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THE Craft feels great interest always in H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY, and all its members have deeply regretted to read the account of his accident at Mentone. The following extract from the *Lancet* will, therefore, be read by them all with much pleasure and satisfaction:—"The following authentic particulars of the illness of the Duke of ALBANY have been furnished to us with His Royal Highness's permission. When on a visit to the Prince of WELDECK, in February, the Duke accidentally kicked against a root of a tree while out walking, and strained the ligaments of the right knee-joint (which joint had often given trouble previously). This occasioned a great deal of pain and swelling, symptoms which lasted nearly three weeks. Upon His Royal Highness's arrival at Mentone, the joint was still weak and bandaged, and only four days after his arrival at Mentone, when walking in the street, the Duke trod on a piece of orange-peel, fell backwards, and twisted the injured knee, which then became very painful and more swollen than on the former occasion, the joint being terribly distended with effusion and intensely painful. Relief was only obtained by the hypodermic use of morphia and cold locally applied. His Royal Highness is now convalescent. His general health leaves nothing to be desired.

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THE Quarterly Court of the Girls' School and the half-yearly election took place on Saturday last, in the Great Hall at Freemasons' Tavern, when all the candidates on the list were elected, on the proposal of Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON, G.T., amid marked applause. Bro. CUMBERLAND's motion to alter the days of meeting of the Girls' and Boys' School, so as to save the Sunday in town for the provincial brethren, was referred to a joint Committee of the two Schools to report upon at the October meeting—five from each School. The meeting was somewhat thinly attended, owing to the fact that no actual election was anticipated, and, therefore, brethren did not think it worth their while to attend.

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THE Quarterly Court of the Boys' School was held on Monday, at the same time and place, amid a much larger gathering of brethren, though not so large as we have often seen. Easter Monday had probably something to do with it. The voting was very heavy, inasmuch as the highest candidate received 3002 votes, and the lowest 2050,—remarkable figures indeed. The other candidates received as follows: 2427, 2344, 2285, 2279, 2277, 2250, 2238, 2225, 2119, 2115, 2068, and 2050 votes, making the voting for the successful candidates 31,866, including the votes carried on. Five of the successful candidates were first applications. On the last occasion 1940 votes brought in the last candidate; on this occasion 2050 votes were required by the fifteenth and last, successful applicant, pointing to a progressive increase in the voting power necessary for success. We may remark that Bro. WEBSTER announced 150 spoilt votes. These figures seem unmistakably to point to the fact that unless a great change occurs in the normal number of candidates, or the success of the junior school, and the returns of the festival enable the authorities to take in an extra number of boys, the prospect of a very severe election in October is before us. Indeed, we think that it must be obvious to all who watch the progress of these Institutions and the facts of these elections, that each half-yearly election, as regards the Boys' School in particular, increases in severity. Why should we not make a combined effort to enable the authorities of the Boys' School fill its junior school in October next?

WE have received several complaints as to holding the elections in Passion Week and on Easter Monday, and in their justice and propriety we heartily concur. Such an arrangement virtually disfranchises many brethren, and acts hardly and trying on all. Some persons are so happily constituted that all times and seasons are alike to them—"it's all one to Dandie"—but some of us poor vulgar mortals, whether living in Boetia or denizens of our Athens, find it excessively inconvenient and harassing, to say nothing more, to attend to the now serious claims of our Masonic election at this especial season of the year. We believe that we are expressing the all but unanimous feelings and wishes of the subscribers of the two Schools when we say, that we hope arrangements may be made by the authorities to postpone the elections a week, when Easter again chimes in with the Quarterly Courts. We understand that this conjuncture will again take place in two years from now, and we trust that some public-spirited brother will give the needed notice of motion to alter what is felt by many to be a grave inconvenience. It will only require a clause authorizing the Secretary, in case the Quarterly Court falls on the Saturday in Easter week, to call it for a week later. One of the objections to Bro. CUMBERLAND's motion is, that unless such provision be made or care taken, one of the elections may fall two years hence on Good Friday. This would be a fact greatly to be deplored.

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WE are inclined to think that our excellent Bro. CUMBERLAND's little grievance is more sentimental than real. We are of opinion that very little practical hardship is involved by the intervening Sunday stay in our little village; and that, on the contrary, the change is agreeable to some and good for more. Of course the question of expense is one which has to be carefully considered, and which we cannot profess to deal with, and it is one for the provincial brethren alone to decide. But we apprehend that a clear majority of the provincial representatives wish to leave things as they are. At the same time, having said this, as the matter is to go before a Committee, we do not wish or seek to prejudice their opinion, as it is one on which many brethren will differ, both from the objective and the subjective side of the question.

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IT seems to us that some words of warning are necessary to many of our good friends. The subsidiary arrangements for voting which relate to the exchange of votes, for instance, in favour of this or that candidate, are purely unofficial and unauthorized, and simply rest on the good feeling and honourable understanding current among English Freemasons. The authorities, qua authorities, know nothing, can know nothing, of such little convenient formalities, and they are carried on confessedly "sub rosa," for the mutual convenience of all concerned, and for the aid and support of candidates who might not have sufficient strength of their own to carry an election. Whether any such exchanges are right or befitting is a matter on which confessedly a grave divergence of opinion exists, but we are inclined to think that despite much that may be alleged, fairly enough perhaps, against the abstract principle, that they will continue in vogue, because so much for the mutual convenience and assistance of the candidates and their friends. In the recent Girls' School election it was quite clear to any unprejudiced looker-on, that the happiness, comfort, and welfare of the poor orphans must be paramount to all other considerations, and overpassed necessarily all questions affecting the interests of those engaged in the elections. And hence a great debt of gratitude is owing to our distinguished and highly respected G. TREASURER, who, amid his own affliction, did not forget to think of the permanent welfare and comfort of some poor orphan daughters of Freemasons.

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LORD ROSEBERY unveiled a statue to ROBERT BURNS on Thursday last, at Dumfries. As many of our readers know, the poet was a member of our Order, and some of his Masonic songs are most popular and effective. Lord ROSEBERY, on unveiling the statue before a large and appreciative assembly, thus spoke: "There is the image of the man that once stood shunned on your streets, and stands for ever as the glory of your burgh. (Cheers.) The respectabilities who shunned him have disappeared. His troubles, his sorrows, his faults, his failings have vanished. The troubles of his life are no more; the clouds that surrounded his death-bed have disappeared; but his memory, his triumph, and his tomb abide with you for ever." (Cheers.) The statue, which is the work of Mrs. D. O. HILL, is much commended.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Tavern, Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, in the chair. Among a large number of other brethren present were :

Bros. J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, A. Pratt, R. B. Webster, A. J. Duff Filer, Alfred Williams, C. F. Matier, W. F. Smithson, Alfred W. Stanfield, W. H. Spaul, F. R. Spaul, John Sampson Peirce, H. A. Dubois, Edgar Bowyer, John Bellerby, Charles John Perceval, Jno. G. Stevens, James Moffatt, W. W. Morgan, jun., H. Dehane, John French, Samuel H. Parkhouse, George Cooper, Baron Stone, Edwin Thomas, Robert Bradley, Frederick Walters, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Edward B. Grabham, C. H. Webb, J. Mertin, J. P. Platt, H. S. Alpass, John Chadwick, Thomas Hargreaves, George J. McKay, Charles S. Lane, Samuel Hill, Henry Muggidge, E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; W. Wynn Westcott, F. W. Tyerman, S. P. Norris, Geo. Brown, J. J. Berry, H. Hacker, J. R. Gallant, H. Phythian, G. M. Gurton, Geo. King, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The notice convening the meeting having been read by Bro. HEDGES, and the minutes of the January Court having been read and confirmed, and the summonses of the subsequent General Committee Meetings read for information,

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, proposed that Col. Creaton should be re-elected as Treasurer of the Institution, stating that in the discharge of his duties as Treasurer hitherto Col. Creaton had displayed the greatest interest in the Institution, and had devoted a large amount of his time and a great deal of labour in advancing its concerns.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, P.G.S.B., seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Col. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, in acknowledging the vote, said he thanked the brethren very much for this compliment and honour, and he should do his best, as hitherto, to discharge his duties faithfully.

The following brethren were then elected on the General Committee:—J. W. Berrie, J. J. Caney, Capt. Colvill, J. F. Corben, W. Dickenson, Wm. Dodd, E. C. Massey, Henry Massey, A. Moore, and C. Pugsley. The remaining two vacancies remained to be filled up.

Col. CREATON said that since the notice of motion had been given which stood in his name, for declaring six further vacancies in the school, one other approved candidate had been withdrawn, so that his motion would now be for declaring five extra vacancies.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, Past Prov. G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire, moved "That the day of election for the Girls' School be altered to Thursday instead of Saturday, as at present, except when the Boys' election falls on a Thursday, then on Wednesday, and that the rules of the Institution be altered according." In making the motion he said what he had to propose was with the most sincere wish for the interest of the Institution, and also for the convenience and interest of the brethren from the provinces who had to attend the elections. He hoped to receive the generous support of the London brethren. He thought it must have been patent to the provincial brethren that the election of the Girls' School taking place on the Saturday, and the Boys' on the Monday, entailed on the provincial brethren a great loss of time, as they had to remain in town over the Sunday. Consequently it was to their interest, at any rate, that some alteration should be made, and made as early as possible. He thought it would be much better for all concerned to avoid the compulsory attendance of provincial brethren over Saturday, and it was for this reason he had placed his notice on the paper. It had been pointed out to him by some brethren, and no doubt there was some force in the remark, that the elections should take place on Wednesday and Thursday instead of Thursday and Friday as he proposed; and it had also been pointed out to him that supposing this alteration was carried, to some extent only one alteration took place—that the Boys' might be held on the Wednesday; but whatever the alteration was he had understood there would be some opposition. Still the alteration was worthy of serious consideration. He was not sure that the time would not come when it would be convenient to have the two elections in one day. To place the brethren in possession of the facts applying to himself he would say he left York early that morning and he had to go back that night. If he came up on Monday he would have to leave York early in the morning. This might not occur again in a man's lifetime, but such were the difficulties which the provincial brethren had to contend with, and therefore he asked the brethren to consider the matter in the interest of the greater convenience of the greater number. Bro. Cumberland concluding by moving the resolution of which he had given notice.

The motion having been seconded,

Col. SOMERVILLE BURNAY enquired what the state of things would be if the motion was now carried, and the corresponding motion at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, on Monday, was not carried.

Col. CREATON said, no doubt if this motion was carried, it would be carried in the Boys' School.

A BROTHER asked whether the motion was intended to apply only to Quarterly Courts when there were elections, or to the whole of the Quarterly Courts. If it did not apply to all he thought there would be some confusion.

Bro. W. W. SPAULL would move an amendment. He would like to propose that Saturday, the day fixed by the present rules, be the day fixed for the election. The proposed alteration was a very serious one to make. He had known many provincial brethren prefer Saturday, and to stay in town till Monday. He thought Saturday was much the best, and he also thought they should adjourn the consideration of the subject till the next meeting. It ought not to be hastily passed.

Bro. C. F. MATIER supported the last brother. The subject was thoroughly discussed at the last revision of the laws of the Institution, when a very large number of brethren stated it was more convenient to them to meet on Saturday and finish the week in London.

Bro. J. SAMPSON PEIRCE, G.D. would like the matter to be made perfectly clear to everybody. Did Bro. Cumberland intend the alteration to apply only to the two Quarterly Courts at which there were elections, or to the other Quarterly Courts as well?

Bro. CUMBERLAND said he meant it to apply only to the elections.

Col. CREATON said he thought it would be inconvenient to have the two

Election Quarterly Courts on Thursdays, and the other two Courts on Saturdays. All the Quarterly Courts should be on the same day of the week.

Bro. CUMBERLAND would be very happy to meet the brethren's wishes in this respect.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, P.G.S.B., said he had been waiting in the hope that some country brother would get up and support the proposition; but, in the absence of such a brother, it appeared to him that the country brethren did not desire the alteration, and it would be better to leave well alone. The subject was well considered when the present laws were settled, and if so many alterations were made from time to time, the brethren would not know where they were.

A BROTHER from Warwickshire thought it would be well to let the provinces speak out for themselves in this matter. It was extremely inconvenient for him to be at the meeting that day and come up again to the Boys' Election on Monday. The brethren he had spoken to, in the country thought it would be better to have the two elections in one week, and not have a Sunday intervene.

A BROTHER asked whether the Committee of Management had had the subject under their consideration?

Bro. Col. CREATON thought not—at least, not recently.

Bro. DEHANE, an Essex brother, said the Essex brethren suffered from meeting on Saturday.

Bro. Capt. HOMFRAY (Monmouthshire) felt bound to support the keeping the meeting on Saturday. That was certainly the most convenient day for him, and he should have very great difficulty in making other arrangements.

Bro. GEORGE E. SNOW enquired what good would result to the Institutions from the alteration. An alteration was made some years ago, when the present days were fixed as being most suitable to the convenience of the majority of the provincial brethren. Suit all they could not. If the alteration would increase the revenues of the Institutions he should say alter it, but there would be no increase in the revenue; and it would be just as inconvenient to some brethren as the present plan was to others, and it might have to be altered back again. He trusted that matters would be kept as they were.

Bro. BINCKES suggested that as a very awkward state of affairs would ensue if this motion was carried that day and negatived on Monday, or negatived to-day and carried on Monday, it would be better to withdraw the motion and refer the matter to a Committee. When an alteration was formerly made it was thought the best possible arrangement for the convenience of the majority both of the country and of the metropolitan brethren. He had received letters both for and against the proposition. Whatever day was fixed it must be inconvenient for somebody. If it was referred to a Committee they could take evidence and report to the next Court.

Bro. W. W. SPAULL proposed: "That a joint Committee be appointed to enquire as to the most convenient day for the April and October Quarterly Courts, and that they also consider when the April Court falls on Easter the desirability of adjourning it one week."

Bro. C. F. MATIER seconded the motion.

The motion was carried, Bro. Cumberland withdrawing his motion.

The following brethren were appointed the Committee: Bros. Colonel Creaton, J. S. Cumberland, Capt. Homfray, A. J. Duff-Filer, C. F. Matier, and H. E. Dehane.

Col. CREATON said the next business was the consideration of the motion which stood in his name. The brethren had heard that there were two withdrawals, so that there had been now only twenty-seven candidates on the list. He wished to say before putting the motion it only occurred to him on the morning of the day on which the last meeting of the General Committee was held. He had lately been occupied very much thinking over other matters, but on the morning he referred to it struck him that having, as they were all aware, spent a large sum of money in providing a house which they turned into a junior school for fifty girls, in which they had only twenty-five, and as they had the means of keeping the extra five he proposed to put on, it would be a good opportunity to propose to the brethren to admit all the candidates. These were the sole reasons which induced him to give this notice of motion. He would therefore propose "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl through ill-health) reported by the General Committee be filled at this election, and that five further vacancies be declared, making in all twenty-seven vacancies for this election, and that the twenty-seven approved candidates now on the list be declared duly elected accordingly, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 235."

Bro. G. J. MCKAY seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Col. CREATON then declared the following twenty-seven candidates duly elected:

Hill, Maude Mary F. ....	1245	McMillan, Charlotte A. (First Application)
Shrapnel, Lilian Mary S. ....	1212	Besley, Annie Lucy Jane "
Sherrington, Mary Louisa ....	1147	Brockbank, Annie "
Banister, Charlotte Elizabeth ....	547	Habgood, Florence Kate "
Nicholls, Augusta Helen ....	405	Hildred, Fanny "
Hopkins, Mary Elizabeth ....	110	Matthews, Eleanor ... "
Lister, Elsie ....	28	Owens, Eva Mary ... "
Fry, Martha Jane Choules ....	19	Skurray, Gertrude Maud "
Fyle, Agnes .... (First Application)		Stephenson, Agnes Wilfrida "
Newman, Hilda Maud .....		Webb, Charlotte E. Freeland "
Sykes, Mary Lilian .....		Wright, Florence Emily "
Turner, Jane .....		Greethurst, Maude Kate "
Robey, Esther Elizabeth .....		Gooding, Agnes Frazer "
Buckley, Ada Hannah .....		

On the motion of Bro. H. A. DUBOIS, seconded by Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. 22, a vote of thanks was accorded to Col. Creaton for presiding.

Col. CREATON thanked the brethren for this and all their other kindnesses, and the meeting separated.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held last Monday at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present, amongst a large number of other brethren :

Bros. J. Wordsworth, Henry Smith, S. George Homfray, George Wyatt, J. Urise, Geo. Taylor, W. H. Spaul, W. Douglas Dugdale, Henry C. Burt, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Thos. Hoskins, Chas. Godtschalk, A. Pratt, F. R. Spaul, A. J. Duff Filer, John Bodenham, D. Mount Humphries, Leopold Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Hacker, Richard Eve,

George Brooks, W. Chubb, Thos. F. Harvey, James Moffat, Thos. S. Carter, Edwin Thomas, Hy. Longridge, Charles John Perceval, Benjamin Cundick, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Thomas Hargreaves, John Chadwick, Raynham W. Stewart, Fredk. Adlard, James Eberall, R. F. Gould, Aaron Stone, W. H. Perryman, Frederick Walters, Donald M. Dewar, J. P. Platt, Alfred W. Stansfield, J. Constable, Samuel H. Parkhouse, R. B. Webster, J. Terry, Edgar Bowyer, J. J. Berry, Jno. G. Stevens, Charles Pulman, C. H. Webb, Joyce Murray, H. M. Taylor, A. D. Loewenstark, M. Hicks, G. Bolton, C. Millbourne, Edward Coste, Edward Johnson, George Drysdale, Henry Landfield, George King, S. Rosenthal, William Stephens, Thomas Cubitt, J. Mason, H. T. Thompson, Thos. Armison, E. Powell, J. T. Pidditch, Philip Rawle, Charles S. Lane, H. Sadler, Griffiths Smyth, James Weaver, H. Venn, W. Seaman, Frederick Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. BINCKES having read the notice convening the meeting, the minutes of the Quarterly Court of January were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the subsequent general committee meetings were read for information.

On the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, P.G.S.B., Bro. George Plucknett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

On the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. FILER, P.G.S.B., a vote of condolence with Bro. G. Plucknett, Treasurer, in his recent domestic affliction, was also unanimously passed.

Col. Creaton then left the room, and the chair was taken by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, P.G.S.B., thereupon rose and said, that no doubt it was known to many of the brethren present, that their respected Vice-Patron, the Grand Treasurer, Col. Creaton, had also had the misfortune to lose his wife, and he thought they could not on an occasion like this separate without passing a vote of condolence with him on that sad event. He therefore moved that a vote of condolence with Col. Creaton on his recent domestic affliction be passed.

Bro. CONSTABLE, P.M. 185, seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, and a letter conveying the vote was ordered to be sent to Col. Creaton.

Col. Creaton afterwards returned to the room, and resumed his chairmanship. On the motion of Bro. C. F. MATIER, seconded by Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE, the following brethren were re-elected the General Committee: Bros. Brackstone Baker, W. B. Blackmoor, Charles T. Dorey, Samuel Gale, Henry Law, Noah Martin, E. C. Massey, H. Massey, C. H. McKay, Perceval Sandford, Richard Tyrrell, Henry Wills.

On the motion of Bro. JOHN CONSTABLE, P.M. 185, seconded by Bro. C. F. MATIER, the following motion of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, L.G., charity representative of the Province of N. and E. Yorkshire, was referred to a committee:—"That the day of Election for the Boys' School be altered to Friday instead of Monday, except when the Friday falls upon Good Friday, then on Thursday; and that the rules of the Institution be altered accordingly."

Bro. W. W. SPAULL proposed "That a Joint Committee be appointed to enquire as to the most convenient day for the April and October Quarterly Courts, and that they also consider when the April Court falls on Good Friday, the desirability of adjourning it one week."

Bro. G. J. MCKAY seconded the motion.

Bro. H. SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorkshire, hoped it would be understood that the brethren worked at this point many years ago, and many of them had at the present time a very strong objection to the proposed change. (Hear, hear). He did not speak disrespectfully, but he objected to tinkering with the laws of the Institution. He had no objection whatever—indeed he strongly desired—that when the election fell on Easter Monday, that both the Girls' and the Boys' Elections should be postponed a week, and he believed that in this he had the support of many brethren.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., agreed with the observations of Bro. H. Smith. It very rarely happened that the Boys' Election fell on Easter Monday, but when it did he thought it might be postponed.

Col. H. S. SOMERVILLE BURNEY, P.G.D., begged to draw the attention of the London brethren to the fact that they owed a certain duty to the provincial brethren. The London brethren could come to the meeting without inconvenience, or with very little inconvenience and no expense; but some of the provincial brethren had to go to great expense coming from the north or west country. They should endeavour to meet their views as much as possible. If the two elections could be held on two days, one following the other, provincial brethren would find the benefit. Say the Friday and Saturday. If any of them then chose to stop over Sunday they could do so. It might be an instruction to the Committee to ascertain exactly from the country brethren what their wishes were on the subject.

Bro. C. F. MATIER said when the rules were revised before, the brethren had full representations from the provinces, and they found that the Saturday and the Monday were the most convenient. He was very much opposed to tinkering the rules, and supported the motion of Bro. Spaul. Bro. Spaul's motion was carried, and Bros. Wordsworth (West Yorkshire), F. R. Spaul (North Wales and Shropshire), G. J. McKay (Cumberland and Westmorland), Raynham W. Stewart (London), and John Constable (London) were appointed a committee to consider the subject.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., moved, "That the House and Building Committee be authorised to purchase the remaining four plots of land opposite the Institution at Wood Green, comprising nearly half-an-acre, at a price not exceeding £650." He said the motion spoke for itself. It was very desirable that the Institution should possess this plot of land inasmuch as it adjoined the present building, where the Infirmary was situated. It was very important that they should not allow any one else to come next door to the Institution, and if they had a preparatory school they would have the opportunity of making the property very valuable. It had already been arranged that there should be a preparatory school, and it was now necessary to give the Building Committee the power they asked for.

Bro. CONSTABLE P.M. 185, seconded the motion. Negotiations for acquiring the site had been going on for some years to try and purchase it for £600. They had failed, and £650 was the lowest it could be obtained for. The property would be a great acquisition to the Institution.

The motion was carried.

Bro. HENRY SMITH enquired what progress had been made with the Preparatory School Fund.

Br. BINCKES (Secretary), said at the next meeting of the General Committee the brethren would be asked to purchase a plot for £1500. There was 1000 guineas clear in the Fund, but no building operations were to be begun until £8000 was in hand.

The election of fifteen boys out of an approved list of sixty-six candidates, was then proceeded with, and at the declaration of the poll the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.	
Truman, Hugh Beckett	... 3002
Lee, Sidney Howard	... 2427
Ashdown, Arthur Durham	... 2344
Fowke, Alexander W.	... 2385
Clark, Frederick Arthur	... 2279
Saville, Charles Edward	... 2279
Jordison, Hugh Lloyd	... 2277
Burgess, Harold Thomas	... 2257
Lewis, Francis William	... 2258
Hewitt, John Herbert	... 2230
Roe, Frederick Swyer	... 2225
Whittaker, William Henry	... 2119
Seller, Frank Russell	... 2115
Gurney, Charles Aubrey	... 2068
Jones, Cleophas C.B.	... 2050

UNSUCCESSFUL.	
Taylor, George William	... 1842
Crabb, Tom Walcot	... 1721
Eccleston, Henry A.	... 1603
Templeman, Jas. P. G.	... 1564
Stanford, William Bryant	... 1468
Hill, George Wm. King	... 1426
Crow, Charlie John	... 1326
Sanderson, Charles Jesse	... 1198
Botting, Alfred Henry	... 1185
Willett, George Cross	... 1183
Jones, Wm. Vincent B.	... 1182
Justin, Harry Holman	... 1151
Jones, Geoffrey Stuart	... 1134
Stewart, Charles Edward	... 1112
Skelton, Fred. Francis	... 740
Hare, Harold Malcolm	... 657
O'Doherty, Chas. Patrick	... 631
Liversidge, Charles Percy	... 574
Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	... 385
Hooper, Lionel Charles	... 329
Williams, Arthur Fredk.	... 320
Hennah, Frederick Wolfe	... 318
Sykes, Richard Alfred	... 316
Pratt, Alfred	... 309
Simpson, Edward Henry	... 249
Watty, Augustine Wm.	... 242
Worthington, Walter R.	... 240
Basham, Frederick Chas. V.	... 213
Tentenborn, Arthur J.	... 205
Delafons, Richard Wm.	... 183
Long, Joseph William	... 154
Farrar, Ethelbert	... 139
Woodward, Thomas	... 132
Rosier, Reginald Walter A.	... 106
Gale, Horace	... 106
Cummings, Charles Brown	... 94
How, John	... 87
Pudney, Frederick	... 83
Nicholas, Thomas M.	... 76
Collinson, James	... 51
Searle, Richard Eardley	... 45
Windross, John Benjamin	... 42
Cook, Frederick John	... 42
Potter, George	... 40
Hurden, John Henry	... 22
Pratt, Robt. Williamson	... 16
Pringle, William James	... 9
Clark, William Edwards	... 3
Beil, Frank William	... 3
Hill, Reginald Aug. L.	... 3
Douglas, Francis C. A.	... 1
Beaumont, George Fredk. (withdrawn)	...

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C. in the chair. There were also present:

Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, John Henry Leggott, James Brett, G. Bolton, C. G. Dille, Charles Godtschalk, Charles Daniel, William Stephens, Charles Lacey, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas Cubitt, Edgar Bowyer, T. Hastings Miller, James Willing, jun., Charles John Perceval, S. Rawson, Charles Atkins, Thomas W. C. Bush, James Terry, Secretary, and H. Massey, *Freemason*.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Secretary read a letter from Col. Creaton, acknowledging in the kindest terms, the vote of condolence with him in his recent domestic afflictions, which was passed at last meeting of the Committee. This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Wardens' report and the Finance Committee's report were read. The latter recommended that certain cheques for accounts should be signed, and also that, in consideration of the large increase in the work of the Secretary's office, the Secretary's salary be increased by £100 a year.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D. proposed the increase, and laid before the brethren a statement of the great addition that had taken place in the work of the Secretary from the great increase there was in the number of subscribers to the Institution and the annual receipts. It was through Bro. Terry's exertions that these subscriptions had reached such an amount, which was most satisfactory. The brethren must remember that if they wanted work done well they must pay well for it, and where an officer did his duty efficiently he deserved some recognition, and such recognition he thought would be well conveyed by the addition of £100 a year to the Secretary Salary.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER seconded the motion.

After a long discussion, in which both the advocates for and the opponents of the proposition were unanimous in acknowledging the great services of Bro. Terry, his indefatigable exertions on behalf of the Institution, and his desert of ample recognition of his services, an amendment was carried, on the motion of Bro. LEGGOTT, seconded by Bro. CHARLES ATKINS, P.M. 27 and 1260, that the portion of the report of the Finance Committee relative to an increase in Bro. Terry's salary be adjourned for consideration at next monthly meeting, and notice of the motion to be given to the members of the Committee.

A petition was read from a late resident in the Asylum at Croydon, who was removed from that building on account of his misbehaviour. Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART and Bro. PERCEVAL stated to the Committee the result of their interview with the Brother, and their inquiries at the Institution, and the Brother was then admitted to Committee-room and given opportunity of answering interrogatories, his answers to which not being satisfactory, his petition was refused, and he was warned by the Chairman that if he continued to spread unfavourable reports he would place his annuity in jeopardy.

Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, W. H. Hale, and Charles Lacey were elected a Committee to draw up the annual report. The application of two widows for half of their late husband's annuities were granted.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL gave notice that he would, at the next meeting of the Committee, move that Mrs. Farwell, the widow of the late Bro. Farwell, who had been very useful at the Asylum in nursing and attending to the aged, but who was not entitled to come on the annuity fund because she was married to her late husband less than three years before he obtained his annuity, be granted a sum of £25.

The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge took place in the Masonic Hotel, South Parade, Huddersfield, on the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., Prov. Grand Master, assisted by a large array of provincial officers. Previous to the entry of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the W.M. and officers of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, opened their lodge in the various Degrees, and received the brethren from various parts of the province to the number of 200. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who is now in Italy, was represented by Bro. Captain Clark, of Pontefract.

Bro. Sir HENRY EDWARDS, in replying to the usual salutation, said—In the name of the Masonic Province of West Yorkshire, which to-day, as your Provincial Grand Master, I have the honour in the Provincial



Grand Lodge to represent, I beg to tender to you, the W.M. of Lodge Harmony, and to all the members of the Craft in Huddersfield, our cordial thanks for your invitation and hearty welcome to-day. We feel, indeed, in coming to Huddersfield that Freemasonry is here at home; that Huddersfield is the centre of a number of lodges, all, I hope, anxious for the prosperity of Freemasonry in general, and for the separate lodges in particular. Indeed, it would have been matter of much regret to all of us if we had not been able on this our fifty-ninth anniversary to hold our annual meeting in this town. Of both those who organised and those who took part in 1823 in the first meeting of this province, alas! but few remain. Bros. Lec, Fearnley, and Shaw, and the first Provincial Grand Master of this province, with many brethren, all have passed away; but their memories live amongst us. When we met at Barnsley in January, 1879, we felt it our duty to record our sorrow towards Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, patroness of our Order, on the death of the Princess Alice of Hesse. At our annual meeting in this town in April, 1879, we expressed our felicitations towards our Queen on the marriage of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. To day we have another duty to perform—to mark our abhorrence at a recent attempt against the person of our Sovereign. The loyalty and good feeling of the Freemasons of England has been pained and scandalised by McLean's detestable crime. We therefore desire to take this first opportunity of expressing our horror and indignation at the crime, and thankfulness that the Queen and Princess escaped the deadly injury which might have been inflicted upon them. May God long preserve their lives. Brethren, since we met at Leeds, in January, I have received from Mrs. Garfield a letter, expressive of her gratitude and thankfulness to the Freemasons of West Yorkshire for our letter of sympathy in her bereavement by the death of her husband, the late President of the United States. I reiterate, from our ancient charges, that we hold in veneration the patrons of the Order of Freemasonry, that we abhor atheists or irreligious libertines, and plots or conspiracies against governments and rulers; and that Freemasonry is the centre of union between "good men and true." A resolution will be proposed in the course of our proceedings expressive of the horror and indignation felt by all of us at the outrage committed on Her Majesty, and of our deep sense of gratitude at Her Majesty's providential escape. I shall never forget the generosity of West Yorkshire to my presidency on the 23rd February, 1881, at the Aged Freemasons' and Widows' Annuity Fund. The festival of the institution for this year is over. West Yorkshire appears to have sent up £315; and Huddersfield lodges are represented again with liberal sums. The meeting of the Charity Committee at Rotherham, has made known to all of us many sorrowful applicants for our benevolence; the increased difficulties of obtaining the elections of their claimants, the growing aggregate of votes to succeed in any individual case, the competition against us in Freemasons' Hall by metropolitan and provincial organisation, and that West Yorkshire cannot look for voting power from other sources as much as heretofore, but must rely upon its own exertions to carry the Charity Committee's recommended cases. I hope I do not draw your attention to these charity matters in vain, and that I shall see the lodges who have given nothing this year coming forward handsomely. The charity report strongly recommends the "preparatory school special building fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." This scheme is to build a junior school for the younger boys of Freemasons, who are to be under the teaching of ladies, before entering the senior school. I also commend this proposal to your consideration. My annual difficulty now presents itself of appointing brethren to the different offices of P.G. Lodge, notwithstanding the Grand Lodge has empowered me to appoint two more Deacons and a Director of Ceremonies. With 865 Past Masters, I have only the means of recognising the fewest of these yearly increasing claims. Those who will shortly receive the appointment of office must accept even the lowest it is in my power to offer them as the equivalent of the highest position in the Craft. I can do no more. In conclusion, I thank the outgoing officers for their attention to their duties during their term of office, and I thank you all, brethren, for your salutation and reception to-day.

Bro. J. BERNERSON then proposed, in a telling, loyal, and affectionate speech—

That this Provincial Grand Lodge desires to manifest the utter abhorrence and indignation which is felt by the Freemasons of West Yorkshire at the dastardly attack recently made upon Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and express their deep sympathy with her, and their sorrow that she should have been subjected to such an outrage; and with feelings of heartfelt gratitude they thank the Great Architect of the Universe that it has pleased Him to deliver their beloved Sovereign and Patroness from the hand of the assassin; and that an address be presented to this effect.

This was carried most enthusiastically, the brethren rising and singing the National Anthem with great warmth.

The following brethren were then appointed officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Hartley, D.L., 495	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Lieut.-Col. Day, 275	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. Gallie, 1648	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. Radford, 904	...	...	
" Capt. Hemingway, 1214 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Richardson, 974	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Smith, 387	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H.W. Powson, 296, and R. W. Thomas, 1239	...	...	Prov. G.J. Dens.
" Dr. R. Glover, 289, and C. T. Rhodes, 448	...	...	Prov. G.S. Dens.
" C. Scott, 302	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" A. Haigh, 390, and A. Stephenson, 1648	...	...	Prov. G.D. Cers.
" A. Roberts, 307	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. F. Tanner, 337	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Mellows, 296	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Crossley, 1311	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
" J. L. Oates, 304	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purs.
Bros. S. Hayes, 139; W. Gaukroger, 61; J. H. Gratton, 1513; W. Delaney, 242; W. Hall, 910; and J. Barker, 1102	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. J. Lee, 290	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Sheard, 268	...	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

EARLY BUILDERS.

We publish with pleasure the following communication from an esteemed correspondent here, as helping materially in the discussion of a very readable subject, and advancing the solution of an interesting archaeological "Crux":

MILTON'S ENGLAND.

Book II., p. 105.—"In these days were great store of workmen, and excellent Builders in the Iland, whom after the alteration of things heer, the *Æduans* in Burgaindie entertain'd to build their Temples and public Edifices. *Dioclesian* having hitherto successfully us'd his valour against the Enemies of his Empire, uses now his rage in a bloodie persecution against his obedient and harmless Christian subjects, from the feeling whercof neither was this Iland, though most remote, far enough remov'd. Among them heer who suffer'd gloriously, *Aron* and *Fulius* of *Caerleon* upon *Vsk*, but chiefly *Alban* of *Verulam* were most renowned."

Book I., pp. 16 and 17.—When Brutus went before Diana for consultation with "Gerion, his Diviner, and twelve of the ancientest, with wonted ceremonies before the inward shrine of the Goddess, in verse, as it seems the manner was, utters his request, '*Dira potens nemorum*,' &c.

"To whom sleeping before the Altar, *Diana*, in a vision that night, thus answer'd: '*Brute sub occasum Solis*,' &c.

"These verses, originally Greek, were put in Latin, saith *Virunnius*, by *Gildas*, a British Poet, and him to have lived under *Claudius*. Which granted true, adds much to the Antiquitie of this Fable."

P. 108.—"Severus (High Steward).—This year (364) *Valentinian* being Emperor, the *Attacots*, *Picts*, and *Scots* roaving up and down, and last the *Saxons* with perpetual landings and invasions, harried the South Coast of *Britan*: slew *Nectaridius*, who govern'd the Sea Borders, and *Bulchobaudes* with his Forces by an Ambush. With which news *Valentinian*, not a little perplext, sends first *Severus*, high Steward of his House."

Copied from "The History of Britain: that part especially now call'd England. From the first Traditional Beginning, Continu'd to the Norman Conquest. Collected out of the Antientest and Best Authors thereof by John Milton. London: Printed by J. M., for John Martyn, at the Sign of the Bell in St. Paul's Church-yard. MDCLXXVII."

VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER, H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, TO PORTSMOUTH.

RECEPTION BY THE BRETHREN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Portsmouth has been honoured this year by being selected as the place for holding the Easter Monday Volunteer Review, and by the presence of Royalty at the same. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., arrived at the Landport Station on Saturday evening, and was received by General H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, attended by Major the Hon. C. C. Byng, Bro. Col. Bray, A.A.G., and Bro. Major Brunker, D.A. A.G. As the carriage was passing the Masonic Club the band of the Gordon Highlanders played "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Having dined at Government House, H.R.H. and the Duke of Cambridge and party attended the Minniesingers' Smoking Concert. On the Royal table was placed every requisite. A volunteer's helmet of silver, with Prince of Wales' plume, containing cigars and cigarettes, and lights were supplied from smaller ornaments designed in similar style. The cigar lamp was formed of a lamp post with two pillars, the spirit being perfumed with Masonic bouquet, a bottle of which was also put upon the table, together with two silver ash trays, these choice articles having been supplied by Bros. the Messrs. H. M. Emanuel and Son, of Ordnance-row, Portsea.

Five hundred members and guests were present, the majority of which were Masons. The company included Viscounts Ranelagh and Bury, Generals Higginson, Pakenham, and Newdigate, Lord Henry Lennox, Admiral A. P. Ryder, Colonel Clarke (Equerry to the Prince of Wales), Major the Hon. C. Byng, and Colonel Stephens (Equerry to the Duke of Cambridge).

On Sunday Divine Service was attended on the Governor's Green, the line of route from Government House being thronged with people. On the ground H.R.H. sent for Bro. Hall (*Graphic*), who was present, in order that sketches of the imposing spectacle might be taken, and at the close of services the outlines of the sketches were submitted for approval.

On Monday H.R.H. attended the review, accompanied by Bros. Lord Carrington and Col. Stanley Clarke; with the Duke of Cambridge, Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley and Col. Stephens, Equerry, A.D.C.; with Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Capt. Lord A. C. Seymour, Scots Guards, A.D.C.; Major Hon. C. C. G. Byng, 1st. Life Guards, A.D.C.; Bro. Col. G. F. G. Bray, A.A. and Q.M.G. Southern District; Col. the Hon. J. C. Dormer, C.B., A.A. and Q.M.G. Southern District; Bro. Major H. Brunker, Scottish Rifles; Major A. Warry, Royal Artillery. There were also present as staff officers, Col. Des Charmes, of the French Army; Col. Allard, Chef de l'état, Major de la garde de Bruxelles; Capt. Enser, Lieut. Mortier, and Lieut. Willans, Belgian Army.

After the review, H.R.H. returned to Portsmouth by a steam launch to Victoria Pier, where the Royal party were received by Bro. H. Threadingham, Marine Superintendent of the Joint Railway Companies. They then paid a visit to the Soldiers' Institute, and were conducted over the building and officers houses by Bro. Tuffnell.

At the official dinner at Government House on Monday, there were present H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, T.S.H. the Prince and Princess of Saxe-Weimar, Lady Florence Gordon-Lennox, the Mayor of Portsmouth (J. G. Whitcombe, Esq.), Lord Ranelagh, Lord Bury, Lord Carrington, General Sir Garnet Wolseley, Major-General the Hon. E. Gage, Sir Evelyn Wood, Col. Smyth, Col. Bray, A.A.G.; Col. the Hon. J. C. Dormer, A.Q.M.G.; Col. Clarke, Lord Albert Seymour, A.D.C.; Col. Stephens, Major the Hon. C. C. G. Byng, A.D.C.; and Lord Hertford.

THE MASONIC RECEPTION.

The different Masonic lodges in the borough contributed towards the erection of a Masonic arch outside the Freemasons' Club, the result being a complete success. The arch was built in the classic style, composite order, and consisting of a large central arch 18ft. high, the entablature being supported by two piers 4ft. 6in. wide, and 8ft. through, faced with two pilasters on each side, and surmounted with a segmental pediment and balustrading. It bore the inscription, "Love and loyalty to our M.W. Grand Master," was gay with bannerets, and had on it the arms of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the United Brothers, Royal Sussex, Portsmouth, and other lodges. In front of the club was a large transparency. It bore the name of the club, wished "Success to Freemasonry, on which the sun never sets," and contained a crown with "Vivat Regina" underneath, the Prince of Wales' feathers above the words "Ich Dien," a cornucopia, a dove bearing an olive branch, the planet Saturn, the glove, and the moon and stars. The design was from Bro. Atkins, and executed by Bro. G. B. Wilson.

On Sunday, H.R.H. Bro. the M.W. Grand Master visited the Masonic Club, and was received by Bro. Alderman W. D. King (Chairman of Directors) and Bro. E. S. Main, the energetic Secretary. No members of the Press were invited, hence no details have been given.

On Monday morning Bro. H.R.H. intimated his desire to attend the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, and by desire the Hon. Secretary, Bro. A. L. Emanuel, attended at Government House to receive instructions from H.R.H. Circulars were issued calling the members together at 12.30 on Tuesday, and to appear in evening dress and white gloves. The Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, where the lodge hold its meetings, was profusely draped with red baize, and the walls in the hall were hung with shields bearing the insignia of every office in the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. Over the stairs, and facing the door, was the shield of the lodge surrounded with bannerettes, and a similar one stood over door of the ante-room leading into the lodge.

Soon after noon the brethren commenced to assemble, as did also the band of the 2nd Battalion Black Watch, which was stationed in the banqueting-room. The members of the lodge just before the expected arrival (12.50), lined the way from the door to the lodge room. At 1.15 p.m., Bro. His Royal Highness arrived, and the band, under the direction of Bro. Buck, played "God Save the Queen" and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." At the door of the building the Most Worshipful Grand Master was received by W. Bro. A. L. Emanuel, who introduced His Royal Highness to the acting W.M., Bro. Townsend. The M.W. Grand Master then proceeded, accompanied by the acting W.M., to the lodge-room, followed by His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, with Bro. A. L. Emanuel, Bro. Col. Stanley Clarke, Equerry-in-Waiting to His Royal Highness, and Bro. Page, S.W.; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Descharmes, French Military Attaché, and Bro. Lord Carrington; the whole of the brethren following, and forming on each side of the lodge-room.

The following officers of the lodge were then introduced to His Royal Highness by W. Bro. A. L. Emanuel: Bros. H. W. Townsend, acting W.M.; Captain G. Haldane, acting I.P.M.; Thomas Page, S.W.; Lieut. Sackville H. Carden, R.N., J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chap.; H. Threadingham, Treas.; J. R. Martyr, R.N., S.D.; Lieut. Southwell T. Bourke, R.N., J.D.; John Lind, P.M., D. of C.; J. McLeod, R.E., I.G.; John Winterbottom, Organist; Sam P. Knight and H. Long, Stewards.

His Royal Highness congratulated Bro. Page, who was introduced as the W.M. elect.

Champagne and biscuits having been handed to the M.W. Grand Master by the Stewards, Bros. Sam Knight and H. Long, and also to the other brethren,

Bro. TOWNSEND said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Your Serene Highness, and Brethren,—In the absence of our Worshipful Master, Lord Charles Beresford, it is my pleasing duty to ask you to drink "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who has kindly honoured us with his presence here to-day. It needs but few words from me to ensure a hearty reception to this toast. Scarcely twelve months have passed since the idea was first entertained of founding this lodge, and I think the promoters scarcely anticipated that in so short a time it would become, as it is now, the strongest lodge in the province of Hampshire. I may say this is mainly due to the fact that His Royal Highness, Bro. the Prince of Wales, and his illustrious brothers, graciously honouring us by becoming honorary members of the lodge. I ask you, brethren, without any further comment to drink most heartily "The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales." (Loud applause.) Bro. Sylvester, a member of the lodge, sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

H.R.H. Bro. the Prince of WALES, G.M., in reply, said: Your Serene Highness and brethren, I thank you very much for the compliment you have paid me, and I assure you it has given me great pleasure to come here to see the lodge of which I have heard so much through your Worshipful Master, Lord Charles Beresford. It is also with pleasure I have heard and seen what I have, and experienced your kind reception, and when writing to Bro. Lord Charles Beresford I shall certainly mention to him of to-day's proceedings. All I have to do now is to drink to "The Health of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge," coupled with it the name of your Worshipful Master, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, whose absence you all, as much as I do, deeply regret to-day.

Bro. Captain HALDANE, acting I.P.M.: On the part of the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, I beg to return our most hearty thanks to His Royal Highness for the honour he has done us in coming to this lodge and proposing the toast he has done.

Bro. TOWNSEND: Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, I now ask you all to drink to "The Health of His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar."

His Serene Highness Prince Edward of SAXE-WEIMAR said, in reply: Your Royal Highness, my lord, and gentlemen, I am greatly obliged to you for drinking to my health, and also for doing me the honour of calling the lodge after my name. I feel very much flattered at it; and am very pleased indeed in coming here with His Royal Highness.

His Royal Highness desired Bro. A. L. Emanuel to thank Bro. Sylvester for the admirable manner in which he had sung "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Bro. Colonel Hay (Gordon Highlanders) was introduced to His Royal Highness by the Equerry-in-Waiting.

His Royal Highness then retired, the organist playing a march and the band playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." On leaving the lodge-room His Royal Highness signed his name in the attendance book "Albert Edward, G.M.," as did also "Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar."

The following were the brethren present:

Bros. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, G.C.M.G., M.P.; Simon Hyne, Col. J. C. Hay, J. Gieve, E. Hyams, Major Brunker, D.A.A.G.; G. Backler, W.M.; Royston Pike, W. C. Primmer, T. Tutnell, A. E. Elms, H. Lane, J. Fraser, W. A. Marshall-say, W. Maybour, J. G. Livesay, C. J. E. Mumby, G. L. Green, Col. Bray, D.A.G.; G. Lacy, G. M. Nelder, J. W. D. Pillow, P.P.G.O.; and Edward Davies.

Visitors: Bros. E. M. Wells, 1069; Captain W. B. Goldsmith, R.N.; R. A. Hancock, G. Reading, M. Emanuel, J. Simpson, H. P. Foster, T. O. Harding, J. D. Gieve, W. D. Parkhouse, and P. H. Emanuel (Freemason).

[FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.]

Our brethren of the "mystic tie" who are also members of England's "second line of defence," and as such, took part in the review at Portsmouth, on Monday last, will remember with frequent recurrence of pleasurable sensations the magnificent reception accorded to them by the members of the Portsmouth lodges, and the brethren generally interested in the Freemasons' Hall and Club of that historical town. In the most liberal spirit the directors of the club, through their indefatigable Secretary, Bro.

E. S. Main, caused a circular to be sent to numerous lodges in the Metropolis and the provinces, inviting the brethren to avail themselves of the conveniences of their admirably arranged building during Review week. This cordial advance on their part met with a ready response, and the resources of the club were freely placed at the disposal of a considerable number of brethren.

A brief description of the Freemasons' Hall and Club will, doubtless, interest many besides those who had practical experience of its usefulness on the occasion referred to. "The Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company" was incorporated on the 17th April, 1879, by the following gentlemen, who became its first Directors, viz.: Bros. Alderman W. D. King, J.P., Chairman; Geo. T. Cunningham, Vice-Chairman; Thomas Good, George Wilkins, Henry Cawte, J. T. Craven, George Mason, C. G. Adames, Samuel R. Ellis, and Edward S. Main, Secretary. The nominal capital of the Company was £3000, subsequently increased to £5000, divided into shares of £5 each. The first portion of the entire building, the Club premises, was opened on the 16th March, 1880, and the remainder, the Hall and Lodge-rooms, in July of the same year. At this time the following Masonic lodges hold their meetings at the Hall, viz.: Royal Sussex Lodge, 342; United Service Lodge, 1428; Landport Lodge, 1776; Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1834; the Unity Lodge of Improvement; Royal Sussex Chapter, 342; United Service Chapter, 1428; the Phoenix Mark Lodge, 25; and a Conclave of the Red Cross R. and C.

A warrant for the Landport Chapter is about to be granted.

The lodge and chapter room is a lofty and well-ventilated apartment, 60 feet long by 20 feet wide, elaborately fitted and furnished for the purposes of Masonic working. It is certainly the finest lodge-room we have yet had the opportunity of visiting. The requisite ante-chambers and convenient adjuncts are on the same floor, and all are situated apart from approach by non-Masons. The banqueting-room, on the ground floor, is of similar dimensions to the lodge-room, and contiguous to the kitchens and servants' offices. The club premises in front comprise coffee room, dining room, large and luxuriously furnished reading room, council room for the "Chamber of Commerce," billiard and card rooms, and retiring rooms. There are extensive and well-stocked cellars, occupying the entire basement area. The general arrangements of the building, and its perfect adaptability to all requirements of lodge and club associations, received much commendation from the numerous visitors of the past week.

As an evidence of the spirit with which Freemasonry is worked in Portsmouth, the splendid decorations of the building, and the substantial and beautiful arch built across the wide road, in welcome of the M.W. Grand Master and volunteer Freemasons, may be taken. On the front of the club premises a large transparency was affixed. It was painted on a black ground and bore the Masonic emblem of the dove and olive branch, a cornucopia, representing peace and plenty, eleven five-pointed stars, the sun, the world, Mercury and the crescent, moon, crown and jewels, Prince of Wales' feathers, and the legends, "Success to Freemasonry, on which the sun never sets," "Vivat Regina," and "Ich Dien," over the volunteer motto, "Defence, not Defiance." This design, at once chaste and very appropriate, was by Bro. W. E. Atkins, marine artist, of Portsmouth, and attracted universal attention. So also did the Masonic composite arch, designed by Bro. George Rake, P.M., the Borough Architect, and built by Bro. Lawrence, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Thos. Hall, of Lodge 804, Borough Clerk of Works. Its situation being at the entrance to the town from the Railway Station, caused it to be the most conspicuous of all the many decorations; and it stood out in great contrast to other arches by reason of its double passages over the footways on either side; the span of the principal arch being twenty-eight feet, and the total width sixty-two feet. On each facade of the centre arch was the motto "Love and Loyalty to our M. W. Grand Master," and the pedestals and other portions of the structure were decorated with trophies of flags and Masonic emblems bearing the names of each of the eight Portsmouth Lodges, and the whole was surmounted by the Royal Standard and a large number of bannerettes, supplied by B. Edington. We were informed that the substantial character of this magnificent adornment is due to the possibility of its re-erection at no distant date. The whole of these decorations were illuminated at night by four brush electric lamps, the electrical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. William Lane of the Landport Lodge, and electrician to H.M. Dockyard. The volunteer Freemasons were evidently taken by surprise, and were loud in their expressions of delight and satisfaction with their brethren for evincing so liberal a spirit.

On the arrival of the M.W. Grand Master, on the evening of Saturday, the full band of the 42nd Highlanders (the Black Watch) was stationed in front of the club premises and against the arch, and for some time played selections of appropriate music, until the approach of the Grand Master, who was enthusiastically welcomed as the strains of "God Bless the Prince of Wales" arose above the shouts of the assembled Freemasons. That our chief fully appreciated the welcome was made apparent by the visit he paid to the Hall and Club on the subsequent day. This event was chiefly brought about by the exertions of the Chairman of Directors (Alderman W. D. King) and their Secretary (Bro. E. S. Main). A very brief notice of the intended visit was alone given, but it sufficed to bring together several earnest workers, who speedily made all necessary arrangements for the reception of so distinguished a visitor.

At about 6.30 the arrival of the Grand Master was announced, and accompanied by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Lords Carrington and Bury, Col. S. M. Clarke, and Sir Albert C. Seymour, he was conducted to the lodge room by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Company, accompanied by several of the Directors and the Secretary. After a brief inspection of the Masonic portion of the building, and an expression of satisfaction with what had been pointed out to him, His Royal Highness and suite severally signed the attendance book and took their departure.

The following brethren were present during the reception, and signed the visitors' book:—

Bros. Alderman W. D. King (Chairman); Geo. Cunningham (Vice-Chairman), 25 and S.W. 1776; Geo. Mason, W.M. 1834; J. R. Ellis; Thos. Good; H. Cawte; G. S. Main (Secretary); G. Rake, P.M. 487; R. J. O'Connor, P.G.S.W.; James Stevens, P.M. 1426; S. Cornhillson, P.M. 1441; E. H. Steer, 179; G. H. N. Bridges, 1216; G. Coop, 1612; G. H. Dean; J. W. Willmott; I. G. Neven; R. W. Bate, W.M. 487; G. P. Arnold, P.M. 1428; G. Ellis; J. Willingford; H. Trives; E. A. Wills, I.P.M. 15; H. Kimber; G. Petys; J. M. Foster; W. E. Williams; C. F. Browne; R. Barnes; W. D. Parkhouse; J. Gieve; H. Hill; J. E. Buck; F. Meredith; C. Fowler; C. B. Betterby; G. Dicke; A. Field; J. W. Gieve; W. Nules; W. E. Atkins; W. P. Winter, jun.; R. J. Turney; G. Izod; F. Benham; J. Watson; G. F. Gourd; H. H. Unding; G. C. Porter; J. W. Peters; C. Fowler; D. Whitehall; J. Exell; W. Limington; W. Lane; F. S. Sanders, 342; B. Newton, 1776; A. H. Hancox; H. Adams; A. Jones; G. Reading; A. McKieley; A. Earwicker; G. J. Earney; E. Earney; G. Drake, 1776; T. Cowling, 1776; J. Arnold, W.M. 1776; Lieut. Probert, 1216; C. Prise, 1216; and others.

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WILL BE HELD On WEDNESDAY, the 26th of APRIL, 1882,

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PATRONESS:—

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE NINETY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

of this Institution will be held

AT FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W.C.,

On WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th, 1882,

under the Presidency of

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., &c., P.G.W.

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Brethren willing to act as Stewards are urgently needed, and will greatly oblige by forwarding their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.

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WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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Patron:—

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:—

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1882, V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Creaton, V. Pat., a Trustee (G. Treas.), in the Chair, on Ballot for the Election of Fifteen Boys from a list of Sixty-six Candidates, the following were declared as duly Elected:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Truman, Hugh B. (3902), Lee, Sidney Edward (2427), Ashdown, Arthur D. (2344), Fowke, Alexander W. (2285), Clark, Frederick A. (2279), Saville, Charles E. (2279), Jordison, Hugh Lloyd (2277), Burgess, Harold T. (2257), Lewis, Francis Wm. (2250), Hewett, John H. (2238), Roe, Frederick S. (2225), Whittaker, Wm. H. (2219), Sellar, Frank Russell (2215), Gurney, Charles A. (2068), Jones, Cleophas C. B. (2050).

Lists, with the number of Votes polled for Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates, may be obtained on application to the Office. April 10, 1882. FREDERICK BINCKES, Sec.

The Eighty-fourth Anniversary Festival will be held in June next, the Right Hon the LORD MAYOR, W. Bro. John Whittaker Ellis, Alderman, P.G. Steward, W.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, in the chair.

The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards will be gratefully received.

Full particulars on application to the Secretary, as above.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W.

At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, W.C., on Saturday April 8, 1882, Col. J. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the whole of the APPROVED CANDIDATES were declared duly ELECTED.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—Mrs. S. J. TRUMAN

tenders her best thanks to the Governors and Subscribers for their kind support of her son, HUGH B. TRUMAN, who was duly elected yesterday.

Lower Norwood, April 11, 1882.

MAY ELECTION, 1882.

TO the PATRONS, GOVERNORS, AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is most earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY HUBBARD,

P.M., P.Z., P.P. Sup. W., Middx., &c. (now in his sixty-second year.)

The present appeal, reluctantly made, arises in consequence of the continued want of employment experienced by the applicant in his business as a Land and General Surveyor, or in other remunerative work within his capacity; failing health, defective eyesight, and the pressure of a most distressing and abiding domestic calamity. He has been a Member of the Craft for upwards of twenty-six years, having been initiated in October, 1855, and has since taken an active interest in its affairs. Is a Life Governor of the Institution, and acted as a Steward at the Festival in January, 1865. Was W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, in 1864-5, and served upon the Board of General Purposes for that year. Became M.E.Z. of Chapter No. 975 in 1867-8. Assisted in the formation of the New Province of Middlesex in 1872-3, and was one of the Founders of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

- The Right Worshipful Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., J.P., P.S.G.W., Prov. G.M. Middx., Dep. G.L. Ireland, &c., &c., Ancaster House, Richmond, Surrey.
The W. Bro. H. C. Levander, 31, J.G.D., G.S.B. (R.A.), Prov. G.S. Middx., V.-Pres., &c., 30, North Villas, Camden-sq., N.W.
The W. Bro. T. Penn, P.G.D., &c., V.-Pat., 6, Princes-st., Buk., E.C.
The W. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., &c., 1, Bedford-square, W.C.
The W. Bro. E. J. Barron, P.G.D., &c., 55, Lincoln's Inn-fields, W.C.
The W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Middx., 1871-2, &c., &c., 11, Abchurch-lane, E.C.
The W. Bro. George Lambert (R.S.A.), 32, G.S.B., P.J.G.W. Herts, Vice-Patron, &c., 12, Coventry-street, W.
The W. Bro. Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B., Ford House, Exeter.
The W. Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., V.-Pres., &c., 9, Marriot-road, Tollington Park, N.
The W. Bro. John M. Stedwell, P.G.S., P.P.G.W. Middx., &c., Vice-President, 7, Chestow Villas, Twickenham, S.W.
The W. Bro. J. Brett, P.G.D., &c., &c., 4, Sidney-rl., Homerton, E.
The W. Bro. G. Kenning, P.G.D. Middx., V.-Pat., Upper Sydenham.
The W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G. Chap. Middx., Christ's Hospital, Newgate-street, E.C.
Bro. R. C. Driver, P.M. and Sec. 105, &c., 4, Whitehall, S.W.
Bro. H. M. Gordon, P.M. 1293, The Courtyard, Elham, Kent.
Bro. W. G. Kentish, W.M. 1293, 11, Idol-lane, Gt. Tower-street, E.C.
Bro. J. W. Sanders, S.W. 1233, Upton House, Gloucester-road, Upper Teddington, S.W.
Bro. J. Andrews, W.M. 173, 25, Lutgate hill, E.C.
Bro. E. W. Allen, P.M. 173, Ave Maria-lane, City.
Bro. J. Finch, P.M. and Treas. 173, 17, Duke-street, Grosvenor-sq.
By whom Proxies will be thankfully received, as also by the Applicant, WILLIAM HENRY HUBBARD, 6, Bushey Park Villas, Hampton Wick, Kingston-on-Thames.

N.B.—Boys', Girls', and Widows' Votes are also acceptable, as they can be exchanged for Men's Votes.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

MAY ELECTION, 1882.

Votes are earnestly requested on behalf of MARY RUSSELL, Aged 62.

Widow of CHARLES RUSSELL, Auctioneer, who was initiated in Lodge "Unity," 132, September 26th, 1844, served the several offices of his Lodge, was twice W.M., and Subscribing Member to his death. He left four children and the above-mentioned Widow, who is now in very indigent circumstances.

I must earnestly appeal to you for your kind support and interest on behalf of this distressing case. All votes to be sent to the W.M.—I beg to remain, yours faithfully,

The Square, Ringwood. G. S. STOCK, W.M.P.M.

The case is strongly recommended by the following Brethren:—

- The R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Oakley House, Basingstoke.
The W. Bro. James Hughau, P.M. 131, P.S.G.D. of England, P.P.G.S. Cornwall.
W. Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M., Hants and Isle of Wight.
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" T. Hicks, P.M. 132.
" H. G. Dyce, P.P.G.P., W.M. 132.
" A. W. Ward, P.M. 132.
" Bro. A. Taylor, S.W. 132.
" F. Johns, J.W. 132.

Proxies may be sent to Mr. L. HARRIS, 3, Vere Street, Lincoln's Inn, London, W.C.

MAY ELECTION.

YOUR Votes and Interest are respectfully solicited on behalf of

Bro. Wm. JAMES HARGRAVE JONES, P.M. 862, P.Z. 862, Life Governor of Girls and R.M.B.I. Age 61.

Bro. JONES has been suffering from ill health for a period of Five Years, and this has exhausted his savings. He is now confined to his room, and will never again be fit for work.

The case is strongly recommended by—

- Bro. J. S. Brown, W.M. 862, 43, Parkhurst Road, Holloway, N.
" R. P. Tate, I.P.M. 862, 31, Holborn, E.C.
" T. Kingston, P.M. 862, 1612, P.Z. 862, Strawberry House, Chiswick.
" A. Moore, P.M. 862, P.Z. 862, Fitzroy House, Brondesbury Road, Kilburn, N.W.
" S. Godden, P.M. 862, 43, Upper George Street, Bryanstone Square.
" W. F. Smith, P.M. 177, 862, P.Z. 975, 7, Bedford Terrace, Upper Holloway.
" H. D. M. Williams, P.M. 874, Z. 874, H. 862, Tunbridge Wells.
" W. H. Marston, P.M. 55, 1599, Hatton Garden.
" Long, P.M. 435, 1, Portugal Street, W.C.
" B. S. Wilmot, P.M. 874, 1078, Z. 862, P.Z. 874, P.P.G.A.K., P.P.G.R.R.A. Kent, Tunbridge Wells.
" W. Stephens, P.M. 1365, 1480, 1037, P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, 1489, P. Prov. G. Soj., Kent, Prov. G. Scribe N. Middx., The Grove, Homerton.
" James Weaver, P.M. 862, 1310, P.Z. 177, 862, 1310, P.P. Grand Orgt. Middx., 18, Tintern Street, Clapham, S.W.
The above Brethren will be pleased to receive proxies.

MAY ELECTION, 1882.

TO the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of the ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

ROBERT WATTS,

P.M. 201, P.Z. 185.

Applicant was initiated in the Jordan Lodge, No. 201 (then 237), in 1853, was W.M. in 1858, and continued a subscribing member until 1876 (nearly twenty-three years). He is a Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities, and has served as Steward for each of them. In consequence of ill-health and the termination of the lease of his premises in 1875, followed by heavy pecuniary losses, he was compelled to relinquish his business as a plate-chest maker. He is now seventy-two years of age, and together with his wife, is entirely dependent on his daughter, who has a small annuity barely sufficient for her own support.

The case is strongly recommended by—

- \* Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P., P.M. 733, 957, 1257; P.Z. and S.E. 177; 29, Dean-street, Soho.
" F. B. DAVAGE, P.M. 107, 201; P.Z. 185; 220, High Holborn.
" W. HAMMOND, P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, 1656; P.Z. 197, 1326, 1423; Hampton, Middlesex.
" B. J. JEFFERY, 1196, P.M. 201; British Museum.
" G. LAMBERT, P.G.S.B.; P.M. 198, 504; P.Z. 7, 21; Vice Patron; 12, Coventry-street, W.
" J. MANDER, P.M. 1201; P.Z. 185, 1201; 25, Old Compton-street, Soho.
" C. G. PAVN, P.M. 201; 5, Myddelton-street, Clerkenwell.
" J. PEARSON, P.M. 1090; P.Z. 1096; N. Ch. 11; 141, High-street, Notting-hill-gate, W.
" T. H. PULSFORD, P.M. 1158; 62, Whitcomb-street, Leicester-square.
" DICK RADCLIFFE, P.G.A.D.C., Berks and Bucks; P.M. 742; J.W. 209.
" J. ROBINSON, P.M. 201; P.Z. 185; Mashboro'-Lodge, 4, Southey-road, New Wimbledon, S.W.
" P. ROBINSON, P.M. 201; St. Leonards.
" W. SPEARING, Hampton-lodge, New Hampton, Middlesex.
" E. SPOONER, P.M. 201, 1044, 1420; P.Z. 22; New Wandsworth.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked \*.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1882.

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.]

EXCHANGE OF VOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The anxiety and turmoil of the Boys' School Elections are too recently ended to enable me, or I think any one else, to enter dispassionately on a subject which has interested us all so greatly; and therefore, with your kind permission, as I think I can make my remarks better worth perusal by a little calm reflection, I postpone for the present my letter to you on this very important topic. It is one which demands a most severe and exhaustive treatment, absolutely free from partizan zeal or favourite prepossessions.

Yours fraternally,

ALIQUIS.

EARLY TEMPLARISM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the editorial in the *Freemason* of February 4th, briefly reviewing that portion of my report on foreign correspondence made to the Grand Commandery of Ohio in 1880, which refers to my "theory" of the origin of the connection between Craft Masonry and the Order of Masonic Knights Templar. The article quotes from Bro. McLeod Moore's address an extract from my report. To be fairly understood the whole of the portion of my report devoted to this particular subject should be read; and if you had referred to the original, as printed and published by the Grand Commandery of Ohio in the proceedings of 1880, a copy of which I mailed you at the time, you would have found that I only claimed to advance a "theory"—my own—as to the origin of the Order of Masonic Knights Templar, and its connection with Symbolic or Craft Masonry. I still maintain that I did advance some "curious historical facts and coincidences in support of my 'theory.'" The historical statements I stand ready to verify.

The editorial says, "There is not the slightest available evidence of Anderson having exceeded his powers, or of any dissatisfaction whatever among the brethren," &c.

Let us see. In my report I give extracts from twenty-one of the old Masonic Constitutions, all of them anterior in date to Anderson. This list includes very manuscript or printed copy of these Masonic Constitutions that has been discovered to the present time, except only one—the "Wilson Manuscript," edited by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford—and which I had not seen at the time my report was written, or it would have been included; it is substantially the same as the others. All of these Constitutions, save one (Krause's), and that of more than doubtful authority, give an unequivocal and strictly Christian character to Freemasonry, including the dogma of the Holy Trinity, not by implication but in plain English.

The dates of these Constitutions extends over a period of two hundred and thirty years (1490-1720). Thanks to those indefatigable and intelligent Masonic archaeologists, Bros. Hughan, Lyon, Woodford, and that prince of English archaeologists, though not a Mason, James Orchard Halliwell (Phillips), the contents of these rare and precious Masonic documents are brought within the reach of all Masonic students. Anderson's Constitutions differs as wide as day from night in a most material article—that

"concerning God and religion"—from any of these old Masonic Constitutions, except Krause's, which, as I have already said, is of doubtful authority.

Now, where did Anderson find any "old Masonic Constitution, history, charge, or regulation," either from "Italy, Scotland, England, or beyond the seas," that authorised him to say, "But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient only to obligate them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honour and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished?"

Anderson's Constitutions were just what they are called in the "Approbation" appended to the book, "New Constitutions, with Charges and General Regulations." There were none before like them, "neither on the earth, in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth."

In proof of my allegation that the New Constitutions gave much dissatisfaction to some of the members of the Fraternity, I quote the following passage from one of the best authorities we have on English Masonic history—Bro. Hughan, of Truro. In his "Memoirs of the Masonic Union," page 4, he says: "The precise origin of the secession of 1730-52 has not yet been exactly ascertained, but we may safely assume that the disagreement which arose was mainly fostered by the Operatives, in whose practical minds the institution of the Society of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons on a Cosmopolitan basis was evidently regarded as directly opposed to their ancient customs and privileges. The struggle for supremacy commenced in earnest on the festival of St. John the Baptist, 1723, when the election of the learned natural philosopher, Dr. Desaguliers, as Deputy Grand Master, met with opposition, forty-two adverse votes being registered out of a total of eighty-five. In 1730 (15th Sept.) Anthony Sayer, the Premier Grand Master, was publicly admonished, and well nigh expelled, for taking part in illegal assemblies of dissatisfied Masons, who were seeking to undermine the authority of the Society they and others had so recently constituted."

"In 1739 (June 30) complaint was exhibited against certain brethren suspected of being concerned in an irregular making of Masons" (Northouck's Constitutions, p. 239).

"At the next meeting of the Grand Lodge (Dec. 12) these transgressors were pardoned, upon submission, and promise of future good behaviour, &c." (Northouck, p. 239).

"Some disagreeable altercations arose in the Society about this period" (1739) (Preston's Illustrations, 1812, p. 241).

In further evidence of my assertion that "dissatisfaction existed among some of the brethren," soon after the publication of Anderson's Constitutions, and that it grew and became formidable, finally culminating in the organisation of a rival Grand Lodge in 1753, see Gould's "Four Old Lodges," pp. 33-35.

On the 29th of September, 1721, "The members of the Grand Lodge finding fault with all the copies of the Old Gothic Constitutions, Bro. James Anderson, A.M., was ordered to digest them in a new and better method." The result of his labour did not appear in print until 1723.

Now mark! Within four months after this action by Grand Lodge, the following important Masonic pamphlet appeared in print:

"The Old Constitutions belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Taken from a manuscript wrote above five hundred years since. London: printed and sold by J. Roberts, in Warwick-lane, 1722, 8vo., pp. 26."

This was the first exclusively Masonic book ever printed.

I assume, as a part of my "theory," that the printing of this book was instigated by the "dissatisfied brethren," and its publication was precipitated in order to anticipate Anderson's projected "digested edition," which it did by at least one year.

Certainly there were some Masons who still adhered to these Old Constitutions, as several editions of them appeared within a few years. One, London, 1729, an exact fac-simile of an original old manuscript, engraved and printed from copperplates throughout. A second edition of this, London, 1731. Another edition appeared under the following title: "The Beginning and First Foundation of the most worthy Craft of Masonry, with the Charges thereunto belonging. London, 1739, 4to pp. 20." Another, London, Benjamin Cole, 1751, 8vo., pp. 78. It is said that these Constitutions only related to the Operative Masons. Still they were the only ones known in any Masonry prior to Anderson's. And it is no longer a mooted question that there were Speculative or Philosophic Masons long anterior to his time.

Take from Anderson's "History of Constitutions and Charges" the part that relates to Operative Masonry, and we should have little more than the cover of it left.

I claim that the whole system of Freemasonry was changed in both doctrine and government about the time "Anderson's Constitutions" were compiled. It may be that Anderson only did his "work to order." That, however, does not affect my position at all. A change, very radical in its character, was made; it matters not by whom this was done, whether by Anderson or the Grand Lodge; undoubtedly they acted in harmony.

Now, Mr. Editor, will you, or some of the "English Masonic Students," whom you think "will not endorse in any

measure my statements," please inform me where I can find in print or manuscript any Masonic Charges or Constitutions of a date prior to 1721, in which the article "Concerning God and Religion" is like that in Anderson's book?

We have said we do not believe that the English Order of Masonic Knights Templar had its origin in France, or that the Chevalier Ramsay had anything to do with the formulating of the Templar ceremonial.

Does any English Templar, with a knowledge of the Templar ceremonial of initiation in vogue eighty years ago, and long before, believe that any one but an English Mason, and most likely an Operative one at that, would ever have thought of introducing any part of "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress" into a Masonic degree? Yet it is a fact that the journeyings, trials, and vicissitudes of Bunyan's Pilgrim, weighed down with a great mountain of sin on his weary back, was the principal dramatic feature of the grade in early Masonic Templary. That ceremonial is enough of itself to fix the English origin of the grade in my mind. That pious Pilgrim, freed from his great load of sin at the foot of the cross, was no Frenchman; beyond a doubt he never crossed the English Channel. I am not advocating, nor am I in favour of any change in the present cosmopolitan character of our Masonic institution. I would not have this even if I could.

I am also opposed to any change in the purely Christian character of our present Masonic Templar system. I am somewhat of a student of the history and philosophy of Freemasonry in all its branches, both Ancient and Modern. This has led me to investigate as to when, where, and why it was that the English Templar system, with its most unequivocal Christian teachings and ceremonials, became so closely connected with Symbolic Freemasonry; an institution equally renowned for its latitudinarianism in religious creed. I have long had my own "theory" in explanation of this obscure chapter in Templar and Masonic history. I gave it to the world in my report. Only this:

Of this effort my distinguished and well-informed Bro. McLeod Moore was pleased to say, "This view of Bro. Carson's of its introduction into Masonry appears to be the most reasonable theory yet advanced, showing why the Templar Order was added to Universal Freemasonry (which otherwise appears an anomaly), and has much to recommend it to the candid Masonic student, unless he is one of those iconoclastic spirits who would snatch away the head of imagination and not even substitute a stone."

Will some English Masonic student favour us with a more reasonable one, fortified with as many corroborative historic facts?—Respectfully and fraternally yours,  
J. Cincinnati, March 13, 1882. E. T. CARSON.



ADDRESS by CORNELIUS WALFORD, First President of the Shorthand Society. Delivered November 1st, 1881. Privately printed.

Will it surprise our readers to be told that shorthand or in its scientific and learned name "stenography," is a very ancient system? Mr. Walford, in his interesting address, says it may be that the claims of the Tironian notes carry the discovery back to the time of Cicero, eleventh century, B.C., an epoch of great intellectual advancement. It is just possible, we venture to think, that its career is of earlier existence, and may be traced to Oriental sources. Be this as it may, Timothy Bright, in 1588, published a system, and termed it "Characterie; an art of short, swift, and secret writing by character," and dedicated his work to Queen Elizabeth. It contained a table of 500 characteristic words, to be got by heart. This work, the earliest so far discovered, is not, as Mr. Walford takes care to point out, recorded with certainty as the first English system known. In 1602, it seems, Willis published "Stenographic," 6th edition 1620; 10th, 1628; and in 1818, Folkingham published "Brachiography," post writ. In 1651 appeared the first French book on stenography, Mr. Walford tells us, by Jacques Cossand, and the earliest German work is supposed to be "Trithemis's Stenographia," Darmstadt, 1621. Jeremiah Rich's system, published in 1654, was said by the famous Locke to be the best contrived he had ever seen; and Mr. Bailey informs Mr. Walford that his collection consists of over 700 volumes relating to shorthand, of which 360 are by English authors, 70 by French, 50 by German, and 30 miscellaneous,—in all, 710. Of the value of shorthand we all have daily experience in those wonderful reports which attest so markedly the skill, fidelity, and carefulness of the reporters, to whom public men owe a great debt of gratitude for the good sense with which they endow their remarks, and the nonsense they often as happily suppress or ingeniously trim. Mr. Walford, in a concluding and characteristic passage, remarks, "It may be expected that I shall not conclude without saying one word about the growing rumour concerning reporting by machinery. We now constantly read of delicately constructed machines, embodying all the latest improvements of the telephone, the audiphone, or some other 'phone,' which is to be set going by the voice of the orator, and which is to place on faithful record all that he says on any given occasion. I do not believe that such a contrivance will ever be perfected, and if it were, a deadly feud would soon be established between its patentee or employer, and all who become its victims. There would be one real advantage in the invention,—a negative one,—all public speakers would thereby know the full measure of their indebtedness to Parliamentary and other public reporters. After its performances every reporter would become a hero; the true nature of his labours and services being for the first time fully recognized." Pitman's skillful system seems to be the foundation of modern stenography.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### THE FREEMASON STRIPPED NAKED.

I am quite in accord with your correspondent, "Masonic Student," whose query appeared in your issue of the 1st inst., and would be glad to have some information in regard to the publication he mentions, as I am also in possession of a similar copy, given to me by an old soldier, who picked it up among the Turks at Scutari, during the Crimean War. Mine on the title page is headed: "The Three Distinct Knocks, by W. O. V., member of a lodge in England. Printed by and for A. Cleugh, Ratcliffe Highway, T. Hughes, 35, Ludgate-street; B. Crosby, Stationer's-court. Price one shilling." Without date. W.M.

### MR. COLLINS.

Arthur Collins, the compiler of "The Peage of England" (first edition, 1709), born 1682, was the son of William Collins, Esq., gentleman-usher to Queen Catherine of Braganza, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Blyth. He appears to have been at some time a bookseller "at the Black Boy in Fleet-street," but afterwards lived at Enfield and Holloway. He had a pension of £400 per annum and died on the 16th March, 1760, at Battersea, in Surrey, where he lies buried.—[Moule, Biblioth. Her., p. 388].

W. H. R.

### CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL AT GIBRALTAR.

On the 22nd ult., the new hall of the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 576, was consecrated, and the occasion will be long remembered by the brethren of the rock as a most conspicuous event in the history of the Craft in Gibraltar. The brethren having assembled, the procession was formed, under the direction of the D.C., when they entered the new lodge-rooms, and the R.W.M., Bro. Thos. J. Haynes, P.M., having ascended the throne, appointed the following officers to assist in the consecration: Bros. W. D. Kennedy, P.M., W.M. 278, S.W.; W. Lyons, W.M. 153, J.W.; Rev. R. S. Patterson, P.M., P.D.G.M. Manitoba, Chap.; W. F. Cottrell, P.M. 278, P.P.G.S.W., D.C.; A. Ross, P.M. 325 (I.C.), for Corn; E. Sibra, W.M. 576 (S.C.), for Wine; E. Chiverton, I.P.M. 115, for Oil; J. R. Ballard, W.M. elect 670 (S.C.), for Censer; F. Ashton, P.M. 115, S.D.; J. Wink, P.M. 576 (S.C.), J.D.; J. Holliday, P.M. 325, (I.C.), I.G.; James Kennic, Sec.; A. Pimienta, Org.; and H. Perczyra, Tyler.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. John H. Haynes, F.M. 115; A. Haurat, W.M. 115; S. de Luques, P.M. 115; E. Valarino, P.M. 115; E. Barker, P.M. 153; J. Bell, P.M. 325 (I.C.); J. Franceri, P.M. 325 (I.C.); Wylie, Cruz, Requena, Beniso, Anthony, Ferrary, Rumbó, Reid, Abudarham, Serra, Montegriffo, Gilbert, Danan, Lopez, Gomez, Galan, Corona, Bonfante, Consighiero, Russo, Dobranich, Carreto, Pallache, Guerrero, Benselum, Azopardi, Laydon, Rendon, Quintero, White, Lzavagna, Thornton, McInerney, Pepper, King, Lobamara, Cerisola, Balensi, Monserrat, Colombo, Fernandez, Prades, Collings, Hemphill, Masias, Pau Roberts, Chipolina, S. Cerisola, Trotabas, Pereyra, Prea, Coll, and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the R.W.M. stated the business of the evening was to consecrate the hall for Masonic purposes. Bro. W. M. SILVA read the communication from Grand Lodge appointing Bro. Thomas J. Haynes, P.M., Consecrating Officer. The R.W.M. declared that the consecrating ceremony would proceed.

After prayer and oration by the rev. Chaplain, Bro. P.M. Cottrell, D.C., formed the procession for sprinkling of corn, pouring wine and oil, and diffusing incense, the ceremony being done in a most imposing manner, and in accordance with full Masonic rites, accompanied with vocal and instrumental music.

Before closing the lodge the R.W.M., Bro. Haynes, proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, thanking the W. Masters and P. Masters present for having so kindly assisted in the consecration, particularly Bro. P.M. Cottrell, to whose untiring exertions might be attributed the splendid result of the ceremony, coupling it with the name of Bro. P.M. the Rev. Bro. Patterson.

These brethren having returned thanks in a few appropriate words,

Bro. E. SILVA, R.W.M. St. Thomas Lodge, proposed that a vote of thanks be given and recorded to the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Thos. J. Haynes, P.M., to whose great Masonic love and exertions the lodge entirely owed its present flourishing condition, and the possession of such commodious and suitable rooms, and who had, with his Bro. John H. Haynes, P.M. 115, advanced the necessary funds for purchasing furniture and fitting out the premises.

There being no further business to transact, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren withdrew to the banquet room, where upwards of eighty brethren sat down to a most recherché supper. Justice having been done to the various good things on the table, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts received due attention, most particularly the one to "The Queen, our beloved Sovereign." The R.W.M., Bro. T. J. Haynes, alluded with feelings of abhorrence to the late dastardly attempt on her life, and at the same time give thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. that it had pleased Him to save our Queen and Patron from the hands of the assassin. It need not be said that the toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and with feelings of attachment to the throne.

The evening was enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Cottrell, Montegriffo, Palache, Roberts, Lyons, Thornton, and others.

The Tyler's toast being given, the brethren retired, well pleased with the very pleasant evening they had spent.

Altogether the proceedings were a marked success; the large muster of brethren, amongst whom were upwards of twenty Past Masters, being a very notable feature of the ceremony, no brother present ever having seen such a large attendance.

### Ireland.

#### FANCY FAIR IN AID OF A MASONIC SCHOOL.

A great Masonic Festival was held on Wednesday in the Exhibition Palace, Dublin, in which all the characteristics of the Brotherhood were impressively displayed. The object was to collect funds for the erection of a new school for the orphan daughters of members. With this view, it was resolved to hold a great fancy fair, and the design was carried out with great taste and judgment. The idea of adopting the now hackneyed reproduction of a fancy fair which has been travelling through the English provinces, was discarded, and it was resolved to work out an original design. The interior of the building has been transformed, and visitors may find themselves living in some period of the Middle Ages, and making the acquaintance of many historical celebrities and strange people. The principal stalls were arranged in a portion of the building which was fitted up as a street in the olden time. There were other mediæval revivals of a dramatic nature, such as impersonations of Shakespeare, Queen Elizabeth, and other historic personages, whose characters were sustained by accomplished amateurs. Among the ladies who took a lively interest in the bazaar was the Countess Cowper, and many of the stalls were presided over by ladies of rank. The Countess, accompanied by Lady Powerscourt and the Hon. Bernard Fitzpatrick, visited the bazaar at two o'clock, and was received by the Earl of Huntington, Provincial Grand Master of the Midland Counties; the Earl of Desart; the Earl of Bandon, Provincial Grand Master of Munster; Bro. Maxwell Close, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Armagh; Colonel E. R. King-Harman, Provincial Grand Master of Meath; Bro. James Spaight, Provincial Grand Master of North Munster; Bro. Richard Donovan, Provincial Grand Master of Wicklow and Wexford; Bro. Wills Sandford, Provincial Grand Master of North Connaught; Major Robertson, D. Prov. Grand Master of Connaught; together with some of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges of Ireland. Amid the strains of the National Anthem, played by the band of the 1st Royal Dragoons, Lady Cowper and party were conducted through the sculpture hall into the glass building, and thence through the fair. Several of the brethren wore Masonic insignia, and many of the ladies present, besides those presiding at the stalls, wore fancy costumes. Such an assemblage of people in the palace has never before been witnessed.

#### DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1356.

The members of the above lodge having unanimously resolved at a meeting, held on the 8th February last, to change the name to that of the Toxteth Lodge, an application was made to the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, for his sanction. This was accorded in the following terms:

"Province of the Western Division of the County of Lancaster.

"To the W.M., Wardens, and members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356, meeting at Liverpool, in the said province.

"You having at a regular meeting, held February 8th, 1882, decided unanimously to alter the name of your lodge to the 'Toxteth Lodge,' and having applied for my approval of the same, I do hereby make known my approval, and authorise and empower you, the W.M., to make the said alteration, for doing whereof this shall be your authority.

"Given at London, this 24th day of March, A.L. 5882, A.D. 1882.

(Signed) "LATHOM, D.G.M.,  
"Prov. G.M. West Lancashire.

"H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec."

The lodge, which we must henceforth call the Toxteth, has had a very successful career. During the eleven years of its existence, 325 members have been initiated, of whom about 150 remain on the books as subscribing members. It possesses a lodge-room convenient and commodious, measuring 29 feet by 40 feet; and we have no doubt it will continue to prosper under its new designation.

### COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

#### QUEBEC v. ENGLAND.

The Hon. Richard Vaux, Past Grand Master, and Chairman of the Committee on foreign correspondence, reported to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania concerning the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at its 150th annual communication (it being the oldest Grand Lodge on this Continent), held on the 27th of December last as follows:—"The address of the Grand Master of Quebec is very interesting—covering the question of foreign relations generally and domestic relations between the Grand Lodges of the provinces. It officially states the settlement of the difficulties between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec; that the Grand Lodge of Quebec refused to accept the conditional recognition of it, by the Grand Lodge of England—declares for the American doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty" (which the Grand Master of Quebec proved to be originally British), "and set out in full the correspondence between the Grand Master of England and the Grand Master of Quebec, (then follow lengthy extracts from the address)." The Grand Master of Quebec declares that longer forbearance by the Grand Lodge of Quebec with the Grand Lodge of England and the three lodges under English jurisdiction in the jurisdiction of Quebec, cannot in reason be looked for. He intimates that he will be forced to stern and imperative measures, and significantly hints at what these measures may be. Nevertheless he counsels further deliberation before action. It is an exceedingly well prepared address, and we take the liberty of remarking just here, that to cut off communication with the Grand Lodge of England, and declare the three lodges clandestine, is not beyond the compass of the Grand Lodge of Quebec's intended, and, we modestly submit, proper action.—*Montreal Gazette.*

The Duke of St. Albans has promised to preside at the dinner of the Samaritan Hospital, to be held on Tuesday, 10th of May.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).**—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at Mason's Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there was a full attendance of members and visiting brethren. On account of the amount of business on the agenda, Bro. Cordingley, W.M., and his officers were in attendance early, the lodge being opened at 3.30, and after the routine business had been completed, Bro. Locke was passed to the Second Degree. The candidate for initiation was unable to attend, however, so that the W.M. had less work than he had anticipated. Bro. Moss, P.M., and father of the lodge then took the W.M.'s chair, and Bro. W. A. S. Humphries was presented to him for installation. The performance of the ceremony left nothing to be desired, and the three addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were also delivered in a most impressive manner. The newly installed Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Ball, S.W.; Smith, J.W.; Follett, P.M. Treas.; Wing, Sec.; Driver, P.M.; D.C.; Nell, S.D.; Fountaine, J.D.; Callow, I.G.; Bros. Hunt, Stanton and Thomas, Stewards; and Steed, Tyler.

Before the closing of the lodge Bro. Hemsworth, P.M., rose and said that he had the pleasure to present to the lodge an ancient Masonic sword which he believed was only to be equaled by the one in the possession of Grand Lodge. He was not in a position to trace it back step by step to its original possessor, but he believed that he might guarantee it a genuine Toledo blade, and it was said to have been originally owned by Gustavus Adolphus. Bro. Hemsworth then handed to the W.M. the sword in question, which is beautifully proportioned, with an ivory cross handle, carved with Masonic devices, and which is certainly a valuable addition to the already numerous antiques in the possession of the lodge. Bro. Follett, P.M. and Treas., also presented a handsome kneeling bench to the lodge, as an article of furniture which they had for a long time needed. In recognition of these presents it was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the thanks of the brethren are tendered to Bros. Hemsworth, P.M., and Follett, P.M., and that a minute to the effect be recorded in the proceedings.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. On the cloth being removed, the Chairman proceeded with the usual list of loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing them, he said that Freemasons were noted for their loyalty, but even among Masonic lodges the Strong Man was second to none; and in proposing that of "The Prince of Wales," he noticed the anxiety that Masons in every direction evinced to give a loyal greeting to the M.W.G.M.; and with the toast devoted to the Grand Officers, Present and Past, he associated by name the Dukes of Connaught and Albany.

These toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman said he wished now to bring before the brethren the toast of "The Masonic Charities." The toast as he had first intended it had been in the singular, and had referred to charity as connected with the lodge; but in the course of printing the word had been pluralised, and he should, therefore, accept it as it stood, and propose success to the Masonic Charities. And as, under the circumstances, there was no one present to represent either of the three Institutions, and as the Masonic Press had done so much to further their claims to the support of the whole body, he should associate with this toast the names of Bros. Massey and Morgan.

Bro. Massey replied on behalf of himself and Bro. Morgan. As representative on that occasion of the *Freemason*, he willingly responded to the call of the Chairman, but regretted that he should have been selected, because, although the Masonic Press did all in its power to promote the true interests of the three Masonic Institutions, he was personally unequal at a moment's notice to composing an effective appeal to the lodge on their behalf. He was not armed at all points, like the Secretaries of the Institutions, with facts and figures, and could only commend the cause of the Masonic Charities generally to the generous support of the brethren.

Bro. C. Cordingley, I.P.M., in rising to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that not many words from him would be required for that purpose. The Strong Man Lodge had been in existence for more than a century and a half, and of course during that time a host of masters had passed through the chair to which Bro. Humphries had that day succeeded. Bro. Humphries was well known to them. A Lewis, the son of a Lewis, he was an ardent Mason, well up in his work, and what was not so usual, had a thorough acquaintance with the Book of Constitutions; it was quite possible that he might know it by heart. While drinking the health of the W.M., they must not forget that one P.M., a man past the usual term of three score years and ten of human life, had come from a sick bed to take part in the ceremony of placing the new W.M. in the chair. (Applause.)

The chairman, in reply, said he thanked the I.P.M. and the brethren for the cordiality with which this toast had been proposed and received. He was afraid that they were expecting too much from him. He would, however, say that whatever he could do to forward the real well-being of the lodge, however laborious, or pleasant, or arduous, he would give a sound mind in a sound body to the forwarding the interests of the Strong Man Lodge.

He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Cordingley" who he thought had not had altogether a bed of roses while he occupied that chair. He (the speaker) believed he had himself been a thorn in the side of Bro. Cordingley on one or two occasions, and he hoped that when his own term of office closed he should be able to reflect that he had done his duty as ably. The W.M. then presented Bro. Cordingley with a Past Master's jewel, and in attaching it expressed a hope that he might live very many years to wear it.

Bro. Cordingley, in responding, thanked the brethren for the jewel they had voted him, and thanked the W.M. for the handsome terms in which he had referred to his (the speaker's) services. He was happy if his endeavours to improve the lodge had been so far successful; he was very



desirous of seeing it take a still higher rank amongst London lodges, and he should always be ready to render his aid in any movement that would conduce to the true well being of the lodge.

"The Health of the Visitors" was next given from the chair, and replied to by Bros. Wilday, 11; Billy, 19; Crowther, P.G. Reg. Essex, and others.

We have not space to record in detail the proposition of the remaining toasts, which included "The Installing Master, Bro. S. P. M. Moss, and the P.M.'s of the Strong Man Lodge," "The Treasurer, Bro. P. M. Follett, and the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Wing," "The Wardens, Deacons, and other Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. F. Knight Smith, assisted by Bros. Frost, Kift, and Evans, and not only was the performance good, but the entire arrangements of this department were very complete. In particular, the programme card of the chants and hymns while the lodge was at labour, struck us as being very convenient.

Among the guests present were Bros. J. H. Crowther, P.M., P.G. Reg. Essex; R. C. Hallows, 33; F. F. Knight Smith, 1441; J. Evans, 753; W. A. Frost, 1728; J. Kift, 1701; W. C. Niblett, 1196; Byron H. Ridge, 1347; L. Wilday, 11; R. Josey, 1828; E. F. Day, 534; F. Gabriel, 860; A. E. Fidler, 1037; T. Charlton, 1712; D. R. Byer, 1507; Jas. Bonce, 813; R. Billy, 19; and H. J. Dean, 1260.

**PATTISON LODGE (No. 913).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead, Bro. R. J. Cook, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and others: Bros. W. Tongue, P.P.G.J.W. Kent, P.M.; J. McDougall, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; H. J. Butter, P.P.G. Reg. Kent, P.M.; H. Mason, S.W.; R. Edmunds, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent, P.M. and Treas.; E. Denton, P.P.G.P. Kent, P.M. and Sec.; H. Pryce, S.D.; W. Rees, I.G.; and H. Mabbett, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Moulder, P.M. 829; T. Holleyman, S.W. 1536; T. W. Whitmarsh; Jas. Taylor, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 and 1472 (Freemason).

The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for Mr. E. M. Taylor, which proving satisfactory, that gentleman was duly initiated into Masonry in masterly style by the W.M. The next was the consideration of a motion by Bro. Butter, P.M., "That future lodge meetings be held at the Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook Hill, Plumstead, on the first Wednesday in the month," also to alter bye-laws, Article 1, as follows: "For Lord Raglan Tavern read High School for Boys, Brook Hill, and for Thursday read Wednesday."

In temperate, but forcible language, Bro. Butter explained his reasons for bringing forward the motion, and pointed out the advantages likely to occur by the removal, disclaiming anything like a party or even personal feeling in the matter, at the same time mentioning that there were several excellent candidates who were anxious to join the lodge, but would not while it was held in a tavern.

Bro. Tucker could not understand why, after eighteen years sojourn at the Raglan, this new removal should be necessary. Some of the best lodges in the metropolis and other parts of the country were held in taverns and hotels, and he certainly could not see any advantage that would arise to the lodge by its removal.

Bro. Butter, in reply, said the lodges held in London, and spoken of by Bro. Tucker, were held in large hotels, where rooms were specially reserved for Masonic gatherings; whereas the lodge room was used as a dancing room and music hall, and Bro. Tucker must remember that new ideas about the association of Masonry were growing daily, and certainly did not tend to such as that room was associated with. Bros. Jolly and Griffiths thought that the alteration of the date of meetings from Thursday to Wednesday would clash with other meetings, and Bro. Denton said that several important meetings of Grand Lodge fell on the first Wednesday in the month. Bro. Butter had no doubt that arrangements could be made with the councils of the schools to continue the meetings on the first Thursday in the month, and withdraw that portion of the motion, which was then carried unanimously. Bro. Tucker offering no opposition to the general wish of the members.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a prettily served supper, supplied by Bro. Moulden, and afterwards drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with enthusiasm. The toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Butter who paid a high tribute to the energy and excellence of Bro. Cook, and felt sure that he would add to the lustre of the lodge by a perfect rendering of the duties of his office.

Bro. Cook, in response, regretted there was no royal road to speech making, but heartily thanked them for their support and consideration. The toasts of "The Past Masters," "Initiate," "Visitors" and Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Edward Hornblower. The lodge was numerously attended, seventy-two brethren signing, among them being the following thirty-one visitors: Bros. R. Croisdale, 1331; Charles Anderson, 1046; Wm. Penn, 1424; W. Longshaw, 1424; T. Vanin, 184; T. Fuller, P.M. 1050; W. C. Ross, 154; J. Knott, 1424; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Hy. Wm. Taylor, 901; G. Kennedy, 1536; A. Woods, 1833; Lewis Ascott, P.M. 933; Walter Harper, 554; Wm. Coombes, 383; A. S. Whale, 771; H. G. Moon, 1524; Alfred J. Martin, 1828; T. Holigman, 1536; C. A. Solbe, 1789; George B. Smallpiece, P.M. 370; F. Stewart, 948; Wm. Holt, 1766; J. Welford, P.M. 733; C. A. White, 1777; F. Kerry, 1641; G. Fountain, 771; Thos. Coulthard, 1624; W. Vincent, P.M. 1624; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1028 (Freemason).

The W.M. fully kept up the high character the lodge has obtained for good working by performing the whole of the installation ceremony in a faultless manner. The candidate for the Master's chair, elected at last meeting, was Bro. Frederick Butterworth, S.W., who received at the hands of Bro. Hornblower the benefit of installation, and the new W.M. displayed in the investiture of his officers the same ability which was shown by his predecessor.

The following brethren were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices: Bros. E. Hornblower, I.P.M.; James Wade, S.W.; W. Brindley, J.W.; the Rev. Rob. Halpin, M.A., Chap.; Thomas H. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; Robt. J. Scott, Sec.; James Gibson, S.D.; Henry Folsom, J.D.; W. Coleman, I.G.; G. C. Young, P.M., Org.; W. Mimms, D.C.; H. Harvey, W.S.; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

At the banquet subsequently given at Freemasons' Tavern the usual toasts were briefly given and responded to.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," said he was present at the Special Grand Lodge on the 16th ult., when the vote of congratulation to Her Majesty was passed unanimously; and, referring to the large number of brethren then present, said he believed if the meeting had been held in the Albert Hall sufficient brethren would have been found to fill that building.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., responding for "The Grand Officers," said that Lord Carnarvon on a recent occasion proposed the vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late President of the United States. Little did his lordship or any other brother at that time think that on the next occasion of their meeting they would have to offer their congratulations to the mother of the Grand Master on her happy escape from the hands of an assassin. The last act of Grand Lodge was of such an historical character that he ventured to say that it would remain in the annals not only of Masonry but of England so long as the history of the country was engraven on its annals, seeing that there were present three Princes of the Royal House, surrounded by men representing almost every religious creed and political opinion in Her Majesty's dominions, receiving the Princes with the most devoted loyalty, singing "God save the Queen," and meaning it; and in that grand chorus representing the love and affection and honour to not merely one of the best of women and noblest of mothers, but to one who, looked at in the light of passing events, was the great personification of law and order. It was not merely a tribute on the one hand to the Sovereign of our native land, but a tribute which we paid to our own highest interests, to the preservation of the life, and property, and liberty of the land; and consequently it was a grand occasion on which Masonry should show its true colours, not merely in the sight of England but in the sight of the nations of Europe. Returning to the subject of the toast, he, as a Past Grand Officer, felt deeply gratified and thankful for having had the privilege and pleasure of again attending the Wanderers Lodge. He had been present at its birth, and he now saw it an infant Hercules. When he looked upon the number of its members (which, after all, was an inferior test of the popularity of a lodge), and upon the manner in which its ceremonies were conducted, as well as the ceremony of installation by the I.P.M., he ventured, as a Mason of some thirty-two years' standing, to say that he never saw the ceremony conducted with more remarkable accuracy, with a more natural flow of diction, and withal with more quiet dignity since he had sat in a Masonic lodge. He did not wonder, therefore, to find so admirable a set of officers, nor was he surprised to see the new W.M. perfectly at home at his work among many old faces and old friends. He recognised in those present many who took part in the consecration of the lodge, and he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would bless the W.M. in his work, and raise up a bright succession of Masters to carry on the work of the lodge as ably as it had been carried on hitherto.

Bro. Hornblower proposed "The health of the W.M." The old French formula, "The King is dead, long live the King," somewhat applied to his position and that of the W.M. Perhaps the most pleasing act which a W.M. had to perform when he was leaving the chair was to instal his successor. It was a great joy to him to know that in leaving the chair he was placing in it one who was worthy of it. He had known Bro. Butterworth many years, but he could tell the brethren nothing more than they already knew, that he was a genial good fellow, and would in every respect fulfil his duties as W.M. to the advantage of the lodge and the Craft in general.

The W.M., in reply, said that the proof of the pudding was in the eating, and if at the end of his year of office the brethren were satisfied that he had done his duty it would be one of the proudest moments of his life. He then proposed "The health of the I.P.M.," and stated that the brethren had already heard a very high and not undeserved description of the way in which Bro. Hornblower had performed the installation ceremony, and he could not add to those observations with any effect. But the brethren had awarded to Bro. Hornblower a pledge of their fraternal affection in his passing from the Master's chair, for services rendered to the lodge. That was a Past Master's jewel, and it afforded him great pleasure to fasten it on Bro. Hornblower's breast, trusting that he would live long to wear it, and that it would be prized by those who followed him as a token of the manner in which he had discharged his duties.

Bro. Hornblower, in reply, said he always attended as regularly as he could, and he was pleased to find that the brethren appreciated his humble efforts. Unfortunately he had been absent on one or two occasions since he was initiated, but it was unavoidable; it had only been thrice in the course of three years, and he had endeavoured to do his duty. He was very pleased and gratified with the token and distinction which the brethren had presented to him.

Bro. Croisdale responded for "The Visitors," who, he said, had enjoyed themselves very much, and spent a delightful Masonic evening. Nothing could have been better than the way Masonry had been carried out, and all the visitors were pleased with it. It was a very pleasing circumstance in connection with the ceremony that so many brethren were present who were present at the consecration of the lodge. He was among the number, and he had visited the lodge since, and it was very gratifying to him to find the lodge so distinguished for its charity, its hospitality, and its efficiency. On behalf of the visitors he wished the W.M. a most prosperous year of office, and that the lodge might long be distinguished for its excellent qualities.

Bro. Parish replied for "The Past Masters." Although these brethren were not old in years, they had a little knowledge of the management of a lodge, and when they formed the lodge they did so with the idea that it would become the grand lodge it was at present. A few sitting in a small parlour conceived the idea of forming the Wanderers' Lodge, and it had now assumed the great proportions they wit-

nessed that evening. He would remind the brethren that the I.P.M. and W.M. were initiates in the lodge. They first saw the light of Masonry in the Wanderers' Lodge, and they were now shining lights to go forth and teach others Masonry. He (Bro. Parish) gave Bro. Butterworth the Third Degree, and no P.M. could be more pleased than he to see Bro. Butterworth in the position of W.M. It was a very great pride to see the lodge grow through many difficulties to its present position. There was something more; the chapter had also become a success, and the lodge and the chapter were the greatest successes in London Freemasonry, and he was proud to think that every brother who filled the chair of the lodge qualified himself for the position by attending lodges of instruction, without which it was impossible thoroughly and efficiently to conduct the duties of the chair.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. presented Bro. R. J. Scott, Secretary, with a handsome clock and a chain for Mrs. Scott. There were over 100 members of the lodge, and the lodge met eight times a year; consequently the work of the Secretary was very laborious.

Bro. J. H. Meredith, P.M., Treas., in responding, gave a gratifying account of the work of the lodge; how all bills had been paid, and how there was a balance of over £60 in hand.

Bro. Scott also replied, and thanked the brethren for their kindness, and Bro. Meredith for the great assistance he had rendered him. It was not usual to go into statistics at Masonic banquets, but it might be interesting to know that since the consecration of the lodge the names of 200 members had passed through the books, the majority being military men. The lodge had paid over £320 for benevolent purposes, but on the other hand they had lost a large per centage of members—fifteen out of 200—by death.

Bro. James Wade, S.W., replied for "The Officers" and Bro. Meredith for "The Masonic Charities," and hoped the brethren would do something for Bro. Hornblower, who would represent the lodge for the Girls' School in May. He (Bro. Meredith) took up £114 to the Benevolent Institution—the largest of the London lists, though there were 138 Stewards. If each lodge would give five guineas a year, and each brother 5s., there would be no need of festivals or Boards of Stewards, or elections, as all comers could be assisted. There was no election at the Girls' School on Saturday last, all the candidates being admitted. This showed that if the brethren took these matters in hand they could surmount all difficulties.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Bros. George Weize, P.M. 860, and C. A. White, 1777, entertained the brethren with some beautiful songs during the evening.

**MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).**—The above lodge met on Saturday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, for labour only, when there was a full attendance of officers and brethren, Bro. E. L. F. Carl Schmidt, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the lodge meeting held on the 11th February, and of the emergency meeting of the 11th March, were read and confirmed; the bye-laws were read, as also the report of the Audit Committee, and the ballot was taken for the admission, as a joining member, of Bro. William Hemmingway, late of No. 765. No initiation took place, as the initiate (who is a Queen's Messenger) had been suddenly dispatched on foreign service, and was consequently unable to attend; but the W.M. performed the ceremony of the Third Degree for the advancement of Bro. Jurado, who was raised to the Degree of M.M. This ceremony was admirably performed, and was the concluding work of Bro. Schmidt's year of office.

Bro. Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572, 1601, and 1671, M.E.Z. 1572, Secretary of the lodge, then took the chair, and Bro. Richard Aneurim Morgan, W.M. elect, was presented to receive the benefit of installation. The I.M. then addressed the brethren, and afterwards directed that the ancient charges should be read out from the Book of Constitutions, to all of which the W.M. gave his unqualified assent, and he was afterwards obligated in due form. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Morgan was formally installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient rite, after which he was proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner by the brethren.

Bro. R. A. Morgan, W.M., then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, which he did in a truly masterly manner, giving a kindly congratulation to each upon his advancement, and at the same time giving full directions to each as to his duties and explaining the significance of the emblems which they wore. The list of officers for the year is as follows: Bros. E. F. L. Carl Schmidt, I.P.M.; H. H. Wells, S.W.; H. Warden, J.W.; R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. J. Avery, P.M. 70, P.P.G. Treas. Devon, Treas.; Nelson Reed, P.M., Sec.; G. Lewis, S.D.; C. W. Metier, J.D.; E. Moore, I.G.; P. Feick, D.C.; C. G. Hayman, W.S.; C. H. Dancocks, Org.; and A. B. Church, Tyler.

The customary addresses to the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, and the brethren were then delivered by the Installing Master. Bro. Reed is well-known as an able worker, and it is therefore unnecessary to say that he did full justice to these beautiful orations. There was another gratifying little ceremony performed before the lodge was closed. The members of the lodge, to show their appreciation of the services of their Treasurer, Bro. Avery, had procured privately among themselves a handsome Treasurer's jewel, bearing the inscription: Presented to Bro. Avery by the members of the Mizpah Lodge, on account of his valuable services as Treasurer since its foundation. It was presented by Bro. Nelson Reed, who said that having known Bro. Avery for upwards of twenty years he had been selected by the brethren to present it on their behalf, and, in doing so, he added: "In presenting this to you, Bro. Avery, I trust that it will forge another link in the chain of friendship which has existed between us for so many years. I pin this jewel on your breast, and trust that you may live many years to wear it, and that as long as you live you will be the Treasurer of the Mizpah Lodge."

Bro. Avery having acknowledged the gift, which, however valuable in itself, he said derived its chief worth from being a token of the kindly feeling which the brethren entertained for him, the lodge was closed in due form.

**ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall, Newby-place, Poplar. Bro. W. C. Young, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. E. Witherstone, acting S.W.; J. House, J.W.; W. G.

Wilshaw, Sec.; T. L. Kennett, S.D.; H. J. Hancock, J.D.; W. J. Rundell, I.G.; Leonard Potts, I.P.M.; Smith, W. Pearson, Harland, West, Nichols, Jones, Pittam, Knowles, Gainsford, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Keable and Dr. Moore.

The agenda contained a large amount of business, there being seven candidates for the different degrees, but the nearness of the Easter holidays prevented four of them from attending. Bros. Jones and Nichols were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. West was passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. delivering the ancient charge and the lecture on the tracing board in each degree in a manner which elicited the warm commendation of the brethren.

Bro. House, J.W., announced that, with the approval of the W.M. and brethren, he hoped shortly to deliver an address which he had in preparation on Freemasonry. He had hardly settled the form the address would take, but in the course of extensive reading he had come across many facts bearing upon, and throwing light upon Freemasonry, which he thought would be of interest.

Bro. Hancock, J.D., invited contributions to his list for the forthcoming festival of the Girls' Institution, and on the motion of Bro. Leonard Potts, I.P.M., the sum of £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds thereto.

Bro. Young, W.M., informed the brethren that his list at the last festival of the Benevolent Institution amounted to over £66.

Other business of a routine character having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**CAXTON LODGE (No. 1823).**—The installation meeting of this highly successful lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 3rd inst., when a large muster of brethren assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed in a most effective and impressive manner by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. J. Dawson.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. G. J. Dawson, W.M.; A. Woods, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. Butterworth, J.W.; E. Cole, Treas.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Sec.; J. Oakman, S.D.; J. F. Beck, J.D.; W. Richards, I.G.; T. J. Gilbert, M.C.; H. L. Diprose, Steward; J. Lashland, Tyler; G. Smith, P.M.; W. H. Kempst, P.M.; S. Morley, R. Moody, G. Mellish, J. Watmore, B. Wymer, J. Gibson, J. Thompson, J. Bristo, J. Parsons, J. Gibbs, H. W. Percy, W. J. Stephens, W. Thomas, H. L. Watkin, W. J. Welsh, J. Appleton, H. Haemer, F. C. Thomas, F. Reed, J. H. Lewis, J. Black, D. Simmons, D. Ballard, H. J. Appleton, H. Wiles, J. Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and the following visitors: Bros. G. E. Carie Jackson, W.M. 534; W. G. Hanson, P.M. 59; W. Sargent, P.M. 548; T. C. Pratt, P.M. 957; E. Spooner and J. Hiscox, P.M.'s 1420; F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604; A. Martin, J.W. 188; D. Hughes, J.W. 901; J. Wilkinson, I.G. 1420; A. C. New, 72; G. Thomas, 87; G. Ward, 144; J. Arnold, 209; J. Vale, 901; R. W. Duncan, 907; W. Alexander, 1348; W. H. Wingfield, 1360; J. Kendal, 1420; C. Jones, 1541; J. Esson and F. J. Young, 1589; J. London, 1622; and C. F. Quickhurst, 1664.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stephens was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The report of the Auditors was received, which showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, more especially with respect to the finances, considering the lodge has only been two years in existence; and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Secretary for the excellent manner in which the accounts were kept. Bro. A. Woods was then presented to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The newly-installed Master having been duly proclaimed and saluted, appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. J. Dawson, I.P.M.; F. Butterworth, S.W.; J. Oakman, J.W.; E. Cole, Treasurer; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Secretary; J. F. Beck, S.D.; W. Richards, J.D.; T. J. Gillust, I.G.; H. Diprose, M.C.; S. Morley, Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Bro. Hein de Solla was appointed Organist, but owing to his unavoidable absence his investiture was postponed. Several propositions for initiation were received, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to, and Bro. Dawson presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel as an appreciation of his services during the past year.

In replying to the toast of the "Masonic Charities," Bro. Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I., thanked the lodge, and complimented the Steward of the late festival (Bro. Meredith, P.M.) for the handsome list taken in by him in aid of the aged Masons, viz., £114, being £24 more than was originally announced.

**MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE (No. 1900).**—The April meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Bro. W. H. Dean, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. G. E. P. Festa, S.W.; F. R. W. Hedges, J.W.; J. D. Collier, Sec.; Herbert J. Capon, S.D.; H. Slyman, J.D.; Saul A. Brooks, D.C.; W. H. Gardiner, I.G.; W. H. Staff, Org.; and Edmund M. Doble, Steward. Visitors: Bros. D. S. Skinner, P.P.G.A.D.C. Dorset; S. G. Bailey, P.M. 257; Edward Dunkley, 874; John Docker, P.M. 1687; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; J. P. Platt, 537, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and W.M. 1928 (Freemason). The lay members of the lodge were Bros. E. J. Petty, C. M. Tate, G. Stead, J. Goring, W. Arthur Austen, and H. R. Pratt.

After the opening of the lodge and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, a letter was read from Bro. Brooks, D.C., accompanying a gift of a handsome silver square for the W.M.'s collar. The gift was accepted, and a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Brooks was unanimously passed, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W. The jewel was beautifully engraved with the name of the lodge, and on the obverse side was a list of the founders and officers of the lodge.

There was a notice on the paper of a motion to be proposed by Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.D., and P.G.M. Dorset, "That this lodge begs to express to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen its deep sense of indignation and horror at the recent atrocious attempt on her life, and its feelings of profound gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe at Her Majesty's most providential escape therefrom." Bro. Guest, however, was

unable to be present, and the W.M. in his name submitted the motion to the brethren and then seconded it.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

Afterwards Bro. Austin was raised to the Third Degree and Bro. Goring passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Dr. David Shorter Skinner, 665, was unanimously elected a joining member, as was also Bro. C. Hambro, D.P.G.M. Dorset. Mr. Henry Nisbett Pratt was balloted for and formally initiated into the first mysteries of the Order.

After the bye-laws had been read by the Secretary, Bro. Festa, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the W.M. said that this was a result he had anticipated, and he was sure the brethren could not have made a better choice, for having known him for many years he was certain he would carry out the duties of the chair in an exemplary manner.

Bro. Festa said, in thanking the brethren, that he hoped and believed that with the assistance of the present W.M. he should be able to conduct the affairs of the lodge with honour and satisfaction.

Bro. Dean, W.M., was then elected Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. Guest having only taken that office for one year as one of the founders of the lodge.

Bro. Dean informed the lodge that he accepted the office with great pleasure, and he had no doubt that with the assistance of Bro. Festa and the other brethren he would be able to maintain the funds of the lodge in as satisfactory a state as they were at present.

The Audit Committee was then elected, and Bro. Festa proposed, and Bro. Hedges, J.W., seconded, that ten guineas be taken from the funds of the lodge for a P.M. jewel for the W.M., and two guineas and a half for a P.M. collar complete. The proposition was unanimously adopted.

The lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts. Bro. Brooks, P.M., D.C., proposed "The health of the W.M.," who he described as an estimable and amiable Freemason, and whose working was a complete model and example of how Masonic ceremonies should be performed. The brethren were all proud of their W.M., and felt that he had set a standard of excellence as Master which they hoped and believed would be maintained in the lodge. It was not without great pains he had reached that point, but it was one of his qualifications that whatever he took in hand he did with his whole heart. The younger brethren of the lodge whose just ambition it was to look forward to attaining the higher ranks in Masonry must see that it was an incentive to them to do Masonic work well.

The W.M., in reply, said if his work had given the brethren satisfaction he was doubly and trebly repaid. It had been a sincere pleasure to him during his year of office to perform his duties, but he had been well and ably assisted by his officers, without whose efficient aid it would have been impossible to carry out the duties of the chair properly. He trusted that the lodge would long continue a success. It had hitherto been a success far beyond his expectations. They had not only started well but gone on well, and continued well to the present day; and no doubt they would continue to do so from year to year.

In giving the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. said that the brethren must have noticed that a good man and true had been that evening introduced into Freemasonry, and that Bro. Pratt would be a credit to the lodge.

Bro. Pratt, in responding, said he ought to feel, and did feel highly honoured by being admitted into such distinguished company, and he thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had used concerning him. He had long been desirous of becoming a Mason, but had not before had an opportunity. His chief concern had been to enter a lodge that he would be proud of, and this was not to be had every day; but he had had the good fortune to become acquainted with Bro. Stead, who kindly introduced him to this lodge. When he stated his intention of joining a lodge of Freemasons to some friends some were horrified; one good old lady especially said it was a wrong thing to do, it was going wrong altogether. He told her he did not know what the ordeal was, but she said it was very dreadful. She said "they hurt you." He requested to know how she had found it out: she said she had read it in a book. He asked her what book; and she said in "Verdant Green." (Laughter.) So he thought when he entered the lodge there was something of that sort coming. In conclusion he said he should do his best to further the interests of the Order, to follow the example of the W.M., do what was right, and become an honour to the lodge to which he belonged.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors."

Bro. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire, in replying, said he should take back to his province very pleasing recollections of London working and London hospitality, which he had had the privilege of experiencing through the kindness of Bro. Hedges, the J.W. In Cheshire they worked very similarly to the working of this lodge, but he never visited lodges without deriving some instruction for himself and the brethren of his lodge.

Bro. Dunkley (Kent) also replied.

The toast of "Bro. Brooks" was also given, to which Bro. Brooks replied, saying that he felt when a brother had passed through the chair he should devote his energies and his Masonic knowledge to the benefit of others. He hoped that would be the guiding principle of all the members of this lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Secretary," in which he complimented Bro. J. D. Collier very highly for the great assistance he had been in getting up the good working of the lodge.

Bro. Collier replied.

Bro. Dr. Skinner responded to the toast given specially in his honour, and detailed some of the difficulties that were experienced in working Masonry in Dorsetshire, where the lodges were small and far apart.

Bro. Festa, replying to the toast of "The Officers and Worshipful Master Elect," said in the ordinary course of the business of the lodge the honour which had been bestowed on him that evening was not unexpected; still, for the way in which it had been given, he felt highly gratified. He could but express half what his feelings were on this occasion. He could but express his inmost thanks for the confidence shown him that evening, and he felt very gratified to see the way in which he had been appointed to the chair. It would be his duty and earnest desire to follow in the arduous steps which the present W.M. had led. The W.M. had been so perfect in his working and at the banquet-table that it would be difficult for the next Master to do so as well. However, if the bre-

thren would give him the support they had given the present W.M. he had no doubt he should be able to go through the chair with that dignity which was becoming in a lodge like the Montague Guest. From the starting of the lodge he had taken an earnest interest in its welfare, and the same feeling had actuated the other founders. By this means it had gained much success, and it was the desire of all the brethren that the lodge should maintain the great prestige with which it was started.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

Several members of the lodge entertained the company with songs. Bro. Staff, Org., ably presided at the piano-forte.

**GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).**—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present: Bros. H. Massey, P.M., W.M.; H. F. Bussey, S.W.; Thos. Minstrell, J.W.; J. Allen, I.P.M.; W. Wentworth Duckworth, Treas.; C. Bazil Cooke, Sec.; Dr. Griffiths, Chap.; Jas. Macintyre, S.D.; W. A. Burn, J.D.; R. G. J. Albery, I.G.; R. Redman, W.S.; J. Thomas, P.M.; J. Turner, Chas. F. Pardon, J. Moore, J. Burnside, J. Bune, and others. Visitors: Bros. Gibson, John Read, P.M., J. Hodges, of the Orpheus Lodge. Bros. Burnside and Bune were passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Harry Baines was elected and afterwards initiated.

At the supper which took place after the closing of the lodge, a Committee was appointed to organise a picnic to take place some time in June or July.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—The regular monthly meeting of the members of this old and efficient lodge was held on Monday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Castle Hotel. Bro. Arthur Wells, I.P.M., presided in the absence of Bro. Capt. Hennah, R.N., W.M., who was prevented from attending on account of severe indisposition. The following officers and members were present: Bros. Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 40 and 1184; T. H. Cole, P.M.; W. M. Glenister, P.M.; Fred. Rossiter, P.M.; C. Pearce, S.W.; H. Russell, J.W.; F. Duke, acting S.D.; F. Plowman, J.D.; F. H. Hallett, Org.; H. F. Crossthwaite, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; H. M. Baker, C. J. Lewns, F. J. Parsons, Walter Hudson, Chas. E. Hallett, George Nation, J. Bray, and H. Gloynes. Visitors: Charles R. Chandler, Prov. G.P., P.M. 1184; Foord, 1184; and Charles Pearson. The lodge having been duly opened and the usual preliminaries settled, Mr. J. D. Hunter was presented for initiation, the ceremony being most ably worked by Bro. Arthur Wells, I.P.M. It was suggested by the brethren whether it would be advisable to approach the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as a lodge on his proposed visit to this town. As the object of his coming was simply to open the Convalescent Home for Poor Children at St. Leonards, it was thought desirable not to do so. A vote of condolence for the family of Bro. Greenaway, formerly a member of the lodge, who was buried at the cemetery that day, was proposed by Bro. T. H. Cole, P.M., and seconded by Bro. C. W. Duke, P.M.

There being no further business before the lodge it was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial and well served collation. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been drunk, "The Initiate" honoured and responded to, the meeting was brought to a close.

**WINDSOR.—Etrian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall. After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the W.M., Bro. A. Pears, presented Bro. J. O. Carter with a silver epergne, a tea and coffee service, and a handsome bracelet for Mrs. Carter, in appreciation of his services as Secretary during the past six years.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, St. Leonardgate. There was not a large attendance. Bro. J. E. Hannah, the W.M., presided, and, in the course of the evening, delivered the third of a series of lectures on the Freemasons' lodge, the subject treated being "An Oblong Square, due East and West." The question was treated in a very exhaustive manner, and numerous well-known instances were quoted in support of the contention taken up by Bro. Hannah in his able paper. An interesting discussion followed, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was carried to the W.M. for his efforts to spread amongst the brethren a knowledge of Masonic lore. The usual proclamations were then made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

**FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. R. Wilson, W.M., in the chair, supported by his officers as follows: Bros. J. Harper, S.W.; J. Ashworth, J.W.; W. Martin, P.M., Sec.; B. Bell, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; F. T. Allatt, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler; J. F. Kirkconel, R. Baxter, John Johnston, and several visitors from Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, Egremont, viz., Bros. Robson, P.M.; Towerson, Calderwood, Bromley, Kelley, and Sharpe.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. Johnston raised the Third Degree. There being nothing further but general routine business, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

## INSTRUCTION.

**DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).**—The regular meetings of the above lodge were continued on the 4th inst., on which occasion Bro. Glass was W.M., and had the support of Bros. Smyth, as S.W.; Corbell, J.W.; T. Clark, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Edwards, I.G.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Brasted, P.M., acting Preceptor; and Bros. Wardell, Christian, Purvis, Gosling, and Bunker. After due formalities the ceremony of initiation was carefully rendered Bro. Purvis, candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the next Degree. The

section working was as follows, First from the chair, Third and fourth by Bro. Christian and the lodge. Bro. Smyth was unanimously elected W.M., for the ensuing lodge meeting, and all business being ended lodge was closed.

#### BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).

This lodge met on the 5th inst., at the Lamb Tavern, Wilmot-street, Bethnal-green. Bro. Hand, W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Brittain, J.W.; Ford, S.D.; Stewart, J.D.; Bonner, I.G.; Moss, acting Preceptor; Hand, Hon. Sec.; Sturtevant, Chitson, Bromley, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Ford, candidate. Bro. B. Stewart worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After discussing the matter it was unanimously agreed to change the night of meeting from Wednesday to Saturday evenings. Another change introduced was, that the funds of the lodge should be balloted for amongst the members, when they reach the sum of £5 5s. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

#### EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).

At the regular meeting of this lodge, held at Bro. Richardson's, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, on the 1st inst., Bro. Fitzgerald was W.M., supported by Bros. Forss, S.W.; Whitford, J.W.; B. Humphry, S.D.; Pope, I.G.; Ernest Wright, P.M., Secretary; W. Fieldwick, P.M., Preceptor; Blunt, 1489; Crook, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was next taken for the admission of Bros. Paget and Ayers as members of the lodge, and was unanimously favourable. The ceremony of initiation was then carefully worked, Bro. Crook being the candidate. Bro. Forss worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Some discussion ensued upon the advisability of working the Fifteen Sections before the close of the session, and it was finally determined to work the ceremony of installation on the 29th inst. Bro. H. Forss was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and the lodge was closed in harmony and adjourned.

#### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).

At the last meeting of the above lodge, on the 20th ult., the evening was devoted to working the Fifteen Sections. Bro. G. H. Stephens was W.M., and had been invited to bring brethren to assist him in the work—chiefly from the Doric Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Stephens was honoured by the support of Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M., as S.W.; C. H. Webb, P.M., J.W.; W. Fieldwick, P.M., I.P.M.; and about forty brethren. The whole of the work was done in a highly efficient and praiseworthy manner by the following brethren:

First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Diamond, 1327; Second, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554; Third, Bro. Christian, S.D. 860; Fourth, Bro. H. Forss, 917; Fifth, Bro. Stewart, 1278; Sixth, Bro. Mass, S.D. 1275; and Seventh, Bro. Pringle, I.G. 781.

Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Richardson, 174; Second, Bro. Musto, P.M. 1349; Third, Bro. Barnes, P.M. 554; Fourth, Bro. Webb, P.M. 174; and Fifth, Bro. Job, W.M. 1076.

Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Myers, P.M. 1445; Second, Bro. Job, W.M. 1076; and Third, Bro. Macdonald, J.W. 1445.

The W.M. received the congratulations of the brethren at the conclusion of the working, and expressed his indebtedness to the many eminent brethren who had come such long distances, and had by their support rendered the meeting so successful.

Bros. B. Stewart, 1287; J. H. Pringle, I.G. 781; W. Richardson, T. Beck, 1489; J. Poulter, 554; W. Wright, 1524; and F. Keimball, W.M. 1445, were elected members, and the compliment of honorary membership was conferred upon Bros. Past Masters T. J. Barnes and W. H. Myers, for their able assistance; Bro. Stephens remarking that the lodge of instruction would be the gainers by conferring this honour upon two such eminent Preceptors.

The thanks of the lodge were next voted to Bro. G. H. Stephens, together with the honorary membership of the lodge.

In returning thanks, Bro. Stephens expressed the pleasure it gave him to accept the invite from the W.M. of the mother lodge to preside on that occasion, with the view of assisting the lodge of instruction and its funds. If his endeavours had met with their approval, he was amply rewarded.

"Heartly good wishes" were given, and the lodge was closed, a most interesting meeting having been held.

### Royal Arch.

#### WEST KENT CHAPTER (No. 1279).

The first convocation of this chapter was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Saturday, the 8th inst. There were present Comps. Robert H. Crowden, M.E.Z.; Pound, acting H.; Grabham, acting J.; Woodrow, S.E.; T. Perrin, S.N.; Fullwood, P.S.; Basbry, Osmond, and others.

The minutes of the consecration meeting, in March, having been duly confirmed, Bro. James Crowden was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by his brother, Comp. Robert H. Crowden, M.E.Z., and very much impressed was he with the excellence and the solemnity in which the ceremony was conducted.

Bros. H. D. Stead and Jenkins sent apologies for their absence, and their exaltation was thereupon postponed till next meeting in June. Bro. Lavington, 857, was proposed by the M.E.Z. for election also at the next meeting. Letters of apology were received from Comps. Lake, H., and J. K. Stead, J., on their being unable to attend.

The banquet was served in Comp. Lassom's best style, and gave much satisfaction and pleasure to all present. The regular toasts were duly proposed and responded to by the various companions; and the exalte, Comp. James Crowden, showed his warm appreciation of the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony, and the kindness and good fellowship of the companions present.

### Mark Masonry.

**TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 244).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at Trinity College, Mandeville-street, Manchester-square, Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, B. Mus., L. Mus., P.G.O., W.M., presiding. The other brethren present were: Bros. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, B. Mus., L.A., L. Mus., P.P.G. Chap., M.O. and Chaplain, S.W.; E. J. Hoare, J.W. and Sec.; J. Gabriel, S.O. and Treas.; Plant Martin, M.O.; J. Bradbury Turner, B. Mus., L. Mus., J.D.; Professor J. Gordon Saunders, D. Mus., L. Mus., S.D.; A. W. Sebastian Hoare, A. Mus., I.G.; R. J. Ward, Registrar; T. E. Biddlecombe, Org.; C. E. Moser, and G. Harrison, Tyler. Hon. Members: Bros. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., 32°, Prov. G. Master, Middlesex and Surrey; and D. M. Dewar, 18°, P.M., P.G.S.O., Grand Asst. Sec. Visitors: Bros. J. N. Hammond, 8; Venn, 8; John Hodges, 22; and H. Massey, P.M. 22 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been opened and the minutes read and confirmed accordingly, Bro. James Alfred Hammond, 8, was unanimously elected a joining member. After this the ballot was taken for a candidate for advancement, Bro. Charles Tayler, 1765, and the ballot having proved unanimous in his favour he was advanced to the Degree of a Mark Master by the W.M. in splendid style, Bros. Don. M. Dewar and Professor J. Gordon Saunders, acting as Deacons; Bro. T. E. Biddlecombe performing on the beautiful organ, and all the brethren singing the musical accompaniments, which it is scarcely necessary to say rendered the interesting ceremony additionally attractive.

When the ceremony was completed, the W.M. installed Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, B. Mus., L.A., L. Mus., P. Prov. G. Chap. Middx., M.O., Chap., S.W., and W.M. elect as W.M., a dispensation having been obtained for the purpose from Grand Lodge on account of his not being or having been a Master of a Craft lodge. This ceremony was faultlessly performed by the retiring W.M., and the following brethren were then appointed as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. Humphrey J. Stark, P. Prov. G. Org. Middx. and Surrey, I.P.M.; E. J. Hoare, S.W.; Plant Martin, J.W.; J. Gabriel, M.O.; Professor J. Gordon Saunders, S.O.; J. Bradbury Turner, J.O.; J. Gabriel, Treas.; Charles Tayler, Sec.; A. W. Sebastian Hoare, S.D.; R. J. Ward, J.D.; T. E. Biddlecombe, I.G.; C. E. Moser, Stwd.; F. Ayers, D.C.; Dr. Saunders, Org.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

The I.P.M. then delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, and was complimented on the efficiency of his performance by a general salute. A Past Master's jewel was voted to him at the former meeting, but Bro. Gabriel, the Treasurer, informed the lodge that the skilful Craftsman who was entrusted with its manufacture had not completed his task, and he obtained permission of the lodge to forward it to Bro. Stark as soon as it was finished.

The W.M. stated that he had been deprived of a very great pleasure by the delay of the aforesaid Craftsman, but on the next occasion when the lodge met he should ask to be allowed to present the jewel in open lodge with the complimentary observations which Bro. Stark's year of Mastership so well deserved. The lodge then transacted some other Masonic business consequent upon the action taken by some former members, and afterwards accepted the balance sheet, which showed that by the skilful management of the present officers and members, more particularly Bros. Stark and Gabriel, the lodge had been brought from a condition of indebtedness into the possession of over £15, exclusive of the fees and subscriptions received at the installation meeting.

Lodge was then closed down and adjourned, and the brethren partook of an elegant cold collation. The speeches afterwards were brief, the hour being late, and the musical programme full.

Colonel Sir Francis Burdett replied to the toast of "The Grand Master and Grand Officers," and expressed his regret at not having appeared at the lodge more frequently than he had. He said he responded with great pleasure on behalf of Grand Lodge, because it was at present in so good a position; and if every Mason of Grand Lodge had been present that evening, he was certain they would have been very much pleased with the way in which the work was performed. The Immediate Past Master had certainly done the work not only in a creditable way, but in a manner to be envied by any Mark Mason—in a way, to be sure, that he (Colonel Burdett) had never seen or heard. It was a great credit to the lodge that it had had such a Master. The in-coming Master had given proof of his ability to do the work in the same way.

Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it had given him the utmost pleasure to instal Bro. Hunt, who was not only one of the original members of the lodge, but also an old and dear friend of his own for many years past. Nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to instal such a brother in the chair.

The W.M., in reply, said he would copy the example so excellently set by Bro. Stark of making but a short speech; and his whole year of office would be employed in following that brother's example as far as it was possible. However, the brethren knew there were other ways of conveying one's feelings except by words, and his gratitude would be shown in a practical form by proving himself as little unworthy as he could of the confidence the brethren had reposed in him by electing him to the chair of Master to this lodge.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Installing Master," and said he could only regret the jewel had not arrived which the lodge so worthily voted to Bro. Stark. He could only look forward very impatiently to the next meeting when he would have an opportunity of expressing the thanks of the brethren to Bro. Stark, for his admirable mastership during the past year. He would, however, at once ask Bro. Stark to accept the gratitude of the brethren for the way in which he had released the lodge from entanglement and placed it in its prosperous condition.

Bro. H. J. Stark, I.P.M., thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind way in which they had received the toast so pleasantly proposed by the W.M. It gave him sincere pleasure to feel that those efforts he had made during his year of office for the well being of the lodge had met with approval. He need not remind the brethren of the state the lodge was in twelve months ago, but if he did so it was only to point out that if he had not been supported by every member of the lodge matters would not

have righted themselves. He took no credit to himself for the altered state of things, because they had all pulled together and refused to be dictated to by members who thought to set them at defiance. He hoped the brethren would remember that if he found at any time a similar state of things there was a way of dealing with it, and of restoring a lodge to that state of peace and harmony which all Masons had a right to expect. Everything he had done for the lodge had been done with the most sincere pleasure, and his year of office had been a very happy one from the cordial way in which he had been supported by his officers.

Bro. H. Venn, 8, replying for the Visitors said it had been his pleasure and good fortune to enjoy that evening one of the great privileges of the Order. They all remembered that when they joined they wished to be initiated in the mysteries and privileges of the Order. He always felt and maintained that one of the greatest benefits they had was by the kindness of their friends to witness the labour of other lodges, and he was only repeating what had been well said that evening, when he said how thoroughly the work had been carried out. He had never in his experience witnessed work done better than it had been done there that evening, and it ought to be announced widely and well that this Trinity College Lodge of Mark Masters could boast of having such a P.M. as Bro. Stark. As an old Mason who took delight in good working; he had thoroughly enjoyed himself that evening. Bros. Massey and Hodges in returning thanks for the same toast expressed similar opinion.

The W.M. proposed "The Honorary Members," among whom, he said, not the least was Bro. Dewar, who had so ably assisted in the ceremony of advancement.

Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary, said he had always felt the very greatest pleasure and satisfaction in becoming an honorary member of such a lodge as the Trinity College Lodge, and as an honorary member of the lodge, he considered it his duty to undertake any office on an emergency which might be of service to the lodge. If he had done so that night to the satisfaction of the brethren he was amply rewarded. He appreciated everything that had been said as to the working, though he did not wish to weary the brethren by repeating it. It was an immense charm to him, and must be to everyone who saw it. Nothing could be better, nothing more beautiful than the music introduced on this and on other occasions when he had been in the lodge. At any time he could be of service to the executive they might rely on him as an honorary member to come and help at the working.

The W.M. next proposed "The Newly-Advanced Brother," who he hoped was much edified by the ceremony through which he had passed. When he had had a little leisure, and had got over the excitement, he would be able to see the relation that this Degree bore to the ordinary Fellow Craft Degree in the Craft Lodge. The whole would be still further plain to him when he was thoroughly indoctrinated in Mark Masonry, and seen its peculiarly sublime teaching, which was well worthy of the study of Masons in every Degree.

Bro. Tayler said although he could not at present fully appreciate the Degree, a greater knowledge of its mysteries would, he hoped, enable him to do so, and he further hoped that he should carry out the duties of the office to which he had been that evening appointed to the satisfaction of the brethren.

In giving "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. said the W.M. of a lodge almost entirely depended upon the kind co-operation and assistance of his officers. Without them he was simply powerless and could do nothing, and therefore, in proposing their health perhaps he was performing rather a selfish function; but he felt how entirely he was dependent on those brethren, and especially, without making any invidious distinction, upon the indispensable assistance of the I.P.M.

Bro. E. J. Hoare, S.W., in replying, said, as far as he was concerned, and speaking only for himself, the W.M. had evidently got the right man in the right place. (Laughter.) The brethren appreciated what he said. It was pleasing to him to have risen gradually to this high office. He hoped some day to be still more elevated. It gave him, as well as the other brethren, great pleasure to be associated with Bro. Stark, who had really done wonders in and to the lodge. Whatever Bro. Stark did, whether in music or in Masonry, or in anything else, he always did it well; he was, in fact, the coming man, as had been said by another brother. His own opinion was that he was the come man.

Bro. Plant Martin, J.W., also replied. Bro. Gabriel, Treas., said the lodge had had placed before it that evening a balance-sheet which showed a good balance in hand. His poor old father always told him to "hold fast that which is good." On previous occasions he had been somewhat held up as being flinty, and as possessed of too much tenacity as regarded pecuniary matters; but he intended to stick to that course, and in spite of County Court summonses and other derogatory documents which might be sent to the lodge, they would take up their stand, and say, "Come on, Macduff, and hanged be he who first cries 'Hold, enough.'"

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. Several of the brethren entertained the company with some beautiful singing.

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

#### BIRTH.

CRESSWELL.—On the 10th inst., at 2, Prince's-terrace, Down-hill, Glasgow, the wife of Mr. Gilfrid Baker Cresswell, of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

COTTRELL—WILSON.—On the 10th inst., at the parish church, Dore, Derbyshire, by the Rev. J. T. F. Aldred, M.A., vicar, assisted by the Rev. Thos. Spratt, Bro. William Foulkes Cottrell, P.D.G.S.W. Gibraltar, I.P.M. 278, W.M. M.M.M. Lodge 278, M.E.Z. Chapter 278, P.E.P. Knight Templars, P.E.P. Knights of Malta, H.P. Rose Croix, No. 14, M.E. Viceroy Red Cross, No. 11, Gibraltar, to Sarah, second daughter of the late Robert Wilson, Esq., veterinary surgeon, of Barmby-on-the-Marsh, Yorkshire.

#### DEATH.

MANTLE.—On the 30th ult., at Glanville Villa, Wickham, Chichester, Sussex, Hannah, the beloved wife of Mr. George Mantle, aged 67 years.





Bro. David James will not return to the Lyceum in the Autumn. He will play *Perkyn Middlewick* in "Our Boys," at the Standard shortly, and in the "Overland Route" later on, under the Bancroft management.

Owing to a dispute between Mr. Burnand and the French authors, concerning the charges of the latter for their rights in the play, "The Manager" has been withdrawn at the Court, although it was drawing good houses, and it has been replaced by "The Parvenu; a Comedy of English Life," by G. W. Godfrey. The scene is laid in "No Man's Land," a strip of ground dividing The Warren, the residence of a poor but high-bred family—the Pettigrews—from Pagnett Royal, a large ruinous old estate, recently purchased and put in repair by Mr. Ledger, M.P. (the Parvenu), a widower, who has made £600,000 by trade speculations, &c. Of this middle-aged but mannerless man of money the Pettigrews have borrowed certain sums from time to time, leading him to imagine that he will gain the hand of their daughter *Gwendolen* in marriage. Ledger, though fond of the girl, has not yet proposed. When the daughter comes in we learn that she has just been rescued from the attack of a tramp by a young artist. This artist anon arrives, but is coolly received by the patrician parents. Just then, however, the mamma receives a letter, saying that a peer worth £80,000 a year is travelling about those parts incognito. From this and from a fusée box marked with a coronet left for a moment by the artist, mamma concludes this must be the disguised nobleman, so she presses him to stay, keeping her reasons secret, and throws the young couple together. Of course they fall in love; and by-and-by when the artist's real position is discovered, his suit is scornfully refused. The haughty parents, it seems, are very hard pressed for money, and by processes familiar to all playgoers poor *Gwendolen* is worried into accepting the previously despised parvenu. Of course, all comes right. *Gwendolen* marries her artist hero after all; for the parvenu, cad as he is supposed to be, not only refuses to "buy" her hand when her heart is another's, but gives her, as a wedding present, the mortgages, &c., he holds from her father. The patrician, *Sir Bulke Pettigrew*, was played very artistically by Mr. H. Kemble; and that of his wife equally so by Miss Larkin. Mr. Forbes Robertson was very earnest and manly as the supposed peer—the poor but honest artist; and his love scenes with *Gwendolen* were full of tender touches of love, as it should be. The fair heroine was played with much grace and feeling by Miss Marion Terry; and Miss Lottie Venne personated delightfully the arch but good-natured daughter of the wealthy man of trade. Her lover, a philosophical, lazy young man, studying for the church, and varying the monotony by keeping racehorses, was just fitted to Mr. Clayton, and the love scenes of this pair were extremely amusing. The dialogue is very humorous, and elicited frequent roars of laughter. The comedy is as good a one as we have seen lately, and it was received with unanimous applause by a crowded house, and is well worth seeing.

"The King Maker," a new historical play, by Mr. J. W. Boulding, will be produced this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Adelphi, under the direction of Mr. E. H. Brooke, who will play the leading character.



Those on whom has devolved the arduous duty of catering for the public amusement during the Easter holidays have no reason to complain of the considerate behaviour of the Clerk of the Weather. The various places of popular resort, the Crystal and Alexandra Palaces, the museums, the theatres and concert-rooms, &c., have been liberally patronised, while the different railway companies have all had their full complement of passengers, all bent on making the most of the fine weather, in order to get a breath or two of the fresh air. What concerns us now, however, is not how the holiday passed off generally, but what kind of musical provision was made at the Palaces mentioned and elsewhere.

The Crystal Palace, as the senior of its Muswell Hill rival, claims priority of attention, the chief feature of the entertainment on Good Friday being the grand sacred concert, which was arranged to commence at half-past three o'clock. The programme, which was a very full and effective one, included "Let the bright Seraphim" and "Inflammatus" from Rossini's "Stabat Mater," sung by Madame Lemmens-Sherrington; "Jerusalem," from "St. Paul," and "Rejoice greatly," from the Messiah—Miss Carlotta Elliot; "Creation's Hymn" and "He shall feed His flock," Madame Patey; "Arm, arm, ye brave," from "Judas Maccabæus," and Gounod's "Nazareth," by Mr. King; and "If with all your hearts," Mendelssohn, and "Sound an alarm," Handel, by Mr. E. Lloyd. The overture to the second part of Sullivan's "Light of the Wood," as well as four marches by Bro. Sir M. Costa and Gounod, were admirably given by the Palace band and that of the Scots Guards, while the Palace chorus rendered very effective aid in the famous prayer from Rossini's "Moses in Egypt" and in leading the "Old Hundredth," the "Evening Hymn," &c., in which the audience also joined. Bro. A. Manns conducted throughout with his accustomed skill.

Those who visited the Alexandra Palace had every reason to be satisfied with the concert provided for them by Messrs. Barber and Jones. Music, indeed, here as at Sydenham, was the chief feature of the day's programme, there being several instrumental performances, organ included, as well as the grand concert conducted by Herr Meyer Lutz, and in which the band of the Grena-

dier Guards, under Bro. Dan Godfrey, as well as the Alexandra Palace Orchestra and Choir took part. Madame Antoinette Sterling sang, in her most finished style, "O rest in the Lord," from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," and Sullivan's "The lost chord." A Miss Julia Albu was warmly applauded for her rendering of "Angels ever bright and fair," "Let the bright Seraphim," and "Rejoice greatly." Mr. J. W. Turner sang "Cujus Animam," from the "Stabat Mater," "If with all your hearts," and "In native worth," from Haydn's "Creation," while Mr. Thurley Beale gave with great effect "Pro Peccatis," "Though poor be the chamber," from Gounod's "Nazareth," and "Why do the nations" from the "Messiah." Among the other numbers were the grand march from "Athalie," with which the concert opened, Handel's Coronation Anthem, the grand chorus, by orchestra and choir, "For unto us a child is born," the whole performance closing with the "Hallalujah Chorus." There was an overflowing audience, by whom the efforts of all who took part in the concert were most heartily appreciated.

The first concert of the Leslie choir, which is now re-established—ninety per cent. of the old members having rejoined—will be given in June next, under the direction of Herr Randegger.

Herr Angelo Neumann has arrived in London for the purpose of taking charge of the stage arrangements for the performance of the "Nibelungen-Ring" at Her Majesty's. The whole of the scenery has also arrived from Bayreuth, and is being put up.

It has been decided to give a grand Wagner concert at St. James's Hall, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 25th of May, when excerpts from the "Nibelungen-Ring" will be given under the conductorship of Herr Anton Seidl.

There was a very successful performance of the "Messiah" at the Royal Albert Hall, on Good Friday, by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society. Mr. Barnby conducted, the principal vocalists being Mesdames Albani and Enriquez, Mr. Maas, and Signor Foli, whose efforts met with well deserved applause.

The sacred concert at St. James's Hall the same evening was also a great success, the principal artistes being Madame Marie Roze, Madame Patey, and Messrs. King, Lloyd, Abercrombie, Carrodus, and others.

Not the least among the attractions that were offered to the public on Easter Monday, and in many instances have been repeated since, must be mentioned the music, which always plays a conspicuous part in our public holidays, and was never better worthy of being heard than it was on Monday last. The special feature of this portion of the programme at the Crystal Palace was the performances by the bands of the Grenadier and Scots Guards, whose soul-stirring strains were vastly appreciated by the thousands who selected this particular resort for their day's enjoyment. The Alexandra Palace programme included a great deal of band music and several organ recitals, while at the Westminster Aquarium the extraordinary bill of fare was swelled by some very admirable performances on the great organ close to the Imperial Theatre. The Mohawks and the Christy's, the former at the Agricultural Hall and the latter at St. James's Hall, each provided a special treat for the holiday folk and had their reward in the shape of crowded houses and the hearty applause of the audience. In fact, in respect of music, the success of the last Bank Holiday could never for a single moment have been in question.

There will be a morning concert at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Wednesday, May 3rd, under the patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Princess Helena, Princess Christian and Louisa, and Marchioness of Lorne, the proceeds to be given to the fund being raised towards building a parish room, &c., for St. Augustine's, Queen's-gate.

The season of the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, commences on Tuesday next, the 18th inst. Meyerbeer's opera of "Les Huguenots" has been selected for the occasion, with the following cast: *Valentina*, Madame Fursch-Madier; *Marguerite de Valois*, Madame Valleria; *Urbano*, Madame Trebelli; *Conte de San Brio*, Signor De Keszke; *Conte di Nevero*, Signor Cotogni; *Marcello*, Signor Gresse; *Huguenot-Soldier*, Signor Corsi; and *Kaoul di Nangio*, Signor Mierzwinsky. The performance will conclude at the end of the third act. Signor Bevigiani will conduct, and previous to the opera the National Anthem and "God Save the Queen" will be sung. In the incidental divertissement Madlle. Reuters will take the leading part.

There is a very good article in *Musical Opinion* from the pen of Mr. Frederick J. Crowest, in which that gentleman points out with much reason that it would be a great thing if women would give their attention to other instruments than the pianoforte. He says that there is far too much so-called pianoforte playing, and that it would be a boon if one half the ladies who now perform on that instrument stopped doing so for ever. He then goes on to recommend that ladies should take up with other instruments, especially stringed, the violin being extremely graceful in the hands of a lady. There is much sound sense in these recommendations, and we take this opportunity of commending the article in question to the notice of our lady friends.

Bro. Macchiavelli announces a *Soirée Musicale* for Tuesday evening next, at Beethoven Rooms, Harley-street, Cavendish-square. Many eminent artistes are announced to assist, and the programme, to lovers of classical music, is a most attractive one.



The appointment of Dr. David J. Hamilton to the chair of pathological anatomy, recently founded by Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., in the University of Aberdeen, has received the approval of Her Majesty.

On Wednesday next, at the Society of Arts, a discussion on the Channel Tunnel will be opened by Sir Edward W. Watkin, Bart., M.P.

It is understood the Hammond Company have set on foot an Electric Engineering College, where a thoroughly scientific and practical training may be obtained by young men who are desirous of becoming practical electric engineers.

There have lately arrived in London some very important archaeological remains in the shape of nine cases of tablets from Abco-habba, the site of the ancient Sippara, the Sepharvaim of the Old Testament. These tablets, which are some entire and some in fragments, are estimated to reach about 5000 in number. They are dated in the reigns of Samus-sum-ukin and Kandalanu, the Chinlidanus of the Greeks, who were contemporary with the latter half of the reign of Assurbanipal, or Sardanapalus, of Assyria, about 646 B.C. So far as they have been examined, they are found chiefly to consist of trade documents, and to a great extent of contracts for the supply of corn and other agricultural products. Sippara or Sepharvaim, or Pantibblon, as named by the Greeks, is mentioned by Berossus as having furnished five out of the ten Chaldean kings of antediluvian times, and as having been the place where Noah buried the records of those same antediluvian times at the period of the deluge, and from which his posterity recovered them. These remains are a portion of the result of the researches of Mr. Hormuzd Rassain's, who has again left London for Alexandretta and Babylon, in order to resume his labours.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., at Dumfries, the Earl of Rosebery unveiled a marble statue to the memory of Bro. Robert Burns. His lordship spoke in glowing terms of the poet who, he said, if neither an angel nor a saint, was a prince among men. Lord Young, who presided at the banquet that followed, spoke in similar terms, remarking that there was no better name to conjure with in Scotland than that of the great Ayrshire poet.

According to the *Athenæum* the forthcoming exhibition at the Royal Academy will include an important contribution by Mr. Poynter, which cannot fail to be of interest both to painters and architects. This will be nothing less than the segment of a dome, representing that of St. Paul's. On the concave side will be painted the scheme for the decoration of that part of the cathedral which has been entrusted to Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., and Mr. Poynter, and which, when completed, will illustrate the Book of Revelation. The segment about to be exhibited will be on a scale of one inch and a half to the foot, or one-eighth of the full size.

The British Museum authorities are to be congratulated on the valuable addition they have lately made to their store of ancient Greek art treasures. This interesting acquisition is a marble statue of heroic size, and in excellent preservation, of a "disc thrower," after the type of the famous "Discobolos" by Naukydes, the sculptor of Argos, the attitude being that of an athlete who is apparently measuring the distance and the probability of his being able to accomplish the throw.

There is now on view at Dr. Salviati's gallery, 311, Regent-street, a very fine display of Venetian glass, consisting of mirrors, vases, and vessels of every description, as well as Mosaic work. Some five and thirty years ago, it seems, this Dr. Salviati, a native of Venice, conceived the idea of reviving the manufacture of that glass and Mosaic work for which the Queen of the Adriatic had once been so famous. How great was the success that attended these efforts was seen at the exhibition of 1862. Since then he has pursued his labours with increased energy, and has not only imitated the ancient professors of this art, but has even surpassed them in the elegance of his designs and the delicacy of his execution. The display now on view in Regent-street includes some rare specimens of his work, specimens which are as remarkable for the variety and brilliancy of their colouring as they are for the beauty of their conception. As to the Mosaics, they are only less attractive than the glass work; though it must be admitted they are inferior to those he has executed at Windsor, Frogmore, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, &c.

Full particulars will be found in the latest quarterly report of the Palestine Exploration Fund respecting the discoveries lately made by Captain Conder to the east of Jordan. It is his belief that four undoubted great centres, situate among the many stone circles, dolmens, and menhirs already known to exist in Moab, are identical with Bamoth Baal, Baal Peor, "the top of Baal Peor which looked towards Jeshimon," and the "Sanctuary of Baal Peor" respectively. He has also discovered that at Amman, a building already seen and described by several travellers, is of Sassanian character; and has come upon several rock-cut tombs, presumably those of the ancient Ammonites, but of a ruder character than those generally found in Western Palestine. Among other of his labours must be mentioned his exploration of the tunnel of Siloam. There has been some delay in the progress of the work of surveying Eastern Palestine, but a new firman has been promised by the Porte, and, it is hoped, will soon be signed.



V. W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., will consecrate the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, to-day (Saturday), at half-past three o'clock. Bro. Clerke will be assisted by W. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.D., and R. W. Bro. R. W. II. Giddy, District G.M. Griqualand, as Wardens; V. W. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; and W. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, as Dir. of Cers. W. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.M. 1471 and 1580, P. Prov. S.G.W. Herts, is the W.M. designate; W. Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 907 and 1489, P. Prov. G. Org. Middx., the S.W. designate; and Bro. Joseph John Goode, 1580, the J.W. designate.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., G.M. Gloucestershire, has gone to Williamstown Park for the Easter holidays.

Bro. the Pro Grand Master and the Countess of Lathom are staying during the recess at Ormskirk, their seat in Lancashire.

Those who are disposed to take a gloomy view of the present prospects of English commerce will find much to cheer them in an article entitled "England's Balance Sheet," which proves by a simple and picturesque statement of actual facts, that England has made wonderful commercial advances during the past ten years. This paper is to be found in the April number of "Cassell's Magazine."

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sheriff Hanson, and Sir John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes, attended the usual Spital Sermon at Christ Church, Newgate-street, on Easter Tuesday, when the sermon was preached by the Bishop of St. Asaph. On the same afternoon the boys of Christ Hospital went to the Mansion House to receive a new coin from the Lord Mayor, and a bun and glass of wine or milk. Bro. J. D. Allcroft, the Treasurer of the Hospital, was this year absent.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery on Wednesday opened the Fishery Exhibition in the Grass Market, Edinburgh.

Bro. the Duke of Albany is now making such progress towards recovery that the wedding is fixed for the 27th inst. His Royal Highness took a trip to sea in H.M.S. Cygnet a few days since, and daily takes drives. The injury was caused by slipping on a piece of orange-peel in the street at Mentone, and straining the knee-cap, which has so often caused our Royal brother much trouble and pain.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting at the Mansion House last week, with a view to taking steps to raise a fund to assist the unemployed in London to emigrate to Canada. Some interesting speeches were made, specially those by the Lord Mayor and Sir Alexander Galt. There were present amongst others Baroness Burdett Coutts, Cardinal Manning, the Bishop of Bedford, Bro. J. Booth, Sir R. Torrens, Mr. Torrens, M.P., and the Master of the Mercers' Company.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery has recently bought Malden Estate for £125,000, joining upon Edinburgh. Dalmoney Park is only six miles from the Scotch capital.

Bro. Dr. Stainer conducted the Bach's Passion Music at St. Paul's the week before Easter, when 10,000 persons were present. The Stereoscopic Company (Bro. Nottage), has just published a portrait of Bro. Stainer.

Bro. de Keyser, C.C., is staying at Brighton for the holidays.

Bro. Ex-Undersheriff Crawford is Treasurer and Secretary of a fund started for a testimonial to the Rev. Lloyd Jones, late Ordinary of Newgate, and Hon. Sec. of the Sheriffs' Fund Society.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has given £105, Bro. Alderman Sir Benjamin Phillips, £21, Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, P.G.D., £21, Bro. Alderman Staples, £21, Bro. Sheriff Brown, £21, Bro. Alderman Knight, £21, and Bro. Alderman Hadley, £21, to the Royal College of Music.

Bro. the Grand Master of Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn have arrived at Malvern from Hampden House on their way to Baron's Court, Ireland.

Bros. G. N. Johnson, P.G.S., W. H. Pannell, Pearce Morrison, A. J. Altman, and W. J. Scott were amongst the Commissioners at the recent meeting of the Committee of Sewers of the City of London.

Bros. Alderman Stone, P.G.D., Sir Charles Whetham, Henry Wright, Hadley, and Sheriff Hanson were amongst those at the last Court of Alderman, convened and presided over by Bro. the Lord Mayor.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby are spending the Easter vacation at Fairhill, Tunbridge Wells.

Bro. Ex-Under Sheriff Crawford, C.C., son-in-law of Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, has been elected, after a warm contest, a member of the Carshalton School Board.

We are requested to announce that the meeting night of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction is altered from Wednesday to Saturday. The next regular meeting is fixed for this day (Saturday), at the Lamb Tavern, Wilmot-street, Bethnal Green (opposite the Bethnal Green Junction, G.E. Railway).

Bro. John Alexander was installed W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, on Wednesday afternoon at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases and casualties incidental to youth may be safely treated by the use of these excellent medicaments according to the printed directions folded round each pot and box. It is this Ointment alone applicable to external ailments; conjointly with the Pills it exercises the most salutary influence in checking subtle diseases situated in the interior of the body; when rubbed upon the back and chest it gives the most sensible relief in asthma, bronchitis, pleurisy, and threatening consumption. Holloway's remedies are especially serviceable in liver and stomach complaints. For the cure of bad legs, all sorts of wounds, sores, scrofulous ulcerations, and scorbutic affections, this Ointment produces a cooling and soothing effect, inexpressibly grateful to the feelings.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx., will be away from Ancaster House, Richmond, for the next two or three months. He is staying at Ramsbury Manor, Wilts.

Bro. Henry Irving will preside at the Lyceum Provident and Benevolent Fund annual supper, which is fixed for Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern.

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured on "Electrical Exhibitions, French and English," at the City of London College, on Thursday evening last.

The members of the Portsmouth Masonic Club held one of their popular Smoking Concerts in the large banquetting-hall of the club, on Saturday evening last, at which volunteers members of the Masonic Brotherhood had been invited to be present. A large muster was the result of this fraternal invitation, and a most successful evening was spent. The success of the proceedings was further enhanced by several additions to the advertised programme. Bro. G. Lancaster, of Gosport, rendered most valuable assistance, and Bro. Sergeant Jones, of London, "brought down the house" in his able rendering of the "Charge of the Light Brigade." Bro. James Stevens, a well-known member of the Craft, P.M., and honorary member of many lodges in London and the provinces, in a clever and most able speech responded to "The Health of the Visitors," and thanked the Masonic Club for the cordial welcome received. The following was the programme: Overture (instrumental), Bros. Dr. Sykes, Abraham, Channing, Melville, Robinson, and Dr. Wood; song, Bro. J. Santo; song, Bro. J. Melville; duet, Bros. J. Sperring and G. Pearman; song, Bro. G. Brookland; song, Bro. G. Pearman; duet, Bros. W. Miles and T. Sanders; song, Bro. J. Sperring; song, Bro. R. Barnes; selection (instrumental), Bros. Dr. Sykes, Abraham, Channing, Melville, Robinson, and Dr. Wood; song, Bro. W. Miles; song, Bro. J. S. Dyer; song, Bro. R. Beale; glee, Bros. Miles, Drake, Sanders, and Brookland; song, Bro. C. F. Brown; song, Bro. F. Sanders; song, Bro. J. Bechervaise; selection (instrumental), Bros. Dr. Sykes, Abrahams, Channing, Melville, Robinson, and Dr. Wood; "God Save the Queen." The accompanists were Bros. E. Izod, G. Robinson, and W. Miles.

A special lodge of instruction was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, on the 11th inst., when Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered a reading explanatory of the first Degree. Bro. G. S. Main (Secretary of the club) took the chair. There was a good attendance of brethren from the local lodges and many visitors from London lodges. The lecture occupied nearly two hours in delivery, and was listened to with much attention, the remarks of the lecturer being very generally endorsed. At the close of the address, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Stevens, and a special invite to attend on a future occasion to again deliver the lecture, closed the proceedings.

Bro. Matthew R. Webb has been appointed Solicitor to the City Provident Dispensary and Surgical Appliance Association.

Apropos of the forthcoming Royal visit to Epping Forest, a map has just been published Mr. Henry Sell, of Bolt-court, Fleet-street, showing the new roads, paths, and improvements as arranged by the Commissioners up to the present date. To anyone desiring to follow the proposed route of Her Majesty from the Chingford railway station to the "Connaught Waters," a fine chain of lakes, the adjacent Royal, or Green Ride, which when completed will completely traverse the forest, the charming glades of Fairmead, the retired thickets of the Monks and Hawkswood, the extensive prospect from Lippet's Hill, and the ascent towards High Beech, this map will be exceedingly useful. It shows almost at a glance the situation of the new roads as well as of the forest rides leading from the fine new building of the Royal Forest Hotel at Chingford, which is on the ascent leading immediately from the station to the most romantic scenery, by the route to be taken by Her Majesty on her visit next month.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom entertains the Marquis of Salisbury and Sir Stafford Northcote, at Lathom House, during their visit to South-West Lancashire, which is to last a week.

Men of an extremely advanced age are said by Montaigne to be invariably possessed by a desire to leave behind them some memoir or narrative exhibiting the rich and diversified experience of life which they have acquired during their long earthly pilgrimage. If Bro. Charles Marsh, who died last month, had chanced to leave a diary behind him, it is startling to think that its earlier pages would carry us back to the days when the long reign of George III. was not so much more than half spent, when the great Napoleon was the rival of Moreau in the favour of their compatriots, when Pitt and Fox were shaking the Senate with the thunders of their eloquence, when George Canning was a rising young speaker in Parliament, when the Peninsular war had not commenced, when the streets were unlighted by gas and unpatrolled by police, when gentlemen of fashion were called "Bucks" or "Maccaronies," and wore blue coats with gilt buttons and nankin tights in the evening, when ladies of high degree, decked in ruffs and beplastered with patches, were carried to balls and routs in the gay days of the Regency, when Bath was at the highest of fashion, in sedan chairs. Bro. Marsh was a young man when the news of Nelson's death sent a sensation of intense grief through the country; he had spoken to the famous Duchess of Devonshire, was acquainted with what is now Regent-street, in London, before the magnificent street was designed. To the end of his extremely long life Charles Marsh, as a nonagenarian, retained a clear and unclouded recollection of the past, and to hear him converse on the gaieties of Bath life in the earlier years of this century, was a treat of great interest. He was present in Sydney at the opening of the first railway in that vast continent of Australia, on September 26th, 1855.

PRESERVATION EXTRAORDINARY.—Every one knows that for softening and preserving the skin, cleansing it from impurity, and thereby ensuring its healthy action, there is nothing equal to Wright's Coal Tar Soap. Use it constantly, and you will have neither an irritable skin or a disfigurement of the face from pimples and blotches. Refuse all other Coal Tar Soaps, which are but worthless imitations.—[ADVT.]

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council Allied Masonic Degrees will be held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, this day (Saturday), at three p.m., for the purpose of conferring degrees on candidates and the election of W.M. and Treasurer.

Lord William Beresford's well-known steed Mariner was killed while carrying his owner through a pig-sticking expedition at Goalundo on March 11. An infuriated boar, foaming with rage and brought to bay, backed and made ready for a final charge. Mariner walked up, but before he could swerve in obedience to his rider's rein to allow him to deliver his spear, was ripped open by the boar, and was so fatally injured that he had to be destroyed.

The little-understood duties and responsibilities of the newspaper sub-editor will, in the May number of "Cassell's Magazine," be explained to the general reader by a gentleman who we believe has had a large experience in that capacity on a well-known northern journal. A specimen of "flimsy" will be engraved in *fac-simile* for the inspection of the uninitiated.

LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—Again the ever recurrent Wednesday! They follow each other so fast that there really seems to be more than one in a week; at least, so Mr. Austin might well think, seeing that funds have to be provided for the Irish stew dinners to which so many hundreds of the little "ragged brigade" of the East-end look forward Wednesday after Wednesday. Not one week during the past winter has the good dinner failed to be ready at mid-day; but now we regret to say these welcome meals must cease unless speedy assistance is sent to the London Cottage Mission; all available funds being exhausted. It will be a sad thing to let these dinners cease for another month at least—till in fact we can be quite sure that winter has really departed. We trust our readers will render all the help in their power to keep this good work going, and the poor children fed. No recommendation on our part is needed—the work recommends itself, as any one can convince themselves by paying a visit to the temporary home of the Mission, at Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, on any dinner day. Failing this, they can forward their subscriptions or donations either to Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or to Mr. Walter Austin, 41, Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

On Wednesday, the exhibition of drawings sent in competition for the medals and certificates of the Coachmakers' Company, as well as those submitted for prizes by students of St. Mark's Drawing and Technical School for Coach Workmen and Apprentices, was opened at the Mansion House, and was to remain open till yesterday (Friday) at four o'clock p.m., when Bro. the Lord Mayor purposed distributing the awards to the successful candidates.

The Royal Botanic Society, Regent's Park, held a meeting on Saturday last, when several candidates were balloted for and elected fellows, and the names of others were proposed for election.

Bro. Horace Jones, the City Architect, has been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Superintendent of Works, and will be invested in that high office at the Grand Festival, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 26th inst.

Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, B. Mus., &c., was installed W.M. of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 244, on the 6th inst.

The annual supper of the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction and the City Masonic Benevolent Association will take place on Monday next, the 17th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. F. Brown, P.M., W.M. 1741.

Bro. the Marquis of Bath is staying at his country seat, Longleat, Wiltshire.

The Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Ellis) will be the new Grand Junior Warden appointed and invested at Grand Festival on the 26th inst. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, will most probably preside on the occasion.

Bro. Henry Evans was installed W.M. of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall.

A new Masonic Hall was dedicated at Antrim on Monday last, under the most favourable auspices. We hope to give a full account of the interesting proceedings next week.

The Grand Lodge of the English Good Templars continued their sittings at York on Wednesday, and among other business proceeded to the election of officers. Bro. Malins was re-elected for the thirteenth time Grand Worthy Chief Templar.

Maclean's trial for the attempted assassination of Her Majesty at Windsor, will take place at the Crown Court of the Reading Assize Courts next Wednesday.

A collection of drawings sent in to compete for prizes offered by the Coachmakers' Company was exhibited at the Mansion House on Wednesday. They comprise working drawings for coachmakers as well as designs of vehicles and designs for ornamentation.

"Men of Mark" for this month contains a portrait of Bro. Sir Michael Costa.

James Simmons, one of the few surviving Waterloo veterans, was interred at Carshalton, Surrey, on Wednesday last. He died at the age of 94 years.

The following cable message has been received at the London office of the *New York Herald*, from the *Herald Weather Bureau*, New York: "A large depression which is crossing is likely to develop energy and affect the British, French, and Norwegian coasts between the 14th and 16th, attended by south east backing north gales or strong winds. The Atlantic will be stormy between 35 and 50."

FIGARO says:—"The Patentees of these Pens are the Guardian Angels of the Noble Army of Martyrs who live by the Pen." Just out—The "BIG WAVERLEY" and the "BIG J" PEN. "They come as a boon and a blessing to men, The Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen." Sample Box, with all the kinds, by post, 1s. 1d. Patentees—MACNIVEN and CAMERON, 25 to 33, BLAIR STREET, Edinburgh. (Estd. 1770.) Beware of the party offering imitations.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS  
For the Week ending Saturday, April 22, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 15.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
1494, Felix, Clarence Hot., Teddington.
1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1819, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Met. Council Allied Masonic Degrees, Sa, Red Lion-sq., 3.

MONDAY, APRIL 17.

- Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.
8, British, F.M.H.
720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
1238, Gooch, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
1508, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
K.T. Precept. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, 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, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
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, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
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.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Alexandra Palace, N.
Chap. 899, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
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.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
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.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horas Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Cornwall, 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. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chap., Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley.
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 4.
Lodge Grand Stewards.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
190, Oak, F.M.H.
700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

- Lodge 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
1981, Londesborough, Regent M.H., S. Air-st.
Chap. 102, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Rose Croix 41, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq. W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-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.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creator, 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, APRIL 20.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav.
55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
179, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
199, Manchester, Anderton's Hot.
181, Universal, F.M.H.
733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1523, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
1823, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Bon Accord, Sa, Red Lion-sq.
7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

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, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ert., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., 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. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
201, Jordan, F.M.H.
975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
1794, Anchor, Cannon-street Hot.
Chap. 92, Moira, the Criterion, Piccadilly.
Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Coffee H., Gresham-st.
176, Era, Sa, Red Lion-sq.
K.T. Precept. 45, Temple Crossing, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Rose Croix Chap. 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., 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, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Strand, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammursmith, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
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.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
1871, Gostlin Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Red Cross Conclave G, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-  
CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE  
For the Week ending Saturday, April 22, 1882.

MONDAY, APRIL 17.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
1276, Warren, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So, N. Hill-st., L'pool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.
Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
343, Concord, Bull Hotel, Preston.
425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.
1290, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21.

- Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, M.R., Birkenhead.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 22, 1882.

All meetings take place at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, except where otherwise stated.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15.

- Lodge 53, Dublin. | Lodge 269, Malahide.

MONDAY, APRIL 17.

- Lodge 126, Dublin. | Supreme Council 33<sup>d</sup>.
494, Dublin. | R.A. Com. of Inspection.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

- Lodge 141, Dublin. | Lodge 666, Dublin.
Kiilwinning Preceptory.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

- Lodge 33, Dublin. | Lodge 730, Dublin Garrison.
R.A.C. 125, Dublin.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20.

- Lodge 12, Dublin. | Lodge 93, Dublin.
Precep. 620, First Volunteer.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21.

- Lodge 225, Dublin. | Lodge 728, Dublin.
Eblana Preceptory.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22.

- Lodge 357, Dublin.

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