versa*. These cars are to be made by the Pullman Palace Car Company.

Bro. John Hollingshead has returned from Russia.

The *Country Gentleman* of Saturday last contained an excellent portrait of the Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, Bro. Viscount Ebrington.

Her Majesty has been pleased to confer on Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. J. Boswell, 30th, the distinction of Commander of the Bath.

Bro. J. G. Faithfull, of the Merchant Taylors' Company has kindly undertaken to assist the case of Gertrude May Hare, daughter of the late Bro. J. M. Hare, a candidate for the Girls' School.

Bro. T. Kingston, P.M. and Treas. of Lodge S62, was, we believe, the only English Mason present at the reception of King Kalakaua, by the Masons of Edinburgh on the 10th inst.

Bro. President Garfield died shortly after half-past ten on Monday night. The Queen has ordered that the Court shall go into mourning for one week for the late President.

At the last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, sixteen cases were relieved, with a total amount of £365.

Bro. J. M. Farr was installed W.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, Shobury, on the 16th inst.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington has arrived at Balmoral Castle, as the Minister in attendance upon her Majesty.

Bro. Walter Bentley was entertained at a Masonic supper by the Freemasons of Belfast on the 10th inst., in the Banqueting Chamber, Freemasons' Hall, Belfast.

Comp. J. P. Platt was installed Z. of the Bridge-water Chapter, 758, Runcorn, on the 13th inst.

The late Dean Stanley has bequeathed all his curiosities and historical relics to the University of St. Andrew's, and the executors, in handing them over, have expressed a wish that they should be preserved in a separate cabinet.

Bro. J. H. Jennings was installed W.M. of the Star in the East Lodge, 650, for the second time, at the Pier Hotel, Harwich, on the 13th inst.

Bro. the very Rev. Dean Clarke took his Third Degree in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1735, Cape Town, on the 24th ult.

At Shrewsbury the Earl and Countess of Bradford on Wednesday opened a new Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital for Shropshire and North Wales, which has cost nearly £14,000. The Earl of Powis and Viscount Newport, M.P., were also present.

Bro. the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, in consideration of the present agricultural depression, has resolved to return twenty per cent. of the current year's rent to the tenants on his Scotch estates, and to postpone the Martinmas collection until Candlemas.

Her Majesty on Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by the Duchess of Edinburgh and attended by the Dowager Marchioness of Ely and the Hon. Harriet Phipps, drove to Mar Lodge and honoured Bro. the Earl of Fife by a visit.

Bro. the Most Honourable the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Durham, assisted by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, will consecrate the Whitworth Lodge, No. 1932, on Thursday, the 29th inst., at the North Eastern Hotel, Spennymoor, the ceremony to commence at one o'clock. A banquet will be held at three o'clock. The officers designate are Bros. C. E. Barnes, 1334, W.M.; R. D. Shaftoe, 124, S.W.; and W. H. Turner, 124, J.W.

MASONIC PRESENTATIONS AT DOVER.—Last week the members of D. Company 31st Regiment presented to Colour-Sergeant Bro. W. H. Foss, a handsome marble striking clock with visible escapement, as a token of their good feeling towards him with hearty congratulations on his marriage. A silver plate bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Colour-Sergeant W. H. Foss, on the occasion of his marriage, 13th September, 1881, by D. Company 31st Huntingdonshire Regiment, Dover." Paymaster Sergeant Bro. Jos. Herbert, W.M. of the Meridian Military Lodge attached to the regiment, who is deservedly esteemed for his genial disposition and unswerving attention to his duties, was also selected for a mark of favour by his comrades on the occasion of his recent promotion. The presentation consisted of an elegant electro plated teapot and cruet stand. Each article was inscribed as follows:—"To Paymaster-Sergeant J. Herbert, 31st Regiment, by his Company on promotion, July, 1881."

Wednesday last being St. Matthew's-day, in accordance with ancient civic usage, the Lord Mayor, M.P., attended by the Sword and Mace Bearers and the City Marshal, and accompanied by the Sheriffs (Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., and Bro. H. J. Waterlow) went in State to Christ's Hospital. They were met by the Governors, and escorted to Christ's Church, Newgate-street, adjoining the Hospital, where Divine service was celebrated. All the scholars of the Bluecoat School, seven hundred in number, were present, and an appropriate sermon was preached by a former Grecian, the Rev. J. T. Bell, M.A., Head Master of Christ's Hospital at Hertford, from the text, "As we have received mercy, faint not." After the service the civic authorities proceeded to the Court Room, where the lists of the Governors of all the Royal Hospitals were presented to the Lord Mayor, who delivered them for safe custody to the Town Clerk (Bro. Sir John Monckton), the lists being thus confirmed according to ancient custom and the Act of Parliament.

£20 TO £500.—TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—A pamphlet; how to open respectably from £20, post free. Address H. Myers and Co., 1031, Euston-road, London; and at Birmingham. Established 1855. Wholesale only

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Bro. George Carpenter, whose name stood next before Bro. and General Oglethorpe's in the charter of the Colony of Georgia, one of the first trustees appointed by King George, II., and whose name one of the tithings of Savannah still bears, was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1731, the very year that active preparations were made to found the colony of Georgia.—*Keystone*.

Bro. James E. Chase, of Nantucket, celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday on May 16th. He has been a Mason since December 10th, 1807, a period of over seventy-three years and five months.—*Toronto Mail*.

The Grand Master of Colorado recommends as a curative for suspensions for non-payment of dues, high fees for the degrees and low dues for members.—*Keystone*.

The first temperance pledge in this country, if not in the world, was drafted and signed in Litchfield by thirty-six prominent citizens of the town, *nineteen* of whom were Masons and members of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 11, of Litchfield, Conn. This was in the year 1789.

Among the official acts of the Grand Master of Canada, was the laying of the corner-stones of the five churches during the Masonic year.

We learn that Em. Sir Robert Macoy, Recorder of the Grand Commandery of New York, has in preparation a history of Templarism in New York, which he expects to have ready in October next.

The latest venture in Masonic journalism is the *Masonic Star*, of Toronto, Canada, which is to be a weekly paper. Our Canadian correspondent, Bro. Dr. Robert Ramsay, will have editorial control of the new enterprise, which is sufficient guarantee that it will be conducted with zeal and ability.

Eight Presidents of the United States have been Freemasons, and not six or seven, as has been stated by some of our exchanges. They are Washington, Jackson, Tyler, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan, Johnson, and Garfield, respectively.

Bro. Cornelius Moore, the veteran Masonic editor, says, "For dignity, order, and decorum in the transaction of its business, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania excels all other bodies of the kind I have ever visited." A well bestowed compliment.

The *Keystone* of Philadelphia has entered upon its fifteenth volume with evident signs of prosperity and usefulness. It is one of the oldest Masonic journals published, and second to none in point of editorial ability and mechanical make-up. A journal that is so ably edited and well-conducted as the *Keystone* cannot fail to meet that encouragement which it so richly merits.

Some of the Protestant churches in New York are adopting the Chicago plan of excluding Freemasons from membership.

Miss Clara Louisa Kellogg, who has returned to America, strongly advises mothers not to send their daughters to study music in Italy, and backs the advice by good reasons. Many of the poor girls came to her in Italy to tell their sad tales. No girl should be sent unless secure of protection from watchful friends, or on an independent income. There are competent masters in America where after due training should it be discovered that the voices warrant it, Italy can be visited for finishing touches, and, Miss Kellogg adds, Paris is a safer place for a girl alone than any Italian city.

The general opinion is that the trees of California are the most gigantic specimens of vegetable growths known to man, but such is not the case. There is a submarine plant growing in the North Pacific Ocean, which, according to Professor Reinsch, dwarfs all others in its vast proportions. "The *Macrocystis pyrifera*, one of the *Melanosperma*, has been known to grow so as to cover vast areas of the ocean bed. One specimen, by measurement, was found to cover three square miles, and the stem whence the growth proceeded was eight feet in diameter. It is almost impossible to conceive of such a plant, or how a system of nourishment can be maintained through such extended channels in the living organism. Nature performs strange freaks, and certainly none can be stranger than the fact that, of this gigantic species, there are some specimens so small as to be microscopic, or only to be seen by the aid of powerful objectives.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

O'CONNELL.—On the 17th inst., at Thornfield, Hastings, the wife of Surgeon-Major E. O'Connell, A.M.D., of a daughter.

PAYNE.—On the 18th inst., at Hill House, Hatfield, Peveral, Chelmsford, the wife of Sir Philip Monoux Payne, Bart., of a daughter.

SODEN.—On the 19th inst., at 4, Norfolk-square, Brighton, the wife of Mr. Robert Soden, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HATTERSLEY-BRIGGS.—On the 13th inst., at Bolton Abbey, Yorkshire, by the Rev. C. Bellairs, Thomas Hattersley, of Fairlawn, Harrogate, to Jane Briggs, of Birk Lea, Harrogate.

STOKES-BALY.—On the 17th inst., at St. Mary Magdalene's, Paddington, by the Rev. R. T. West, Vicar, John Philpott, son of Mr. John Stokes, of 8, Delamere-street, W., to Mary Isabella, daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Baly, formerly of Dalston-rise.

DEATHS.

AMEUNEY.—On the 16th inst., at 87, Seymour-street, W., Antonius George Ameuney, Professor of Arabic, King's College, aged 60.

CROFT.—On the 19th inst., Mr. John Croft, of Clapham, aged 68.

TOOVEY.—On the 19th inst., at King's Langley, Hertfordshire, Mr. John Francis Toovey, aged 53 years.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, October 1, 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, SEPTEMBER 24.

- Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace.
1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
1793, Sir Charles Bright, M.H., Teddington.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
1044, Mid-Surrey, S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

- Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk-rd.
Chap. 1201, Eclectic, 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.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

- Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
186, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 548, Wellington, White Swan Hot., Deptford.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Maryebone, 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, SEPTEMBER 28.

- Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, 8, Newby-pl., Poplar.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
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., Marc-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., 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.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

- Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
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, Duke's Head, Whitechapel-rd., at 7.
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, OCTOBER 1.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, Oct. 1, 1881.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

- Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H. Southport,
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