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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday, with a numerous attendance, and an all but just now unprecedented "bill of fare." Bro. JAMES STEVENS raised a question of privilege, and brought forward a complaint as regards a motion for District Grand Lodges, which had been refused, (as we held properly), by the PRESIDENT of the BOARD of GENERAL PURPOSES; but after an exhaustive speech by the G. REGISTRAR, it was ruled to be distinctly out of order, (as we ventured to surmise), by the PRO G.M. Bro. Baron de FERRIERES'S resolution was carried unanimously. An amendment was moved to Bro. CLABON'S resolution, and carried, that the Provinces should have an opportunity of considering the proposed increase of the capitation list to the Fund of Benevolence. Bro. STEWART'S motion was carried, after a division. On account of the lateness of the hour Bro. BUDDEN'S proposal for musical scholarships stands over for consideration at the December Quarterly Communication. The G. TREASURER'S resolution for coals was unanimously and pleasureably agreed to. The various Boards were elected, and we call attention to the report of such elections elsewhere.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School was holden on Saturday last, amid unusual numbers. The voting took place for the House and Finance Committee, and some changes took place, and some "new blood" was admitted into the governing body. We wish that some more scientific arrangement could be made as to the identification of the voters and the registering of the votes. Even before the business commenced, the energetic SECRETARY had to say, "he must assume that all present were Life Governors;" and, it seems to us, that on another occasion no one ought to be admitted into the room without receiving a paper from a Board of Scrutineers. As it is, there must come over all a sort of quasi unsatisfactory feeling, that the present mode of voting is very loose, and affords a loophole to any who are determined to steal a march on an opponent. At present, the sole test is the attendance book, which may or may not be signed. We say this as "amici curiæ," because it is clear that these elections are growing in importance, and that another year even may witness a larger list of candidates, and a larger number of voters.

A GOOD deal is said, and said very hastily, about new blood in our School Committees, and a proposal is entertained in some quarters, by a compulsory retirement of a portion of the members, to introduce yearly fresh members into the House Committees of the Girls' and Boys' Schools. But we must remind all such worthy reformers, that the introduction of new blood acts both ways, and so markedly, that in many societies and clubs at the present hour this rule is being given up, for the following reasons. There are only three modes of carrying out compulsory retirement, and they are, seniority of election, paucity of attendance, absolute ballot, to all and each of which methods there are many patent objections. As a rule, you generally take off by any of these methods, except, perhaps, the smallest number of attendances, (which, however, may be purely accidental for the nonce), the strongest members, and you introduce weakness, in that you have a perpetual system of change. Just when members know their work and have mastered the needful routine they are displaced by those who have everything in their duties forthwith to learn, and though some may deem such routine work easy and unimportant, and within the capacity of anyone, it requires clearness and ability, time and attention (we say nothing of character), to become efficient members of any such committees, and to give satisfaction to subscribers, and promote the welfare of the School. In our humble opinion, the best course to follow is to have a direct nomination annually of the whole Committee, as it gives a power of changing the members at a stated period if the Subscribers or Life Governors are dissatisfied with their proceedings, or object to their management of the affairs of the Institution. We admit, however, at once, that we do not like to see any House Committee setting up a House List of Candidates, constituting themselves self-elected electors of the House

Committee. Such proceedings, sooner or later, are pretty sure to arouse opposition and evoke antagonistic lists. Least of all, do we approve of factious hostility and personal feelings as regards individuals and committees, which cannot be too much deprecated by all who have the welfare of our Institutions at heart. But we still venture to think that, by the exercise of moderation and common sense, the present system of annual nomination without compulsory retirement, may be well maintained alike for the good of the Institutions, and the peace of the members.

WE are very sorry that by a little editorial oversight the letter signed "OBSERVER," in reference to the sanitary works at the Girls' School, appeared in our last impression, as it is clear to us the writer is beyond his depth and out of his record. Had he been at the meeting of the General Committee, he would have heard that tenders for the works proposed had been sent in by two perfectly independent offices, and that all the details, &c., had been submitted to a high Government official. Those of us who have had to deal with drains and disconnecting pipes, (and who has not in London, alas?), know what the expence is, and with such a system of surface drainage as the Girls' School possesses, the estimates appear to us perfectly reasonable. Of one thing we are sure, that neither red tape nor unseasonable parsimony will prevail with the Life Governors of the Girls' School; and we hope and believe that a goodly gathering will unanimously support the authorities in their commendable anxiety that the drainage system of the Girls' School may be satisfactory and perfect. One point as regards the drains at the Girls' School deserves notice and consideration. The lamentable fact that the unscientific treatment of the drainage is the cause of constant ailments, and is as marked in the new buildings as in the old, is one which must force itself upon the attention of us all. The further fact alluded to, that in a portion of the newest buildings a land-spring, which had not been properly and scientifically sealed up, is constantly demanding attention and causing inconvenience, requires in our opinion, some little explanation. We therefore ask two questions, which we hope may be answered on Saturday next,—Under whose direction was that portion of the new buildings constructed? and what is the best way of stopping the present and prevailing nuisance?

WE think it well to call attention to a letter elsewhere, by which the claims of our esteemed Bro. Captain BEDFORD PIM, R.N., who is a candidate for the City Remembrancer's office are pressed upon the favourable consideration of many of our readers who belong to the ancient and distinguished Corporation of the City of London. As a rule—a good rule in the abstract—in the *Freemason* we do not much concern ourselves with elections to office, as there is a possible abuse of Freemasonry, whether in municipal contests or personal struggles, from which, as Freemasons, we cannot too much keep aloof. But in the present instance, the worthy and gallant candidate has the good wishes of all his brother Masons; of all who know him; of many who in some matters may not agree with him; on account of his kindness of heart and geniality of manner, his untiring industry, and his business habits. We cannot conceive, for certain most important details, any one more fitted for the post to which he laudably aspires, and he has our most hearty good wishes for his success, as well as for that ancient and honourable Corporation which we trust may long exist in its integrity, usefulness, and independence, and of which he seeks to become a faithful and valuable public servant.

By the decease of GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI the Italian Freemasons lose a P.G.M. The career of the departed was so intermingled with political episodes and abnormal proceedings, that it is impossible in an entirely neutral paper like the *Freemason* to do more than chronicle the fact, which appears to have educed many demonstrations of regret from large masse of the Italian people. As Freemasons, therefore, we think it well solely to record the death of GARIBALDI at Caprera as the passing away of a man of note in the turbulent and confused history of those later days; and our lips are closed, as Freemasons, and our pen is stayed by the unchanging laws of our great Order, in any attempt in these peaceful pages to dilate upon his long career or his eventful story. It must suffice for us to say that he held a high rank in Italian Freemasonry.

WE have to announce, with deep regret, the decease of that distinguished Freemason, and well known Masonic student and book collector, Bro. BOWER, Iowa, U.S. We are favoured with biographical memoirs of him from the pens of our esteemed Bros. W. J. HUGHAN and T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided; Bro. General Brownrigg, C.B., acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, as Past Grand Master. Bro. Lord Carrington occupied his post of Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor the chair of Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand Officers present were—

Bros. Rev. T. Robinson, G. Chap.; Rev. T. Cochrane, G. Chap.; Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; Æneas J. McIntyre, G. Reg.; Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. Bd. Gen. Pur.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; Major John Penrice, S.G.D.; W. G. Harrison, Q.C., S.G.D.; Capt. Clement N. Beswicke-Royds, J.G.D.; R. C. Else, J.G.D.; Horace Jones, G.S. of W.; Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*), G.D. of C.; R. T. Pigott, Asst. G. D. of C.; John Messent, G.S.B.; H. S. Alpass, G. Std. Br.; W. Masfield, G. Std. Br.; Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart, P.G.M. Sussex; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Dist. G.M. Griqualand; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., P.P.G.M. W.D. S. Wales; Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; Wilhelm Ganz, acting G. Org.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; W. R. Wood, G. Purst.; L. F. Littell, G. Asst. Purs.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. T. W. Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G.C.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C.; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C.; Major-General H. Clerk, P.G.D.; Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, P.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Henry Grissell P.G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande, de Longe, P.G.D.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Henry Maudsley, P.G.D.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; George Burt, P.A.G.D.C.; E. C. Daines, P.A.G.D.C.; James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; S. Mullens, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Geore Lambert, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Willing, P.G.O.; James Brett, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Clark, P.G.P.; S. Foxall, P.G.P.; Edgar Bowyer, P.M., W.M. 1964; George Kenning, P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; R. H. Crowden, P.M. 1297; W. Lake, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cornwall; T. C. Walls, P.M. 1745; Capt. Colville, P.G.W. Cornwall; E. B. Grabham; J. D. Langton, W.M. 1673; and others.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 1st of March, of the Special Grand Lodge of the 15th of March, and of the Grand Festival of the 26th of April, all of which were severally put and unanimously confirmed.

GRAND SECRETARY then informed Grand Lodge that the deputation appointed by Grand Lodge to present the address of congratulation to Her Majesty on Her Majesty's happy escape from assassination, attended at Buckingham Palace on the 10th of May. He then read the address, as well as Her Majesty's most gracious reply.

The Earl of CARNARVON, then proposed, and General BROWNRIGG seconded, that these documents should be permanently recorded upon the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, addressing the Grand Master in the chair, said that it was his intention in the course of the evening to raise a question of common privilege; and that he might be in order, he begged to inquire whether his lordship would take the question at this point or later in the evening? It was with regard to a motion of which he had given notice, and which had been excluded from the agenda paper.

Lord CARNARVON said that if it were as he understood, a new question of privilege, and that the merits of the question were not to be discussed, he could take it at once.

Bro. STEVENS said his question bore upon the rejection of a notice of motion which had been sent, in terms of the constitutions of the Order, to the Board of Masters for them to see before being placed on the agenda. The notice of motion was not *ultra vires*, and it was sent in conformity with the laws, but in answer to it he had received a very courteous letter from the Grand Secretary, stating that it had not been approved by the Board of Masters and that the Grand Registrar was of opinion that it was altogether out of order, and that it affected the prerogative of the Grand Master. No man respected the prerogative of the Grand Master more than he (Bro. Stevens) did, but by the Book of Constitutions the Grand Lodge had the power to decide and determine upon all questions which might be brought before it, and the humblest member had the right to express his opinion. He thought that the aggregate body of Grand Lodge was affected by such interference, and he considered that the time was come when the brethren below the dais should receive something like fair and candid treatment. As far as he was aware, up to the present time power had not been delegated to one person, either in the person of the editor of the *Freemason* (Order). Perhaps he was wrong in making a personal observation; he would not like to spoil the cause by making it a personal question, but he maintained that to the members of this Grand Lodge that the time had arrived when they should assert their privileges. In the face of the amount of business that was before Grand Lodge he could say no more, but leave it for others to follow up; but he could not sit down without saying that he had as perfect a right to have his motion on the agenda as any one of the notices of motion that were there. He declared that he had been wrongly interfered with, and he was obliged to make some protest against it.

Bro. FILER, P.G.S.B., said he had been waiting to hear what the question was, but Bro. Stevens had not mentioned it, and it was quite conceivable that the subject was inadmissible.

Bro. STEVENS said that he understood the M.W. Grand Master had ruled

that the question was not to be touched, and it was perfectly well known to the great majority of those present.

The GRAND MASTER said that he had not heard of this question himself until he was within Grand Lodge that evening. He understood the complaint to be that a notice of motion was sent to the Board of Masters, and that by the Board of Masters it was rejected as inadmissible. The Grand Lodge had not yet heard what the motion was. He was quite ready to hear the worthy brother's explanation, but must limit him very strictly to the point that he must not enter upon personal questions on the general merits of the case. Bro. Stevens had to show what the motion was he submitted.

Bro. STEVENS said that the notice of motion he sent forward was "That this Grand Lodge having regard to the great increase in the number of lodges in the metropolitan area during the past twenty-five years, and the consequent, almost total exclusion of the members thereof from any participation in Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge honors, this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness, the M.W. Grand Master, the propriety of subdividing such metropolitan area into four District Grand Lodges." He would not comment upon the motives, because if it was not discussed then it could be on some future occasion, and, therefore, he confined himself strictly to the question of privilege.

Bro. ÆNEAS MCINTYRE said, that in reply to the call upon him, he must venture to state it as his opinion that the President and Board of Masters were right in declining to place this notice of motion on the agenda paper. In the first place, the Board were right in rejecting a motion on a matter that could not properly be discussed in Grand Lodge. He would venture to say that it was not a matter that came within the cognizance of Grand Lodge at all, and, therefore, the notice of motion would not be proper. It was a prerogative of the M.W.G.M. to constitute provinces, and appoint Provincial Grand Masters, assigning to each his province, because the Provincial Grand Mastership exists only during the existence of the Grand Mastership, and it is not incumbent upon the G.M. to appoint a successor unless he chooses to do it. The case of the Province of the Isle of Wight, and the next province, Hants, was within their recollection; one of which provinces had been suppressed or merged into the other. The power was a prerogative of the Grand Master, and any discussion in Grand Lodge that would trench upon that prerogative would be illegal. Besides which, a vote in Grand Lodge, which was a general gathering of Masons, would not necessarily represent the wishes of the brethren in the locality principally affected by the resolution. The Board of Masters had called upon him officially for his opinion, and he gave it as his opinion that the proceedings contemplated would be an interference with the prerogative of the Grand Master. Looking at the proposed motion, it was misconceived altogether, as it referred to making District Grand Masters. District Grand Masters were very different from Provincial Grand Masters, because the District Grand Lodge has the power of expulsion, which does not exist in Provincial Grand Lodges. Grand Lodge was in two capacities; it was a great legislative assembly, making laws for the guidance of the Craft (laws which were made by the individual votes of the members, and which even the Grand Master himself must obey), and there was the prerogative of the Grand Master, which did not come within the laws of Grand Lodge, because Grand Lodge had no power to take the matter out of the hands of the Grand Master. The Grand Registrar then examined the notice of motion before them, which he had in common, he supposed, with other members of the Craft, received with a printed communication from Bro. Stevens, referring to various laws in the Book of Constitutions, with a view to showing that any discussion in Grand Lodge of a proposal for the creation of districts or provinces would be an interference with the prerogative of the Grand Master.

At the conclusion of the Grand Registrar's argument, Bro. STEVENS, by leave of the President, said that the only reply he desired to make was that there was no desire to make a law; it was merely proposed that a respectful representation be made to the Grand Master. There was no "shall" about the notice of motion. It was merely that a respectful representation be made, and that Grand Lodge should have an opportunity of expressing an opinion about it. He would pass without remark the attempt that the Grand Registrar had made to bring him into ridicule, because that was a personal matter.

The M.W.G.M. in the chair said that this question had come upon him quite suddenly. He was not aware that it was to be brought forward until he was within the walls of Grand Lodge. It was a serious question which touched the right of a brother to bring any matter before Grand Lodge for a free discussion of it. He had always held that to be a right to be most jealously guarded, and it was one that he would never controvert himself in the slightest degree. On the other hand, it was quite as important to Grand Lodge to maintain in its integrity the G.M.'s prerogative; that was equal to the right of free discussion; it was one of the ancient landmarks of the Order. The question, as it came before them, was one especially difficult to follow, as reference had to be made to various parts of the laws. On the one hand he was bound to say there had been very little more than a mere statement of the proposition by the worthy brother who desired to bring this motion forward; while, on the other hand, they had a very elaborate and very clear argument against that proposition by the Grand Registrar, and the case was, therefore, heavily weighted on the one side as against the other. If he had had to decide, himself, upon the whole of this question, and upon the grounds upon which it had been brought forward and argued, he might be in some difficulty, because it was totally impossible for him to satisfy himself how far, in his opinion, each and every part of these regulations had applied to the particular questions, but it seemed to him that the question narrowed itself to a very small issue indeed. The motion which is

was proposed to make, and which was submitted to the Board of Masters, ran in these words :

That it was proposed that the Grand Lodge should respectfully represent to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., &c., the division of the Metropolis into four District Grand Lodges.

Now, this was obviously a very serious question. It touched the prerogative of the Grand Master. Rightly or wrongly, the sub-division of the Metropolis into four Grand Lodges raised a constitutional question in the Craft as serious as any that could be conceived, and, therefore, it became, as he apprehended, a matter of absolute necessity that any motion for that purpose should be expressed in language to which no possible objection, technically, or on larger grounds, could be taken. But those words were absolutely unintelligible; there could be no such thing as four District Grand Lodges in London. It was absolutely without sense or meaning. A District Grand Lodge was a totally different thing to a Provincial Grand Lodge, and, therefore, in a motion that was as serious as this, it became necessary to contrast every word with the greatest care, and to require that a motion that goes to affect the highest and most constitutional interests of the Craft should be couched in the most apt and precise language; and on that ground, though it was upon a narrow ground, he conceived that the Board of Masters were right in refusing to submit such a motion to the Grand Lodge; and he thought that he, in that chair, and the Grand Lodge, should give their support to the Board of Masters, and he had, consequently, no doubt or hesitation in ruling that such a motion was out of order.

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, the following recommendations of grants were confirmed :—

	£	s.	d.
A brother of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, Sidcup ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Ranelagh Lodge No. 834, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Faith, 141, London... ..	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of Lodge Confidence, No. 193, London ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the William of Wykeham Lodge, No. 1883, Winchester	75	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton	50	0	0
A brother of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, London ...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Fitz Roy Lodge, No. 569, London ...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the De-la-Pole Lodge, No. 1605, Hull ...	75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Saint Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Wimborne	150	0	0
A brother of the Amphibious Lodge, No. 258, Heckmondwike ...	50	0	0
A brother of the St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter ...	50	0	0
A brother of Lodge Semper Fidelis, No. 1254, Exeter	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth... ..	50	0	0

The report of the Board of General Purposes, which was as follows, was then taken as read and ordered to be entered on the minutes :—

“ To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

“ 1. The Board have to report that it having been represented to them that a lodge had recently elected and installed a Master who had served only eleven months as a Warden, the Master and Wardens were summoned to appear before the Board, and the facts being admitted, with the explanation that they occurred through inadvertence, the lodge was duly admonished for its inattention to the Constitutions, and it was declared that the election was null and void, that the late W.M. was still the Master, and must continue so to act until the next regular period of election, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead.

“ 2. The Board have also to report that the growing practice of Secretaries of lodges styling and signing themselves Honorary Secretaries has been from time to time brought under their notice, and they think it desirable in this manner to draw attention to the fact that the title of Honorary Secretary is not authorised by the Constitutions.

“ 3. Lastly, the Board desire to lay before the Grand Lodge the revision of the Book of Constitutions, on which much thought and attention have been bestowed, and they recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be asked to convene a special Grand Lodge at a convenient time to consider the same.

“(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

“ Freemasons’ Hall, London, W.C.
“ 16th May, 1882.”

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, Chairman of the Board, moved that the report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read; next that it be entered on the minutes; and, thirdly, that it be agreed to. In supporting the motion, he said that the Board had for some time had the consideration of the Book of Constitutions before them. It was well known that it had been altered, amended, and added to from time to time, until it had become a sort of patchwork legislation. A great deal of care had been taken to prepare what the Board thought a complete and consistent Book of Constitutions; and the report—which was now on the Secretary’s table—recommended that the M.W.G.M. be asked to convene a Special Grand Lodge, at a convenient time, to consider the same. He also suggested that a copy, or copies, should be in the Grand Secretary’s office for inspection, and that a copy should be sent to each Provincial Grand Secretary.

The proposals of Bro. Sir John Monckton were then put to the vote, and carried.

The GRAND REGISTRAR moved that this Grand Lodge unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes, which, on being put to the vote, was carried unanimously; and Bro. MONCKTON briefly acknowledged the compliment.

On the motion of Bro. General BROWNRIFF, which was duly seconded, the report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge on the 1st

March last, to investigate and report on the finances and present income of Grand Lodge, was adopted.

That the Committee having met on the 16th of May, proceeded to enquire into and examine the various sources of income of Grand Lodge, as well as its current expenditure for the last three years, and they now beg to report, as the result of their investigations, that at the present time Grand Lodge is in receipt of an average nett income of about £4000 per annum, which is, however, liable to considerable fluctuations, in proportion to the number of admissions of members into the Order and from various other causes.

(Signed) J. S. BROWNRIFF,
Provincial Grand Master for Surrey,
Freemasons’ Hall, London, W.C.
Chairman.
16th May, 1882.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 19th May, 1882, as laid before Grand Lodge, was submitted.

The appeal of Bro. Thomas Mountain, of the New Zealand Pacific Lodge, No. 517, Wellington, New Zealand, was dismissed, and the appeal of Bro. Alex. Dimant of the same lodge was allowed.

Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES, M.P., P.M. No. 82, moved the following resolution :

That the counting of votes on a division in Grand Lodge be conducted in future on the following system : 1st. That there shall be eight tellers from the body of the hall, namely—the four Grand Deacons acting for Grand Lodge, and the proposer and seconder of the motion, with two brethren nominated by them, for the resolution. 2nd. That there shall be two tellers for the Grand Officers on the dais, namely—the Assistant Director of Ceremonies for Grand Lodge and a brother nominated by the proposer for the resolution. 3rd. That on a division being called for, a pair of tellers shall be placed opposite each of the four divisions of Grand Lodge and the dais, who shall request the brethren of their division to hold up their hands—first for “Ayes” and then for “Noes”—the tellers audibly counting the numbers each time, which shall be at once noted on paper, initiated by both tellers, and handed up to the Grand Secretary, who shall announce the result after receiving and adding up all the scores.

He said in view of the amount of business before the Grand Lodge he would say very few words upon this motion. It was a very inconvenient practice to call upon the brethren, upon taking a division, to move from side to side. He thought that the practice of dividing the members into blocks and the tellers standing in front of each block counting the votes for and against, and putting the result upon paper would be found to be a great improvement. There was one point on which the proceedings of the House of Commons might be adopted. In the House of Commons if tellers did not come forward the motion was not put. Four tellers would be required for the body of the lodge, and one for the dais, making five. If five tellers did not volunteer the motion would not be put.

The motion was seconded by Bro. PERCEVAL, and was carried upon a show of hands.

Bro. JOHN M. CLABON, P.G.D.—moved

That, for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the members of the lodges in the London district (except military lodges), shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the Fund, instead of one shilling as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March, 1814. And that all members of lodges not within the London district (except military, Colonial, and foreign lodges), shall pay quarterly ninepence each to the Fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge.

That no sale be made of all or any part of the Capital Funds of Benevolence without the express order of a Grand Lodge, confirmed by a subsequent Grand Lodge.

In support of his motion, Bro. CLABON said that the increase of expense to the members of the Craft would be so small that it would not be felt, as it did not amount to a halfpenny a-week for each member. On the other hand, it would add materially to the spending power of the Lodge of Benevolence, as it would add some £4000 to their annual income. He wished to make it difficult to sell out any of the accumulated funds, as they had been doing of late. During the ten years that he was President of the Lodge of Benevolence there had been one or two occasions upon which he had ventured to differ from the Lodge, but his difference had been not that the grant to a poor Mason had been too large, but that it was more than the funds of the Lodge could afford. Without troubling Grand Lodge too much, he would remind them that the quarterage of one shilling and sixpence were fixed at the time of the Union in 1814, and Grand Lodge then thought right to exclude colonial lodges, so that they pay nothing. If they were required to pay, this would happen: that as the Lodge of Benevolence requires two years’ payments to have been made to the fund before granting relief, it would, in regard to colonial cases, depend very much upon the regularity of their returns, whether evidence as to two years’ payments could be obtained. As regards the state of the Fund he would say that in 1873 it amounted to £25,000. In 1874 the receipts were £5449, and the expenditure £4133. In 1875, receipts £5953, expenditure £4036. In 1876, receipts £6496, expenditure £5203. In 1877, receipts £5725, expenditure £5849. In 1878, receipts £7913, expenditure £4934. In 1879, receipts £8117, expenditure £7606. So that up to that time the receipts had annually exceeded the payments and the savings had raised the fund, £25,000, to £45,000. In 1880 a change occurs, receipts £8470, expenditure £9307; and in 1881, receipts, £8161; expenditure £9915. This was a state of things that he hoped Grand Lodge would agree with him in saying ought not to go on; by spending their capital they were parting with their provision for old age. What must be the ultimate consequence if that £45,000 disappears? Why, the expenditure must come down, to the great distress of many people. As regards the complaints that the money was distributed improperly, he did not remember any one grant that was given improperly; he believed very much more good was done by the large grants. If £50 was given it went to pay a few debts, and there was no permanent benefit; but if you gave £100, or £150, it might be of vast service to the

recipient, and set him up again. If the Lodge of Benevolence was now exceeding its income by £2000 a year, and Grand Lodge agreed to this increase in the quarterages, the resulting income would cover this excess, and leave a surplus of about £2000. He proposed that the increase should commence on the 1st Jan. 1883. The motion was seconded by Bro. BRITTEN.

Bro. TOMBS opposed the motion altogether. The present quarterages were the result of the arrangements made on behalf of the various lodges. The change would upset a vast number of calculations; and it struck him, as Bro. Clabon had admitted, that they had been too liberal with their money, really and truly.

Bro. CLABON: I said nothing of the kind.

Bro. TOMBS said his note of Bro. Clabon's speech was that they had been granting too much money. He would venture to say that the Board of Benevolence had been too liberal as Trustees.

Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST said he thought that before this motion was carried the provinces should be consulted. In his province it would make a difference of £30 a year. He felt that there had been a certain amount of extravagance. He would not say that the larger grants were not beneficial, but still the figures just given to them showed an increase of about £2000 a year; and he thought that before they rushed into the gap to make up the deficiency that had occurred, by adding something to the contribution of every brother, that the opinion of the provinces ought to be obtained, and that the matter should be postponed in the meantime.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWN RIGG said that he felt strongly against this motion. In his own province they had a voluntary quarterage of 2s. a year, which made their full quarterage equal to that of London brethren. He felt sure that if they raised the quarterage 50 per cent. the local Charities would suffer. On a former occasion they were told that the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence were increasing to such an extent that powers were sought to enable the Board to devote them to some other purpose. He thought that the temporary wave of depression had perhaps produced the extra distress which had caused this excess of expenditure, and if that were the case they might hope that it would not continue.

Bro. J. STEVENS would be disposed to support Bro. Clabon's motion if it went further than it did. He thought that every man that was made a Mason, whether in the provinces or the metropolis, should pay the same, and he should be prepared, if necessary, to propose an amendment to carry that out.

After some further discussion, Bro. CLABON rose, and said that he wished to say but very few words in reply, and to remind Grand Lodge that the Lodge of Benevolence was representative. As far as his recollection went, a fair proportion of the grants made by that Lodge were granted as petitions from the country, and what came from the country as freely went back to the country.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER then read the resolution, and stated that that was the question on which the brethren had to vote; there was no direct negative proposed to that, but it was proposed as an amendment that further consideration should be postponed to ascertain the opinion of the provincial brethren, and that no increase should be made at present. That amendment was by Bro. Penrice. There was a second amendment proposed by Bro. Stevens, that if any alteration be made, the sum shall be one shilling a quarter, whether in the provincial or London district. That second amendment was a provisional one, which made it difficult to deal with. He could not help thinking that the amendment of Bro. Penrice very generally expressed the opinion of Grand Lodge, that we were not ripe yet upon the subject.

Bro. PENRICE's amendment upon being put to the vote was carried. The original motion was afterwards put and lost.

Bro. CLABON gave notice that he should bring the matter forward again in December.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., proposed:—

That, in the event of the report of the Financial Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication, held on the 1st day of March last being adopted, to move—That, having regard to the enormous increase in the number of lodges and chapters since the grant of £800 made by Grand Lodge in 1858 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and for which the Institution had to send, and still sends, two voting papers to each lodge and chapter, that the amount to be contributed in future by Grand Lodge be increased by an annual payment of £300 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Widows' Fund, such payments being borne by the fund at the disposal of the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. STEWART said that this was resuming a subject the discussion of which was commenced last December. They then asked what the income of Grand Lodge was, and a Committee was appointed to ascertain and report. That Committee had now made their report, and from that report it appeared they had only an income of £4000, but what was meant was that that £4000, was surplus income. And as there was that surplus was it unreasonable that the Institution which gave the brethren votes for more than the value should ask grand Lodge to make this grant, £300 to the Male Fund and £500 to the Widow's Fund.

The G.M. in the chair was about to put the resolution to the vote, when

Bro. General BROWN RIGG rose and said he thought they ought to be cautious in what they were doing. They had stated in their report that the balance is a fluctuating one, and taking from that fluctuating balance £800 annually it was impossible to say that they would always have their money at hand. He suggested that the vote be limited to £400; and moved an amendment to that effect.

Upon a show of hands the votes were so numerous pro and con, that it was found necessary to take a division; the result of which was—

For the amendment	...	...	...	...	72
Against	...	...	...	...	82
The original motion was then put—					
For Bro. Stewart's motion	...	...	...	...	85
Against	...	...	...	...	72

The original motion was, therefore, carried.

The Scrutineers' report of the Election of the Board of General Purposes was then submitted, and the following brethren were declared elected:

Votes		Votes	
Bro. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27	... 325	Bro. Wm. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395	... 175
„ Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 1964	... 322	„ C. C. Cheston, W.M. 99	... 172
„ Frank Green, W.M. 1827	... 248	„ Edwd. Beaumont, W.M. 26	... 165
„ Edwd. Letchworth, W.M. 197	... 236	„ W. Bristow, W.M. G.S. Lodge	... 157
„ William Stephens, P.M. 1489	... 223	„ Ralph Clutton, W.M. 143	... 154
„ A. Meadows, M.D., P.M. 4	... 195	„ H. R. Cooper-Smith, P.M. 478	... 149
„ Henry Bishop, P.M. 66	... 181	„ A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140	... 145

The Pro GRAND MASTER announced that the Grand Master had nominated Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, as President of the Board; Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*), Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.; W. J. Harrison, Q.C.; James E. Saunders, F. Philbrick, Q.C.; J. A. Rucker, Thomas Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, Rule, and Piggott, D.C.L., members of the Board.

Colonial Board: Bros. Henry Francis Auldjo, W.M. 92; James Brett, P.M. 177; Augustus T. Day, W.M. 166; Ralph Gooding, P.M. 1; William George Lemon, W.M. 1601; James Henry Matthews, P.M. 143; and Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21.

Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. John James Berry, P.M. 554; Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728; Chas. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733; William H. Goodall, W.M. 1567; Henry McPherson, P.M. 890; George L. Moore, P.M. 169; William J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; Robert Perry Tate, P.M. 862; Alf. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; and James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507.

The PRO GRAND MASTER said the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Rucker President of the Colonial Board, and Bros. Sandeman and Brackstone Baker members; Bro. Griffiths Smith, Vice-President. The Grand Master also nominated the following brethren on the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution: Bros. A. F. A. Woodford, Shadwell H. Clerke, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, Capt. N. G. Philips, Col. Burney, J. S. Peirce, W. F. Nettleship, James Brett, and James Kench.

On the motion of Col. CREATON, seconded by Bro. F. DAVISON, the following resolution was carried:

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

Bro. E. T. BUDDEN said at that late hour of the evening he feared the claims of hunger were much more pressing than the claims of his motion; he therefore begged the resolution might stand over to the Grand Lodge in December next.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M., M.M., presided, and there were also present:

Most Worshipful Bros. the Earl of Limerick, Past Grand Mark Master Mason; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M.; R.W. Bros. Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire, as Dep. G.M.M.M.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., Prov. G.M. Buckinghamshire; Rev. W. R. R. Bedford, M.A., J.P., Prov. G.M. Warwick and Stafford; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M. South Wales; R. C. Else, J.P., Prov. G.M. Somerset; General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.J.W., as G.S.W.; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, G.J.W.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.J.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.J.W.; W. Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.M.O.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.S.O., as G.S.O.; H. R. Cooper-Smith, G.J.O.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O.; R. Eve, P.G.M.O.; Rev. H. G. Morse, M.A., G. Chap.; Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, M.A., G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., Assist. G. Sec.; W. Hickman, J.P., Dep. Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; T. Y. Strachan, Dep. Prov. G.M. Northumberland and Durham; James, Stevens, P.G.J.O., as G.S.D.; C. S. Lane, G.J.D.; S. S. Partridge, G.J.D.; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.S.D.; Henry Lovegrove, G.S. of W.; Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D. of C.; T. C. Walls, G. Swd. B.; A. Williams, C.E., P.G.S.D., as G. Std. B.; W. Ganz, G. Org.; Edwin Gilbert, and G. A. Rooks, Grand Stewards; John Barker, R. L. Loveland, P. de E. Collin, H. Massey, Edward Margrett, R. P. Spice, C.E., O. H. Pearson, Chas. Pulman, and C. E. Soppet, Prov. Grand Stewards; C. P. Speight, Tyler; Thomas Howkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwick and Stafford; G. Toller, junr., P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire; Geo. L. Woodley, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales; Chas. Harding, P.P.G. J.W. Middx. and Surrey; Major E. S. Gordon, P.P.G.S.O. Kent; Henry George, P.G.J.O. Lincolnshire; Rev. Wm. Randall, P.P.G. Chap. Warwick and Stafford; Wm. Watson, P.G.S.D. Kent; G. J. Tilling, P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight; John Tomkins, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks. Berks and Oxon; Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.D. of C. Middx. and Surrey; C. W. Duke, P.G.A.D. of C. Sussex; Geo. Carter, P.G. Swd. Br. Northumberland and Durham; H. W. Homann, P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon; C. J. L. Kipling, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey; James Moon, P.M. Old Kent; H. A. Dubois, P.M. 1; H. J. Garnett, P.M. and Treasurer 53; G. J. Dunkley, J.W. 234; J. H. Wynne, P.M. Old Kent; M. Mildred, 104; J. Manwaring, Org. 104; Major Penrose Dunbar, M.O. 284; Rev. R. P. Bent, Chap. Bon Accord; G. Risch, J.D. 44; J. Hunt, D. of C. 53; Geo. Powell, D. of C. 1; G. P. Festa, S.O. 8; W. H. Bale, 104;

J. B. Foord, 166; R. J. Reed, 166; C. F. Hogard, 144; Edgar Bowyer, 144; Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, 197; F. W. Driver, 176; J. Smith, 176; Fredk. Hallows, 205.

Apologies for non-attendance received from R.W. Bros. the Earl of Kintore, D.G.M.; Canon Tristram, P.G.M., Northumberland and Durham; Wm. Kelly, P.G.M. Leicestershire; Capt. Chas. Hunter, P.G.M., North Wales; Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.G. Warden; Chas. F. Matier, P.G. Warden; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Warden; V.W. Bros. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Ernest Brette, D.D., P.G. Chap.; W. Bros. Chas. Stephens, D.P.G.M. Berks and Oxon; Capt. A. T. Perkins, G.S.D.; Thos. J. Pulley, G.S.D.; Alex. Spears, P.G. J.D.; R. W. Edis, G. Insp. of W.; Edwd. Diggle, P.G.I.G.; J. Lawrence Lewis, G.S.; C. W. Hudson, G.S.; J. H. Glendinning, G.S.; W. J. Meek, G.S.; W. J. Clarke, P.G.S.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; V.W. Bros. E. C. Mather, G.S.O.; Rev. D. Ace, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, G. Chap.; R.W. Bro. Rev. Thos. Robinson, P.G.M. Kent; W. Bros. C. L. Mason, G.S.; Thos. Clark, G. St. Br.; R.W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, J.W.; V.W. Bro. Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; W. Bros. W. H. Gimingham, G.S.; C. Milligan, G.I.G.; V.W. Bros. R. J. Mure, P.G.O.; Rev. W. Stainton Moses, P.G. Chap.; and W. Bro. Jas. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of the December communication and of the special Grand Lodge of 21st March were read and confirmed.

The M.W.G.M., then said that before proceeding any further with Grand Lodge business he had to read two replies he had received to the addresses which had been voted by Grand Lodge, and which appeared in the report of the General Board, one to Her Majesty and the other to the Duke of Albany. Her Majesty had graciously answered the address through the Secretary of State for the Home Department, as follows:—
 “Whitehall, 8th May, 1882. My Lord,—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, on the subject of the recent attempt upon the life of Her Majesty, and I have it in command to assure your lordship that Her Majesty is deeply sensible of the loyalty and affection of her faithful subjects. I have the honour to be, my Lord, your lordship's obedient servant, (signed), W. V. Harcourt. The Lord Henniker, Thornham Hall, Eye, Suffolk.”
 This compliment was deeply gratifying to Mark Masons who yielded in loyalty to no one. The second reply was to the address to the Duke of Albany, Past Grand Mark Master. The letter was an autograph letter of the Duke of Albany, and was in the following terms:—
 “Claremont, Esher, Surrey. May 1st, 1882. Dear Lord Henniker,—Will you be good enough to convey to the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, my sincere and grateful thanks for the address of congratulation upon my marriage which they have forwarded to me. I remain, your lordship's very truly and fraternally, (signed) Leopold, P.G.M.M.M. Lord Henniker, G.M.M.M.”
 These two documents he directed to be kept among the archives of Grand Lodge. He was glad to say in regard to the last of the two documents, the Mark Master Masons of England intended to give his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany a present. They did not do so at the time of his marriage, because the Order extending all over the world, before they could decide what present to give H.R.H., Grand Lodge thought it right to ask the brethren abroad whether they would like to join, and all the answers had not yet been received.

Bro. BINCKES said some few had been read, and they were couched in very flattering terms.

The G.M. said the subscriptions from the lodges throughout England were already very large, and those alone would enable Mark Masons to make H.R.H. a very handsome present.

The G.M. then presented the Rev. J. Studholme-Brownrigg, P.G.C., with his patent as Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, and in doing so said he had very great pleasure in presenting it, knowing very well that the reverend brother would forward the prosperity of Mark Masonry in that province.

The following report of the General Board was taken as read, and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The number of certificates issued in the six months to 31st March, 1882, was 741—the largest number as yet received in a similar period; the total of registered advancements being 16,139.

During the same period seven warrants for new lodges were granted, viz. :—

No. 292	Watling Street	Stony Stratford.
” 293	Industry	Gateshead.
” 294	Royal Naval College	Greenwich.
” 295	Loyalty	Bermuda.
” 296	Fylde	Blackpool.
” 297	Picton Castle	Haverford West.
” 298	Taj Mehal	Agra.

Also 157 certificates in the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, and three warrants for new Royal Ark lodges, viz. :—

William Kelly,	attached to No. 19, Leicester.
Ark -	” ” 59, Worcester.
Dewar	” ” 237, Rochester.

The total number of registered elevations being 1116,

The following provincial changes have to be noted:—

BENGAL.

R.W. Bro. Col. Anthony Stewart as Provincial Grand Master, in succession to R.W. Bro. H. T. Prinsep.

DORSET.

R.W. Bro. Rev. W. Mortimer Heath as Provincial Grand Master, in succession to R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P.

In each case the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to bear testimony to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office by the retiring Provincial Grand Master.

TUNIS AND MALTA, THE DISTRICT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, to whose zeal, energy and ability the progress of the Order in these districts is mainly, if not entirely attributable, has placed his resigna-

tion of the office of Provincial Grand Master in the hands of the M.W. Grand Master, by whom it has been accepted with much regret. It is impossible to overrate the value of the services of R.W. Bro. Broadley to Mark Masonry in this district and elsewhere.

Having carefully weighed the various suggestions offered, and given to the subject the consideration its importance deserves, the M.W. Grand Master has deemed it most conducive to the interests of the Order to divide the District hitherto under the charge of the R.W. Bro. Broadley, and has constituted it into two provinces:—

North Africa, with lodges at Tunis and Goletta, to which has been appointed as Provincial Grand Master, Ill. Bro. T. Fellowes Reade (33°) H.B.M. Consul General:

The Mediterranean District, including Gibraltar, Malta, and Sicily, over which has been nominated as R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Chev. E. Rosenbusch.

With the able assistance of these distinguished brethren it is confidently anticipated that the Order in these interesting and extensive districts will continue to flourish and progress.

NEW ZEALAND.

R.W. Bro. Henry G. Wade has been appointed Provincial Grand Master of the new Province of Auckland.

R.W. Bro. John Bevan has been appointed Provincial Grand Master of the new Province of Westland.

From these arrangements there is every reason to believe that most favourable results may be expected.

The Board is gratified by the reception of the graceful acknowledgment of the vote of condolence adopted at the last meeting of Grand Lodge on the lamented death of the late President of the United States, as follows:

“Legation of the United States, London,
 “February 10th, 1882.

“Frederick Binckes, Esq.,
 “Grand Secretary, &c., &c., &c.
 “Sa, Red Lion-square, W.C.

“Dear Sir,—Referring to my letter of the 2nd ultimo, I have to say that I communicated to the Department of State at Washington the vote of condolence on the part of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England on occasion of the death of President Garfield, and that I have just received from Mr. Frelinghuysen, the Secretary of State, a despatch dated on the 27th ultimo, in which he states that having transmitted to Mrs. Garfield a copy of the vote, he desires me to convey to the Grand Lodge an expression of her deep appreciation of its touching message of sympathy to herself and her family.

“I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
 (Signed) “J. R. LOWELL.”

A Special Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, 21st March, at which addresses of congratulation were enthusiastically adopted, as proposed by the M.W. Grand Master:

“To Her Majesty the Queen on Her Majesty's happy escape from attempted assassination.

“To Her Majesty the Queen.

“May it please your Majesty,—

“We, the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, respectfully offer our heartfelt congratulations to your Majesty on the happy escape from the attempt on a life so precious to every subject of the British Crown.

“We contemplate with horror and indignation the atrocity of the deed.

“It is, however, with a deep and lasting sense of gratitude to the Almighty that your Majesty's life has been preserved that we venture thus to address you, and we sincerely hope that it may be His will that your Majesty may long be spared to guide the destinies of this vast and powerful empire.

“Signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge and all Mark Master Masons.

“HENNIKER, Grand Master.
 “H. C. LEVANDER, Grand Registrar.
 “FREDERICK BINCKES, Grand Secretary.

“March 21st, 1882.”

To H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., M.W. Past Grand Master, on his approaching marriage:—

“To H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., &c., &c., P.G.M.M.M.

“Sir,—We, the Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, offer your Royal Highness our warm congratulations on your approaching marriage.

“Most sincerely do we express a wish that you may enjoy all the happiness, health and prosperity that this world can afford, to be shared by the illustrious Princess who is about to become your bride.

“HENNIKER, Grand Master.
 “H. C. LEVANDER, Grand Registrar.
 “FREDERICK BINCKES, Grand Secretary.

“London, March 21st, 1882.”

The M.W. Grand Master subsequently submitted a suggestion that it would be a graceful act on the part of the members of an Order with which H.R.H. had recently consented to associate himself as a Past Grand Master, to offer for H.R.H.'s acceptance a presentation on so auspicious an event, in earnest of the appreciation of the honour conferred upon them.

The proposal, approved and adopted, has been made known to the brethren at large, and a subscription list opened which has to the present date made favourable progress, and it is believed that the result will be an amount creditable to the Body, and worthy of the distinguished recipient.

The Board recommend the following grants from the Benevolent Fund:—£10 to Mrs. H. M. S., widow of the late Bro. J. L. S.; £25 to Mrs. A. B., widow of the late Bro. R. B.; and further recommend donation of twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from the General Fund.

The Fourteenth Annual Festival in aid of “The Mark Benevolent Fund” will be held at the Crystal Palace, on Wednesday, 19th July next, on which occasion the Rt. Hon. Bro. the Earl of Kintore, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, has very kindly undertaken to preside. Thirty-three brethren, have, to the present time, given their services as Stewards, and it is hoped that a considerable addition to the Fund may be the result, of which the prospects are most favourable.

A motion will be submitted to confirm in the rank and privileges of a Past Master, W. Bro. George C. Ross, of the Ardvorlich Lodge, No. 219, Rawul Pindie, who, from exceptional circumstances, occupied the chair as W. Master for ten months only.

The Board recommend that on the List of Officers of Grand Lodge in Book of Constitutions, p. 1, the title of the Grand Overseer be changed to that of “Prefect,” but that no change be made in the titles of the same class of officers in private lodges.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

There are now six boys receiving the advantage of this Fund. The reports of progress are in all cases extremely satisfactory, one boy, Benjamin Henry Quinn, having succeeded in obtaining within twenty of the maximum number of marks—2,800.

FREDERICK DAVISON, (G. Treas.)
 Vice-President.

2nd May, 1882.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 31st March, 1882, show the following results:

GENERAL FUND.			
Balance from 30th September, 1881	...	£115	4 1
Half-year's Receipts	...	£811	11 6
Interest on Investments	...	38	13 7
		850	5 1
		£965	9 2
Half-year's Disbursements:			
Ordinary Expenditure	...	£451	19 9
Extraordinary Expenditure:			
Expended on Hall	...	£143	13 2
Expended on Furniture	...	15	11 0
Expended on Festivals	...	43	6 6
		202	10 8
		654	10 5
Balance at Bankers	...	£310	18 9

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1881	£366 4 4
Half-year's Receipts	£44 12 0
Interest on Investments	35 0 2
	<u>79 12 2</u>
	£445 16 6
Half-year's Disbursements:	
Grants in Relief	£ 56 0 0
Transferred to Education Fund	117 7 0
Expenses	1 8 6
Purchase of £100 Natal 4½ per Cent. Bonds	103 5 0
	<u>278 0 6</u>
Balance at Bankers	£167 16 0

EDUCATION FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1881	£115 7 4
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	£ 117 7 0
Interest on Investments	15 3 7
	<u>132 10 7</u>
	247 17 11
Half-year's Disbursements:	
Educational Fees	£ 26 15 8
Purchase of 200 Natal 4½ per Cent. Bonds	206 10 0
Expenses	1 4 0
	<u>234 9 8</u>
Balance at Bankers	£13 8 3

INVESTED FUNDS.

General Fund	£1700 0 0
Benevolent Fund	1500 0 0
Educational Fund	700 0 0
And the Board have ordered the additional following investment:	
On Account of the General Fund	£300 0 0
Audited and found correct, 21st April, 1882.	

H. A. DUBOIS,
Auditor.

The following recommendations arising out of the report were carried: The confirmation in his rank and privileges as Past Master, W. Bro. George Campbell Ross, of Lodge No. 219; two grants from the Benevolent Fund of £10 and £25 respectively; and a vote of £21 from the General Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The proposed alteration in the title of "Grand Overseer" to that of "Grand Prefect" was, on the motion of Bro. Beach, seconded by Bro. the Earl of Limerick, ordered to be postponed on account of the absence of Bro. Canon Portal, P.G.M., who is in the south of France for the benefit of his health.

The report, with this exception, was then adopted.

The next business was the installation of Grand Master.

Bro. BEACH said the noble Bro. Lord Henniker had already occupied the chair greatly to the advantage of Grand Lodge, and it was unnecessary that the formality of installation should be observed. He would only, therefore, congratulate Grand Lodge on the able manner in which the Grand Master had fulfilled the duties which had been entrusted to him, and he hoped Bro. Lord Henniker would continue, in accordance with the general vote of Grand Lodge, to occupy the chair for the ensuing year. His Lordship had always been ready to perform his duties, and it was no light duty that had fallen to his lot. There was a special Grand Lodge, which occupied a considerable amount of his attention, and there had been other duties which he had had to perform. He had always discharged his duties in an able and efficient manner. During the past year there was a movable Grand Lodge held, which only temporary indisposition prevented His Lordship from attending, greatly to the regret of all the brethren who were present at that Grand Lodge. The brethren, he was sure, wished the Grand Master a happy and prosperous year of office, and that the same success which had attended his past year of office would attend him during the coming year.

The M.W.G.M., in reply, thanked the brethren most heartily for the honour they had done him by the second time placing him in the important position of their Grand Master. He was glad to say that what Bro. Beach had said was quite true—that the labours in this Order had not been very light this past year, and he was glad that they had not been light, and he hoped that they might be still more heavy in the year that was to come. He should be quite ready, with the able assistance which he always had received during the past year from the Grand Officers, and which he knew they would render again in the coming year, to promote the best interests of the Order, which showed no signs of flagging, but every sign of increased prosperity. He believed there had been more members joined to this Order during the past year than in any one previous year since Grand Lodge was first formed. He could only once more repeat that he should do his very best to promote the welfare of the Order, knowing, as he did, that he should have the cordial support of the brethren, and their kind consideration in any shortcomings he might exhibit.

The Grand Master was then declared installed, and was saluted accordingly.

Before proceeding to appoint the Grand Officers, the M.W.G.M. said that the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Kintore had consented to undertake the post of Deputy Grand Master for another year. He (the Grand Master) was glad of this, not only because he knew Lord Kintore to be a good and earnest Mason, but because this created an important link between English Masons and their brethren in Scotland. He thought all the brethren would be glad with him that Lord Kintore had undertaken this office once more, and they were very sorry he was not present.

Bro. F. Davison was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer, amidst loud applause.

The following is a list of the Grand Officers:

Bro. the Earl of Kintore	...	...	Dep. G. Master.
" Lord Roberts	...	...	G.S.W.
" Wm. Hickman	...	...	G.J.W.
" J. Brook Smith	...	...	G.M.O.
" O. H. Pearson	...	...	G.S.O.
" Thomas Howkins	...	...	G.J.O.
" Rev. R. P. Bent	...	...	G. Chap.
" — Wm. Randall	...	...	G. Chap.
" Frederic Davison	...	...	G. Treas.
" H. C. Levander	...	...	G. Reg.

Bro. Frederick Binckes	...	...	G. Sec.
" Don. M. Dewar	...	...	G. Assist. Sec.
" George Toller, jun.	...	...	G.S.D.
" Edmund Margrett	...	...	G.S.D.
" P. de E. Collin	...	...	G.J.D.
" H. J. Garnett	...	...	G.J.D.
" R. W. Edis	...	...	G. Insp. of Wks.
" Robert Berridge	...	...	G. D. of C.
" Wm. Watson	...	...	G. Assist. D. of C.
" Frederick Long	...	...	G. Swd. Br.
" S. J. Turquand	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" Wilhelm Ganz	...	...	G. Org.
" C. Pulman	...	...	G.I.G.
" C. W. Hudson	...	...
" George Carter	...	...
" G. L. Woodley	...	...
" George John Tilling	...	...
" C. W. Duke	...	...
" Major P. Dunbar	...	...	G. Stewards.
" J. W. Mildred	...	...
" J. Manwaring	...	...
" Henry George	...	...
" George Powell	...	...
" C. T. Speight	...	...	G. Tyler.

Bros. the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M.; C. F. Matier, S. C. Dibdin, Robt. Berridge, Thos. Cubitt, Alfred Williams, and William Koebuck were appointed by the Grand Master members of the General Board; and Bros. Herbert Dicketts, E. C. Mather, R. J. Mure, O. H. Pearson and R. P. Spice were appointed by Grand Lodge members of the same Board.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

Lord Henniker also presided at the banquet which followed, at the conclusion of which the customary toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Immediately after grace had been sung, the CHAIRMAN rose, and said that the first toast he had to propose would occupy very few words. Mark Masons were one of the most loyal bodies in the country, and after what he had told them that day in Grand Lodge he thought that this toast would require no recommendation from him. The toast was "Her Majesty the Queen, Patroness of all Masonic Institutions and Patroness of Mark Masonry—the Queen and Mark Masonry."

R.W. Bro. BEDFORD next rose to propose "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master," in doing which he said he was not speaking his own sentiments merely, but the sentiments of the whole Mark Degree; he was sure they would drink with enthusiasm the health of their chief—the man in whom they reposed their confidence, which he was equally sure would never be abused. They had been presided over by eminent Masons, but he (the speaker) thought he was not wrong in saying that when their present Grand Master retired from the chair, he would be able to take as his motto the motto of one of our most renowned regiments—"Nulli secundus." Without any further preface he would give them "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master."

Lord HENNIKER: Brethren,—I thank the R.W. brother very much for his kindness in the way he has spoken of me, and I assure you, although I feel that I don't deserve all the kind words that have been spoken, I am very proud to be on the same list with the eminent Masons who have preceded me. They have been very kind to me, and you are always very kind to me when I come among you, and when I undertook the arduous task of the Grand Mastership. I feel very much the cordial manner in which you encourage me. I feel equally your kindness on this occasion, and though I cannot endorse what the Right Worshipful brother said about "nulli secundus," because I know it is very difficult to come up to some of your Past Grand Masters, I shall as long as I hold the office strive to fulfil the duties of it to the best of my ability. I am very glad to say that Mark Masonry is very flourishing, not only in England, but in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. I do not know that it has ever been more flourishing. I don't take credit for this myself. We have a great deal to thank the Grand Officers for. I do not think that any Grand Master could have had a better set of Grand Officers than I have had in the past year; and, when I look around on those who have accepted office under me to-day, I think we may be as prosperous in the present year. I hope we shall be even more prosperous. Brethren, I should like to put before you the wonderful figures to show the condition of Mark Masonry at the present time. I see Bro. Dewar and Bro. Binckes very often, and I am pleased to say that they very often come to me for my signature for warrants to new lodges. Now in the year 1881, my very first year of office; there were 1500 Mark Masons made; in no year before were there more than 1100 made. At the present time there are 301 lodges altogether. Now, during this year, I have signed twenty-five warrants for new lodges, and the last year, which my noble friend Lord Leigh said was a very prosperous one, and that he could not wish me better than that I should be able to double the number, he only signed twenty-two; so we are getting on. Now, brethren, another thing I should like to put before you is this. The receipts for the year ending March, 1876, were £800, while those for the year ending March, 1882, are £1542. The expenditure up to the 31st March, 1876, was £640. The expenditure for the year ending March, 1882, was £889. The surplus in 1876 was £139, while the surplus now is £644. Brethren, I think we may congratulate ourselves upon the state of Mark Masonry. I do not think I need add anything; as to those who do the work, the Grand Officers, they are good Mark Masons and good Masons; they will not only try to do all they can but I think they are sure to succeed. Brethren, with these words I beg to thank you, and let us hope that when we meet next year I shall be able to give you not only as bright an account, but even a brighter account, of Mark Masonry. Brethren, before I sit down I should like to propose the toast of "The Past Grand Officers." You know their names and you know them all. I think that I need not say anything about these M.W. Past Grand Masters; the more we see them amongst us the more pleased we shall be. I am sure you will do what I wish, to drink most heartily their very good health. (Applause).

The toast was drunk with three times three. Bro. the Rev. C. R. DAVY, Prov. Grand Chaplain, proposed "The Health of the R.W. Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," in doing which he said that he came from an out of the way corner of the country, and when he came to this metropolis and this Grand Lodge, he thought he should get in a quiet corner and not be heard, but he had been deputed to propose this toast, and he undertook the task with very great pleasure. He was sorry that the

Earl of Kintore was not present, and he would, therefore, couple with the toast the name of Bro. Hickman.

Bro. HICKMAN, acting Grand Senior Warden, in reply, said that it afforded him great pleasure to respond to this toast, though he regretted the absence of the G.S.W., who would have performed the task much better. The Grand Officers would always endeavour to vie with those who had gone before them in the manner of performing their duties, in the hope of meriting such approbation as had been expressed of the officers of the past year. The aims of the Order were to relieve distress, and to promote education for the children of distressed Mark Masons, with the view of preventing those children falling into the distress from which their parents had suffered. That was perhaps travelling a little out of the toast, but it was their earnest endeavour to fulfil their duties to the best of their ability. Before sitting down he desired to say a few words as to the absence from ill-health of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Ravenscroft, whose heart, he was sure, was with them on this occasion. He strove to do his duty in his province, and with his great experience it was done to the satisfaction and advantage of all the brethren in his province. Bro. Ravenscroft had their best wishes for his restoration to health, and that he might be able to come amongst them again and resume his duties.

Bro. the Rev. R. P. BENT, Grand Chaplain, said that the next toast had been entrusted to him. He came among them nearly as a stranger; for though he had attained to some eminence in the Craft, he had been residing in a foreign county, where the Grand Master first saw the light of Masonry. Now that he had come to reside in this country he should do his best to advance the cause of Mark Masonry. He would have much pleasure in subscribing to the Mark Benevolent Fund. If his name was not found as a subscriber to the fund for the memorial to the Duke of Albany that was because he was attached to the Royal borough of Windsor, and had already subscribed at that place. Bro. Bent then referred to the ceremony which had taken place on the previous day at Eton, and to the presence there of the Grand Master. Returning to his subject, he recommended the Mark Benevolent Fund to the cordial support of the brethren, and he was quite sure that with their support that fund would be second to none. He called upon them to support the fund to the best of their ability in every sphere and in every possible way; and he associated with this toast the name of Bro. Binckes, who was always to the fore in Masonry, and who was "nulli secundum" in regard to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. BINCKES, in reply, said that he felt extremely proud at having his name associated with this toast, which had for its object the best wishes for the prosperity of the Mark Benevolent Fund, but he must demur to the statement that his name must of necessity be associated with the toast; and while he stated, without fear of contradiction, that no one could have its interests more nearly, and dearly, and deeply at heart than he had, there were many equally worthy to be associated with that toast, and he could well wish that some other name had been mentioned, as the constant repetition of the duty devolving upon one person, however great his talents and eloquence might be (and he, Bro. Binckes, could not lay claim to either the one or the other), it was extremely difficult to vary addresses so that they should not become wearisome and unwelcome. Whatever might be said, whatever arguments might be used, whatever facts might be brought forward, the fact remained that from the foundation to the cope-stone, Freemasonry meant charity; that sentiment was in every speech, however it might be varied, and that sentiment was sure to carry the sympathies of all to whom it was addressed. He had for the last five-and-twenty years made an average of 250 speeches a-year, and it might be said with that experience he ought to know how to address an audience like the present. He was not sure that he did. He would only make the observation with reference to Mark Masonry and its association with the great Order of Freemasonry generally, that they had heard this evening congratulations upon the success of Mark Masonry; they were proud of that success; twenty-five years ago he was honoured with the office of Grand Secretary. At that time they were despised, contemned, and ridiculed; but they had survived, and were now very proud of their position. It was owing to the fact that the principles were thoroughly identical with those of the Craft from which Mark Masonry sprang. Possibly Grand Lodge was still unprepared to acknowledge them as children of the Order, but, at all events, they could look upon the Craft as the honoured parent of Mark Masonry. There was not a single principle in Mark Masonry that was not consistent with the principles of Freemasonry. The principles of both were Loyalty and Charity; and had not Mark Grand Lodge on every occasion that it had had the opportunity, testified this, whether on the occasion of an attempt upon the Sovereign's life, and the happening of a domestic event, adding to the happiness of one of her children? And when charity was considered what was their first object? To form a Benevolent Fund, to relieve primarily those of their own Order. They also took up the cause of education; and their plan had this speciality, that it was not necessary that the candidate should be the son of a Mark Mason in absolute distress; where they found that the burden of a large family pressed too heavily, they stepped in and assisted in giving him the means to educate the children. There were seven or eight sons of Masons they had already educated in this way. He was glad to say that the feeling of antagonism that had prevailed with regard to Mark Masons had now faded away, and he believed they were now allowed to be a legitimate and powerful body. The Craft at one time thought that the Mark was not worthy of its countenance; they now, however, felt that they were held worthier of recognition by every Masonic body in the world. Should ever such an event be contemplated, that the best interests of the Craft and the Grand Lodge of England be attacked, Mark Master Masons would always acknowledge that they sprung from them; they would never be ashamed to own their Masonic origin. They relied upon tradition, and upon authentic tradition, and could prove that the Mark Degree is as essential and important an intrinsic part as any in the whole system of Freemasonry.

Bro. Rev. RANDALL, Grand Chaplain, in rising to propose "The Health of the Visitors," said that he felt this was an unfortunate moment for him to endeavour to enlist the attention of the company, following as he did the exquisite sound of vivacious music they had just heard. Neither could he hope to emulate the torrent of eloquence which Bro. Binckes had poured forth on each of those 250 occasions to which he had referred; but this toast of the visitors had been entrusted to him, and he had very great pleasure in proposing it. It was the first time he had had the pleasure of dining in that magnificent hall. It had been a great pleasure to him; and it had been a great pleasure that he had had the honour of being appointed one of the Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons. He took a higher position than even Bro. Binckes with regard to Mark Masons—that if he had not felt that Mark Masonry had a warranted position he would not have accepted the

office of Grand Mark Chaplain. But he held that Mark Masonry held the highest rank of all Masonry throughout the world. He could not but feel that the Grand Lodge of England had made a very great and grave mistake when some years ago they declined to acknowledge Mark Masonry as a part of the Craft. It must have been either great indifference to Masonry at large, or ignorance of the history of Masonry, that that course had been taken; because if there was one thing more clear than another it was this—that in ancient times under the ancient régime, according to the traditions from which they had derived their constitution, every Fellow Craft and every Master Mason was obliged to be a Mark Mason. There was no such thing as excluding Mark Masonry from ancient Masonry. He (Rev. Bro. Randall) had had one of the most delightful illustrations of some of the antiquities of the Craft, and of the early traditions, which it might be interesting to mention. It happened that he accepted an invitation to be present at a lecture given upon an exploration of Palestine, and the gentleman who delivered it was no Mason. But to his (the speaker's) great delight, he exhibited there unconsciously some of the stones excavated from a depth of 150 to 250 feet, belonging to the temple of King Solomon, and on every stone was a number, and on every stone was a peculiar mark. These marks were in Phœnician, and they proved that the hewers were the subjects of Hiram, King of Tyre, and that every man was obliged to put his particular mark upon the stone that he cut; and the building of Solomon's Temple was the work of Mark Masons. And ever since, down through the centuries, it was found in all the great buildings in Asia and Europe; and in a great building in Coventry—in that old city they would find unmistakable evidences of marks—marks by Masons. And all these Masons belonged to religious guilds. They were not common Masons, like our present operatives; they were all connected with lodges, who went through Europe and left their marks upon those stately buildings that were remarkable in the past and will be remarkable for ever. Therefore, the more this was looked into he thought, that now Grand Lodge was better informed—better than it was twenty years ago—it would no longer ignore and repudiate the Degree of Mark Masons or a Mark Masons' Lodge. But even without the countenance of Grand Lodge Mark Masonry was making its mark through the length and breadth of the world. They had heard the very satisfactory figures that had been stated by their Chairman, and attention had been called to the duty of Mark Masons in the way of Charity. But charity would always accompany Masonry. And he felt inclined, in the few remarks he made, to think more of the basis of the foundation upon which they stood, and to say that they ought all to be proud of that solid foundation, and to rear an edifice upon it worthy of the authentic foundation which they had to rest upon. Bro. Randall then concluded by proposing the toast of "The Visitors," coupling with it the name Bro. Woodley, Llandudno, who made a brief reply, saying that he was doing what he could for the benefit of the Degree in his neighbourhood, which however could only boast of two lodges at present.

Among those present we observed Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, the Rev. C. R. Davy, Rev. Randall, Rev. R. P. Bent, Rev. H. G. Morse, Howkins, Davison, Levander, E. Bowyer, Berridge, Hogard, J. B. Smith, Pearson, Dewar, Spice, Dubois, Mildred, Cubitt, A. Williams, Walls, J. Manwaring, Binckes, and Ganz.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Ganz, G.O., who was assisted by Bros. Sidney Tower, Geo. Collins, Jas. Kift and Egbert Roberts as vocalists, and Mr. Poznanski, solo violinist.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met, on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Charles John Perceval in the chair. Among the Life Governors and Life Subscribers present were the following:

Bros. G. P. Britten, T. W. V. Wall, R. B. Webster, Thomas Cubitt, Raynham W. Stewart, Arthur E. Gladwell, Francis F. M. Stewart, Rev. Richard Morris, H. T. Thompson, A. H. Tattershall, T. Hastings Miller, T. Rosenthal, Abner Torkington, F. W. Ramsay, M.D., A. H. Lilley, Fredk. Brown, J. Terry, A. H. Hickman, F. H. Ebsworth, F. Adlard, C. F. Matier, Geo. P. Gillard, Charles Frederick Hogard, George English, S. B. Wilson, H. C. Levander, George Wilson, Charles J. Rich, George F. Coke, J. A. Farnfield, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, William Roebuck, Don. M. Dewar, W. Maple, C. E. Soppet, J. L. Mather, Williams Stephens, James Moon, E. L. Phillips, Alfred Williams, Henry Venn, Thos. Cull, G. R. Shervill, Joseph Lake, George A. Hunter, S. Docker, Joyce Murray, S. H. Parkhouse, Samuel Smout, C. H. Webb, Edgar Bowyer, Herbert Dickets, James Kench, Henry W. Hunt, Charles Belta, Henry Morris, W. Paas, E. L. W. Bowyer, R. E. Bowyer, H. A. Dubois, William Willey, H. L. Bowyer, Edw. Baxter, John C. Cox, A. H. L. Stewart, D. G. Walters, S. Stewart George Mills, T. S. Heller, John Young, Raymond Thrupp, J. Lewis Thomas, Charles Daniel, George S. Bigley, E. Farwig, John S. Kinnear, E. C. Mather, J. Farmaner, George Brown, E. Letchworth, G. Ward Verry, George Verry, jun., H. Cox, Robt. H. Halford, W. F. Crutch, Frederic Davison, R. P. Spice, Wm. Alex. Barrett, Thomas H. Waterworth, James Cuthbush, Samuel Pownceby, George A. Rowbotham, Thos. Bull, C. W. Taylor, Robt. Grey, Hy. Phythian, C. Harding, H. S. Goodall, F. Binckes (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, two petitions were read and approved, and the petitioners' children, a son of the late Bro. Coleman, farmer, Stratford-on-Avon, and of the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, Banbury, and a son of the late Bro. Bowles, schoolmaster, of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, were placed on the list of candidates for election next October.

Outfits of £5, £10, and £20 respectively, were granted to three boys, late pupils of the Institution.

Bro. BINCKES reported that according to resolutions passed at a former meeting, the sum of £1046 5s. had been expended in the purchase of £1000 India 4 per cent. Stock.

The election of the House and Audit Committee was then proceeded with. When the poll was declared the following brethren were found to have been elected:

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Votes.		Votes.	
Bro. Raynham W. Stewart...	69	Bro. Dudley Rolls ...	55
" J. L. Mather ...	64	" C. Sanders, M.D. ...	54
" Edgar Bowyer ...	61	" F. W. Ramsay, M.D. ...	53
" James Moon ...	60	" W. Roebuck ...	52
" J. Joyce Murray ...	56	" H. W. Hunt ...	48
" W. Paas ...	55	" J. G. Chancellor ...	42

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Votes.		Votes.	
Bro. Thomas Cubitt ...	70	Bro. Alfred Williams ...	50
" Henry Venn ...	70	" H. S. Goodall ...	45
" C. F. Matier ...	69	" W. Mann ...	43
" C. F. Hogard ...	62	" C. E. Soppet ...	42
" R. B. Webster ...	62		

The customary vote of thanks closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
PATRON AND PRESIDENT:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.
PATRONESS:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

In accordance with a resolution of the General Committee a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 10th June, 1882, at twelve o'clock at noon precisely, to consider the following notices of motion:—

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.—
“That the Report of the House Committee as to the sanitary state of the School Buildings, presented to the General Committee on the 25th May, 1882, be received and adopted, and that the matter be referred back to the House Committee to carry out, at an expense not exceeding £1300.”

By Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G. Std., Vice-Patron.—
“That Bro. Dr. William Hope, of 56, Curzon Street, Mayfair, Senior Physician to the Belgrave Hospital for Children, be appointed to the post of Honorary Physician to the Institution.”

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL.—
“That a gratuity of £25 be awarded to the Senior Clerk, Bro. W. G. Weber, on his leaving the Office of the Institution, in consequence of ill-health, to assist in defraying the expenses of his journey to Australia.”

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Great Queen Street, W.C.
1st June, 1882.

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BRO. HORATIO LEWIS

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THE W. BRO. MAJOR EDMUND LOCOCK, J.P.

THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Will be holden at SLEAFORD, in the CORN EXCHANGE,

On THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1882,

At the hour of HIGH TWELVE,

On the invitation of the W.M. and Brethren of Lodge “ST. BOTOLPH,” No. 588, when and where the P.G. Officers and Past Officers, with the W. Masters and Past Masters and the Acting Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are hereby convoked to attend; and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present.

By Command of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master.

FREDERICK DELABENE MARSDEN,

Elkington Hall, Louth, Prov. Grand Sec.
June 8th, 1882.

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TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS, 1882.

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Derby, June, 1882. JOHN NOBLE,
General Manager.

To Correspondents.

Bro. Edmonston's letter in our next. Too late for this week. All letters for the week's issue should reach the office at the latest on Wednesday.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

“The Orient,” “Jewish Chronicle,” “The Freemason's Chronicle,” “West London Advertiser,” “The Citizen,” “Broad Arrow,” “Royal Cornwall Gazette,” “Masonic Chronicle,” “New Zealand Freemason,” “Daily Witness,” “National Baptist,” “Newcastle Daily Chronicle,” “The Walsall Free Press,” “El Taller,” “The Court Circular,” “Keystone,” “Press News,” “Night and Day,” “Monthly Notes,” “The Freemason” (Sydney) “The Hebrew Leader,” “Boletin Oficial de Espana,” “Cox's Monthly Legal Circular,” “Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” “Vaccination Inquirer,” “The Three Masonic Precious Jewels,” “Freemason's Repository,” “The Freshman's Progress,” “Allen's Indian Mail,” “The Hull Packet.”



SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

HONORARY SECRETARIES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Honorary Secretaries of lodges appear to have fallen under the Masonic displeasure of our esteemed brethren on the Board of General Purposes for assuming the prefix of “Honorary” to their official character; and the Board's displeasure must be very great indeed to provoke the special protest it has done, and to induce them to send up a cry of lamentation on the subject to Grand Lodge. “Audi alteram partem” is a good maxim; and as one of the delinquents who has had the “pride,” but not the arrogance, to offend the sensibilities of the Board of General Purposes in this particular, I crave leave to be heard in justification of “Honorary” Secretaries of lodges in general, and of myself in particular. Let me observe however, “en passant,” that I entertain the greatest possible respect for the opinions of the eminent brethren who compose the Board of General Purposes; and while I may be pardoned for wondering whether any of them have ever been Secretaries of lodges themselves, and have any practical notion of the onerous duties of the office, I venture to think that the case of the “Hon. Secs.” is much stronger than the “reason,” if it is worthy of such a name, given by the Board for their objection to the use of the prefix in question.

It is asserted that this is not authorised by the Book of Constitutions. No other reason is assigned or suggested; and yet another “Daniel” has come to judge us. Our esteemed and learned Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, is a lawyer of experience, and as one of the members of the same honourable profession, I would just remind him, and through him the Board of General Purposes, that it is a fundamental principle of law, as well as of ethics, that what is not expressly unauthorised by law, or morally wrong, is lawful. If the Book of Constitutions does not expressly authorise me to style myself that which I claim to be, viz., “Hon” Sec. of my mother lodge, neither does it prohibit my so doing. I infer that an “Hon.” Sec. is one who gives his services gratuitously, as contradistinguished from him who receives payment for them. And I maintain that while the former is entitled to the distinction claimed by me, he who is paid is not.

The Board of General Purposes appear to have supposed that, because under the Constitutions a Secretary of a lodge may be, and invariably is, relieved from the payment of the annual subscription to that lodge, therefore “his services being considered equivalent thereto,” those services are to be considered amply compensated for by the remission of such payment. This appears to be the pitfall of their protest. There never was a greater fallacy; the Constitutions do not convey any such insult, and the suggestion is too absurd. The great majority of Secretaries to lodges are either Past Masters of distinction in the Craft, or brethren of fair social position, education, and authority; perhaps in many, if not in most instances, a combination of all three, to whom the pecuniary value of the subscription is of no moment, and who, like myself, may be at the same time subscribing to one or more other lodges. It sounds, therefore, most uncharitable, and foreign to the spirit and even the letter of Freemasonry, that such brethren should be considered by the Board of General Purposes as subordinate and servile members of the Craft; men who presumably become Secretaries to avoid the pecuniary mulct of a few pounds a year.

It would be interesting to know what, in the minds of the Board of General Purposes, hidden mischief lurks beneath the assumption of, to them, this most objectionable term. Their objection seems to me not only untenable but frivolous; and I should like to draw an expression of opinion from other Hon. Secs. on the subject. Here I will leave the matter for the present with the simple conclusion that until expressly prohibited by Grand Lodge I will still style myself what I conceive myself to be; and when prohibited I can resign a position to which neither pay nor honour would be attached.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
EDVD. JAS. ANNING,
Hon. Sec. 1364, P.M. and Treas. 1625.
78, Cheapside, 7th June.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Sir and Brother,—

I regret much to read “Observer's” letter in your last. Had he but attended the meeting of the General Committee he would never have written his letter. The facts there detailed by Bro. Richardson proved incontestably the need of thorough changes in respect of the drains, as it was quite clear that the School epidemics, such as they are, arise simply from defective drainage. Undoubtedly, the sum total is large, but all estimates for drainage, even in private houses, are large; and where there are so many drains to attend to and pipes to disconnect as in the Girls' School, the expense is immeasurably increased.

I regret, for one, to read such a crude commentary on honest proposals to remedy a serious evil, and such an expression of hasty antagonism to the deliberate and unanimous resolutions of the House Committee and the General Committee. I hope that Bro. Richardson will carry his motion *unanimously*, and am, yours, Sir, fraternally,

A FRIEND TO SANITAS.

BRO. CAPTAIN BEDFORD PIM.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir,—

As Mayor of Gravesend for the years 1878 and 1879, during which period Captain Bedford Pim was Member of Parliament for this borough, may I ask you to do me the favour to insert the following opinion entertained in this borough for the Captain, who is a candidate for the office of City Remembrancer, in which his many friends here wish him every success?

I am, Sir, yours truly,

F. B. NETTLINGHAM.
Gravesend, 1st June, 1882.

“To the Editor of the *Morning Advertiser*.”

“Sir,—The executive of the Society of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames beg you kindly to give insertion to the following resolution, which was passed by them directly they heard that their tried friend, Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., was a candidate for the great position of Remembrancer of the City of London:—“That having heard of the candidature of Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., for the office of City Remembrancer, we most cordially hope that in his efforts to obtain that office he may be successful, as we are of opinion that both in his life as a politician and his dealings with private gentlemen, his great kindness and willingness to assist all classes, have gained for him the love and esteem of all those with whom he has been brought in contact, that his great abilities and earnestness qualify him as a gentleman”

well suited for such an office, and we, the watermen and lightermen, beg to record this small tribute, knowing the kindly interest he has taken in our welfare in endeavouring to uphold the rights and privileges of the Waterman's Company, and in the interests of the Corporation of the City of London.

"I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
" F. WIGINGTON, President.
" Whitechapel, E., May 23rd, 1882."

"To the Editor of the *Morning Advertiser*.
"Sir,—It may interest some of your readers to know that the following resolution was passed unanimously at an ordinary meeting of the British Seamen's Protection Society, held at the Trafalgar Hotel, Leman-street, E., on May 17th:

"Resolved,—That this society views with the utmost pleasure the candidature of its honorary counsel, Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., for the honourable position of City Remembrancer, and knowing him as an honest and fearless gentleman, ever ready to uphold the traditional glory of Old England, we feel that the time-honoured Corporation of the City of London would find in Captain Pim a gentleman beloved by his countrymen, of all classes, for his gallantry and urbanity of manners, and one who would leave no stone unturned to preserve and improve upon those rights and privileges so essential to the working of the great and noble charities and institutions which have made the City of London so famous. We, therefore, sincerely trust that he may prove the successful candidate, in which the great bulk of our British sailors, for whom he has worked hard during the whole of his life, would rejoice."

"I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
" WILLIAM PATERSON LIND,
" Hon. General Secretary.
" Trafalgar Hotel, Leman-street, E., May 22."



MARION FAY. By ANTHONY TROLLOPE.

Mr. Trollope's fame as a novel writer, one, in truth, of the masters of modern fiction, will in some respects be elevated, but in some not increased by this his latest production, which, as some of our readers well know, has filled the pleasant pages of the *Graphic* week by week for some time past. Amid much that is touching and striking, we notice the increase of that tendency to caricature which has from the first been the temptation of this able and agreeable writer. He admits himself, in one of his earlier works, that he has been accused of ridiculing the clergy, a very useful, important, inoffensive "caste" in our social system; but though we delight in Mr. Robartes, can drink a glass of wine with Archdeacon Grantley, and sympathize with Mr. Crawley and the good vicar of Bullhampton, and while we have mournful memories of Mrs. Proudie, we do protest "ex animo" against such an unseemly representation of an English clergyman and gentleman as "Mr. Greenwood," in Marion Fay. In himself, he is indeed a creature of the dust, "a filius terre" in a most odious aspect; and few more unhealthy or unwholesome delineations have ever been given us, than the "domestic chaplain" of a "great house." "Absit omen!" Crocker, too, in our view, is a lamentable exaggeration; vulgar, "gemein" in the highest degree, except as a contrast or a "foil" we hardly see his use, or realize his position among the "dramatis personæ." He is altogether too ridiculous and contemptible, (though he may be true to nature, and we think we have seen Crocker ourselves), to notice or comment upon. The other characters make up an animated and effective tale, though without much intellectual point or sound tendency, as far as we can perceive. If Mr. Trollope wishes to paint young men and young women ignoring their proper rank in society, depreciating their own position in the world, ridiculing their own rank and prestige as the descendants of a long line of ancestors, we must ourselves honestly express, much as we admire the writer in many things, our humble opinion, that such views are very injurious to society and antagonistic to common sense, especially at the present hour. That young men and young women will sometimes hastily fall in love with those of other ranks and other conditions is the history of all ages; and as there are exceptions to every rule, so every now and then in the common story of our little life there crops up an episode of which the elders and betters are wise and foreseeing if they will accede to and condone. But as a general rule of happiness and progress, domestic peace, and the comfort of society, like must "mate" with like; and though unloving marriages are base things and degrading facts, uncongenial and ill-assorted unions, above all flighty matrimony and insufficient means, usually end in tears and heartaches, in misery and separation. Marion Fay, her father, and her noble lover are the main characters of the tale. For Marion herself we shall all feel respect and admiration; her character is charmingly drawn. And as it is the first time Mr. Trollope has ventured to ascend to such ethereal regions, we recommend him to continue to wing his flight thitherward; better than the painful lucubration of "He knew he was right," more improving than the harder features of "Catherine Carmichael." Some persons may deem Marion Fay too sublimated alike in the actions of duty and her determination of self-sacrifice. We do not; on the contrary, we thank Mr. Trollope for such a very skilful and touching representation of the inherent grace and truth and nobility of woman. The old Quaker is a well conceived character. If a little self-seeking and worldly wise in some points, as Quakers, (male Quakers especially), are sometimes said to be, yet he redeems it all by the honest intensity of his affection, and the staid simplicity of his unpretending but earnest life. "Lord Hampton" is a striking representation. We hardly know whether we like him or whether we do not like him. But both in his weakness and his strength, his normal life and his abnormal views, his straightforwardness and his idiosyncrasies, there is an element of strength in his portraiture which commands attention and enforces respect. "Roden" and his wife are nothing very particular; and though "Lord Persiflage" is well drawn, (does Lord Persiflage really exist?), and the

other noble characters seem to pass over the scene as if to the manner born, we have no time to linger among them, but must leave "Lady Kingsbury," above all, to a suffering husband and her good-looking, but uproarious children. We recommend some of our younger readers, especially our young ladies, to peruse Marion Fay, it may do them a great deal of good.

ENTWICKELUNG'S GESCHICHTE DER FREI-MAUREREI. Second Notice. By DR. KUHN. Heuser, Neuwied and Leipsic.

We called attention to this work some time back, which, despite numerous hasty and uncritical errors of detail, is not without merit, but we were not prepared for a discovery we have made recently respecting it. Such as it is, published by J. H. Heuser, Neuwied, in 1864, under the name of Dr. Kühn, such it is also as published by the same booksellers as a second edition in 1862, as the "*Handbuch von Freimaurerei*," by Major Bro. Biegou von Czudnochowski, Major of the Royal Prussian Artillery. Who, therefore, is the real writer of the book, Bro. Major Von Czudnochowski, or Bro. Dr. Kühn? Is there some little trick or misapprehension in the matter? Is Bro. the Major, or our Bro. the Dr. (whether of law or medicine is not stated) the "Verfasser" of the Second Edition of 1864? The preface to the First Edition is dated, we note, December 30, 1861. Perhaps Bro. Findel or Bro. Breittling can enlighten us, as we think they will agree with us, in the just honour due to Masonic writers, we have a right to claim to know the exact truth and the fitting explanation of what seems to us at first sight so odd and so inexplicable. Perhaps the explanation after all, as we have before suggested, is both facile and simple.

BOOK CATALOGUES.

Pickering and Co., 66, Haymarket, St. James's, have issued an interesting catalogue of rare, curious, and valuable books, in which is to be found a remarkable collection of old Bibles. The catalogue is worth studying.

THE MAGAZINES.

"The Antiquarian," edited by Rev. E. Walford, has a most interesting number this month, and will most truly repay careful perusal. It is marked alike by varied interest and recondite subjects, and is very ably and carefully edited.

For the rest of the magazines, we can only say, that each reader has his or her vanity, they represent a very serious portion of the literature of the day, and constitute a great factor in respect of the tastes, and fads, and proclivities of the passing hour. Whether so much serial and ephemeral literature is good for us in its present plethora is a matter we must leave an open question.



CURIOUS OLD BOOK.

An old mystical work, (without any allusion to the Rose Croix,) has just come before me, entitled "Dialogus de Templo Salamonis sive de Tribus Sanctorum Gradibus Nempe Incipientium, Proficientium et Adulorum," by Bathasar Kopke, Pastor. Amsterdam, Henry Wetstein, 1698. There is no trace of Freemasonry or Rosicrucianism in it, though it has a symbolical frontispiece. The three sacred grades of Beginners, Proficients, and Adults, are based on the three Courts of the Temple, which are said to be symbolisms of the three grades of advancement to religious perfection and mystical wisdom. It is in Latin.

EDITOR "FREEMASON."

AN OLD ROSICRUCIAN WORK.

This, perhaps, is a misnomer, for the work is written in answer to, and in deprecation of the commonly called "Fama Fraternitatis," but it expressly bears witness to the reality of the existence of the Rose Croix Fraternity, which has, as it is known, been doubted and denied by some writers. It is found in a collection of alchemical treatises by Andreas Libavius, M.D., printed at Frankfurt, 1615. It is termed "Exercitatio Paracelsica Nova de Notandis ex scripto Fraternitatis de Rosea Cruce," and in it the writer proceeds to animadvert on the claims and pretensions of the Rose Croix Fraternity, but he seems to have no doubt that such a society actually existed. As is known, the "Fama Fraternitatis," as it is termed, was published at Cassel in 1614. It is said that a mathematical teacher, of Hamburg, named Jung, was the author of it. Its original title, as published at Cassel, was "Communis et Generalis Reformatio totius mundi et Fama Fraternitatis Ordinis de Rosea Cruce." Kloss gives the title in German, as published in 1614, Libavius, in Latin, though in 1615, Kloss mentions an edition of the work in Latin, as "Fama Fraternitatis," &c., together with a Latin "Confessio" by Philomago, and by the same publisher, William Wesell, in the same place (Cassel). The proper name of Libavius's work is "Appendix Necessaria Syntagmatis Arcanorum Chemicorum," &c. It is in folio and Latin. Can any reader of the *Freemason* favour the writer with a glimpse of a very scarce Rosicrucian work—"Judicia Clarissima," &c., Frankfurt, Bringer, 1619. Mentioning Rosicrucian books, there are two specially, which, as far as I know, have not been seen in England yet, though copies may be at 33, Golden-square, "Breve et semiplice Risposta," &c., 7th March, 1616, probably published at Rome, and "Epistola trium liberalium et honestum Rartium (Artium)," &c., Rostock, 11 June, 1616. In all these works the actuality of the Fraternity is assumed.

MASONIC STUDENT.

ARMS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

I was surprised to find in the "Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1852, compiled by the Clerk of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that the supporters to the arms of that Grand Lodge are a Unicorn and a Beaver. It will be remembered that Beavers were the supporters of the arms of the Operative Masons; as also of the Grand Lodge of England ("Moderns") of last century. I have not been able to find any reference to the supporters to the arms of the Grand Lodge of Scotland of late years, the arms generally being exhibited within a shield only. In the fine edition of the Constitutions, published in 1845 by that Grand Lodge, no supporters are given in either of the

coloured plates. I do not remember ever seeing before a calendar issued officially in Scotland. Evidently 1852 witnessed its advent, and another was published in 1853. I should like to know how long it continued as the predecessor of the "British and Irish Masonic Calendar" series, which on collapsing, was replaced by the "Cosmopolitan."
W. J. HUGHAN.

Ireland.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

The General Half-Yearly Meeting of the Board of Governors of this Institution was held at the Schoolhouse, Burlington-road, on Tuesday morning, the 6th inst., and was very largely attended. The result of the scrutiny of the recent ballot for the election of nine children for the list of candidates for admission was announced as follows:

	Votes.
Erina E. Cochrane	2346
Florence Pierce	2267
Georgina M. Hope	2224
Constance Barnes	2145
Mona McAllister	1973
Alice M. M. Ryall	1714
Sarah G. E. Phair	1707
Ada C. Rapson	1595
Eveline M. Brontë	1397
Mary Stewart	1185
Alice M. C. Tandy	1162
Jane Black	1078
Margaret Davis	697

Erina E. Cochrane, Florence Pierce, Georgina M. Hope, Constance Barnes, Mona McAllister, Alice M. M. Ryall, Sarah G. E. Phair, Ada C. Rapson, and Eveline M. Brontë, were accordingly declared duly elected.

The Bazaar Committee presented their report, from which it appeared that the receipts from the Masonic Bazaar amounted £7520 16s. 7d., the expenditure to £966 2s. 1d., and the net profit realised for the benefit of the School to £6554 14s. 6d. The stalls realised £5600 2s. 10d. The Dublin Lodge, No. 25, and Victoria Lodge, No. 4, headed the list with £505 and £501 17s. 2d.; and were followed by the Provinces of South Munster (Cork) and Antrim and Donn (Belfast) with £420 and £355. Hiram Lodge was next with £312 18s., of which £212 18s. was produced by the outside card issued by Bros. Sanderson. A detailed balance sheet accompanied the report. The entertainments, &c., produced £323 11s. 8d., and the sum of £1597 2s. was paid for tickets and at the doors, representing upwards of 43,000 admissions to the Exhibition during the Bazaar. It was reported that no accident or misadventure of any kind occurred during the whole progress of the undertaking, which was carried through with such unexampled success.

FUNERAL OF BRO. MAJOR SAVORY.

Bro. Major Savory, whose death was announced in our obituary column last week, was buried on Thursday, the 1st inst., at Kensal Green Cemetery, in the family catacomb. The funeral was attended by, amongst others, Bro. Major Sewell and Bro. Colonel Dundas, both of the same regiment—the 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, late City of London Militia. Our deceased brother was only forty-five years of age. He died suddenly, and was carried to the grave with military honours; a gun carriage and six horses being lent by the Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company to bear the coffin, upon which it was covered by the Union Jack—the soldier's pall. The pall-bearers were Lieut.-Col. Borthwick, Bro. Major Sewell, Capt. Latham, and Capt. Kennedy; the horse of the deceased, carrying his master's boots and spurs, was led in rear of the gun carriage by the groom. A company of the 93rd Highlanders, from Aldershot, and 150 of the rank and file of the regiment followed, besides the immediate members of the family, who were in coaches. The band played the "Dead March in Saul." After the clergyman had read the words, "Ashes to ashes," a volley of three rounds was fired by the firing party, under Major Burton. The coffin bore the inscription, "Major H. B. Savory, 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (late 78th Highlanders). Died 26th May, 1882. Aged 45." A card attached to a wreath bore the following inscription: "From a loving mother, Mrs. Savory, Little Oak Hall, Burgess-hill, Sussex." Our deceased brother was in the seige of Lucknow with the 90th regiment. He afterwards joined the 78th Highlanders. We have met him several times, and always found him a most genial, pleasant companion. His death will be a great loss to the regiment.

GREAT PAUL.

The ceremony of dedicating Great Paul was performed on Saturday afternoon, after the usual evening service. The cathedral was as full under the dome as on the ordinary Sunday afternoon, about 3000 persons being there, probably in the hope of hearing or seeing something of the special service, but if so they were disappointed. The clergy and choir, preceded by the vergers, left the choir stalls and ascended up the winding staircase leading to the Whispering Gallery, but branched off to the south-west tower, in which the bell is hung. Arrived under the huge monster, the choir, in their robes, stood along one side of the wall, Canon Gregory standing in front, and the other clergy forming round him. Amongst these were the Rev. Dr. Simpson, Minor-Canons Russell, Kelly, Hall, and Shuttleworth, and Prebendaries Tucker and Whittington. After the Psalms "De Profundis," "Deus Misereatur," and Laudate Dominum had been chanted by the chorists, Canon Gregory said some very appropriate prayers. A hymn was then sung and the blessing given. In dead silence of a few moments we waited for the first stroke of Great Paul over head. After a few sounds, the twelve bells in the opposite tower struck a merry peal to welcome the new comer. Owing to the limited space only the cathedral officials, their families and immediate friends could be accommodated. Besides those already mentioned, we noticed the Rev. C. E. Prior, Bro. Reynolds, Mr. H. C. Richards (Temple), Bro. De Lacey, Bro. Henry Wright, Mr. Pymm, Mr. Fairchild, Lady Cysham, Mr. Martin, Dr. Stainer, Mr. Penrose, F.S.A., and Rev. N. Dawes. It is estimated that not less than 5000 people gathered in the churchyard to judge the tone of Great Paul. About £2000 is still required to defray the cost.

M.M.M. by the W.M. The interesting and instructive lecture on the tracing board was accurately delivered by the W.M. elect. The W.M. then proceeded to instal his successor in the chair of A., according to ancient custom, the ceremony, including the subsequent addresses to the W.M. Wardens, Overseers, and brethren being rendered by the retiring W.M. with admirable taste and precision. The following were the officers appointed and invested by the newly-installed W.M., with suitable and felicitous congratulations to each officer: Bros. R. Taylor, S.W.; the Rev. C. H. Wood, M.A., J.W.; M. J. Walker, W.M. 21, M.O.; G. Odell, S.O.; S. Knight, J.O.; S. A. Marris, Treas.; J. Harrison, Sec.; F. Griffith, R. of M.; Wm. Collins, S.D.; T. G. Charlesworth, J.D.; W. L. Ball, W.M. elect 246, M. of C.; W. T. Rowlett, Org.; E. Watson, I.G.; W. Bream, and W. F. Hall, Stwds.; T. Dunn and J. Tanser, Tylers.

A resolution was then moved by the W.M., and regularly adopted by the lodge, that W. Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.P.S. G.W., be appointed as Steward to represent the lodge at the ensuing annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund in July; and thereupon a sum of five guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds as a donation to be placed upon that brother's list.

After the closing of the lodge, between thirty and forty of the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M. After full justice had been done to the "cuisine" and the "loving cup" passed round, the usual loyal and Masonic Mark toasts were suitably given from the chair, and heartily received by the brethren, with the customary honours of the Degree.

In proposing "The Health of 'The Provincial Grand Mark Master,'" the W.M. said that the bare mention of the name of the "veteran" William Kelly was sufficient to ensure for our "Masonic father" (as we are pleased to call him) a hearty reception—for Masonic literature will inform the reader that the now R.W. Bro. Kelly first saw the "light of Masonry" as far back as the year 1838, and hence, long ere the majority of those present had entered on their mortal existence in this sublunary abode. The W.M. went on to say that he read that Bro. Kelly was installed W.M. of his mother lodge of St. John (then No. 346, but now 279) in 1841, and during that year initiated no less than fourteen candidates into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry; and, as far as he (the W.M.) could ascertain in the history of Freemasonry in this province, he was the first W.M. who installed his immediate successor in the chair of K.S. It was not his (the W.M.'s) intention to weary the brethren or inconvenience the R.W. brother on his right by recounting all the high honours that had since then fallen to his lot; long may he live to enjoy them. It was sufficient to say that he had assisted to consecrate or had founded, and sometimes both, no less than six out of the ten Craft lodges in the province, and had passed through the chairs of three out of that six. He had filled the Provincial offices of both Deacons, even that of Secretary, as well as Junior and Senior Wardens, and with fourteen years' consecutive work as Deputy Prov. G.M., and, finally, a Provincial Grand Master in his own right; his services to Masonry had been continuous, and his zeal equalled, though not surpassed, by his knowledge and ability. Nor were these his only claims to their consideration, for the Masonic reader would find that in 1870 he became, and, moreover, still is the Prov. Grand Supt. of the Royal Arch. He is a member of the 18th or Rose Croix Degree, of the A. and A. Rite, and of the seven Chief Intendants-General for the Home, Foreign, and Colonial possessions in the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine; and, coming nearer home, he is the Grand Ark Master of the Royal Ark Mariners recently established in the province; and what was to his (the W.M.'s) mind the most noteworthy fact of all, he is the first and the only Grand Master who has ever presided over this Mark province, and he is at the present time the Senior Provincial Grand Master in all England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Of such an one the poet aptly says:

"Grave was the man in years, in looks, in words;
His locks were gray, yet was his courage green.
Of worth and might, the noble badge he bore,
Old scars of previous wounds received of yore."

The W.W. concluded by pledging "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master," and long may he be spared to encourage our labours, and adorn our assemblies.

In responding to this toast, the veteran R.W. brother stated that although what had been expressed with such almost Oriental imagery by the W.M. was strictly true, yet he trusted it would be sufficient for him to express the great gratification he had in being present on this interesting occasion; and, alluding to the remarks the W.M. had made with reference to his unique position as the Senior Provincial Grand Master living, he gave the brethren an instructive abstract of the proceedings which led to the formation of this Mark province in 1858.

"The Health of the Newly-Installed W.M." was given by the I.P.M., and humorously acknowledged by the W. brother toasted.

"The Visiting Brethren from without the Province," was replied to by W. Bro. T. Taylor, I.P.M. 163; and W. Bro. Matthew Vowles, P.M. and Treas.; as well as Bros. Norris, Ingram, and Toplis, representatives of the Newstead Mark Lodge, T.I.

The toasts of the "Mark Benevolent Fund," "The Sister Lodges of the Province," and "The Officers," concluded an evening, which it is not too much to say, judging from the pleasant expressions and fraternal remarks of the brethren present, was one of the most enjoyable evenings that the "Fowke" has seen for some time.

Not the least item which conduced to this happy consummation was the artistic rendering of Gounod's "Ave Maria," on the oboe, by Bro. W. T. Rowlett, Organist of the lodge, accompanied by Bro. T. A. Wykes, on the piano-forte; together with songs by Bros. R. Taylor, E. Watson, and other musical brethren present.

GIBRALTAR.—Mediterranean Lodge (No. 278).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane, on Saturday, the 27th ult. The brethren having assembled, lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Charles Johnson, supported by Bros. T. J. Haynes, P.M.; P. Lyons, P.M.; Ashton, S.W.; Cottrell, J.W.; Roberts, Sec.; Dumaresq, M.O.; Haurat, S.O.; Schott, J.O.; Dobranich, Org.; Bryant, S.D.; Kennedy, acting J.D.; Stevens, acting Reg.; W. Thornton, I.G.; Peterkin, Tyler; and about twenty others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Captain S. L. M. Remington, 278, which having proved unanimous, he was advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason. Bros. Haynes, P.M., and Lyons, P.M., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Cottrell, who was duly inducted into the chair of Adoniram, with the customary ceremonial, accompanied by vocal and instrumental music.

The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. T. J. Haynes, I.P.M.; W. Glassford, S.W.; J. H. Bryant, J.W.; W. F. Roberts, Sec.; B. Cullato, M.O.; H. Schott, S.O.; W. T. Monkhouse, J.O.; R. C. Healy, S.D.; F. B. R. Hemphill, J.D.; W. H. Bullock, Chap.; D. Dobranich, Org.; W. Stevens, Reg. of Marks; A. H. Dumaresq, D.C.; J. A. Speed, Treas.; W. W. Thornton, I.G.; and J. Peterkin, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, and resumed his seat amidst tokens of approbation from all present.

The W.M. rose and in well-chosen words proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Johnson, I.P.M., for the very impressive manner he had performed the ceremony. This being carried by acclamation, it was ordered by the W.M. to be entered on the minutes.

"Heartly good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—An excellent meeting of the members of this old and distinguished conclave was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 5th inst. Among those present were Sir Knts. Macartney, M.P., M.P.S.; Massa, V.E.; Shirley, I.G.; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., &c., Treas.; H. C. Levander, Recorder, &c.; T. C. Walls, Prelate; Pridmore, S.B.; Dawes, Herald; H. A. Dubois, P.M.P.S., &c.; the Rev. P. Holden, P.M.P.S.; Marsh, P.M.P.S.; Kingston, P.M.P.S.; and Harrison, Sentinel.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, W. Bro. W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, 18, &c., was duly installed as a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine. Sir Knt. Massa having been inducted into the chair of M.P.S., he invested the officers as follows: Sir Knts. Thiellay, V.E. (by deputy); Shirley, S.G.; T. C. Walls, I.G.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; H. C. Levander, Recorder (pro. tem.); Dr. Mickley, H.P.; Pridmore, Prefect; Dawes, S.B.; H. J. Lardner, O.; and W. Lake, Herald. The appointment of the other officers was postponed.

Sir Kt. Levander having resigned the position of Recorder, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him, and a Past Recorder's jewel was also ordered to be presented to him at the next regular meeting, in recognition of his long and valuable services. The recipient of these honours having acknowledged the compliment with some emotion, the pleasing duty of presenting Sir Kt. Macartney, M.P., with a Past Sovereign's jewel then devolved upon the M.P.S.

The I.P.S. having thanked the Sir Knights for this mark of their appreciation of his efforts in the chair, the conclave was formally closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet. The usual Red Cross toasts followed. Sir Kt. Macartney, in a witty speech responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," and then gave "The M.P.S.," who replied. "The newly-installed Knight" followed, and gave Sir Kt. Lake an opportunity of saying a few words in favour of the ceremony he had witnessed that evening. "The Recorder and Treasurer" came next in order, and drew exhaustive replies from Sir Kts. Levander and Cubitt. "The Health of the Officers" was coupled with the name of Sir Kt. Shirley, who responded. The proceedings then terminated.

In Memoriam.

ROBERT FARMER BOWER.

It is with heartfelt grief I have to announce to the British Craft the decease of Bro. Robert Farmer Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A. My dear friend died almost suddenly on Friday, the 10th ult., after a very brief illness, and was interred on the following Monday, the 22nd ult.

He was born in Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love," on September 15th, 1823, and was thus little beyond the prime of life when his labours ceased, and the call came to rest.

On his father's side he was connected with the "old country" (whose ancestors had to leave the soil of England because of religious persecutions in the seventeenth century), and was educated in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1846 he was one of a number of volunteers who united to repel the Mexican invasion, and subsequently he removed to Madison, Indiana, where he prospered in business until, in 1854, all was lost by fire. Nothing daunted, in 1856, he arrived at Keokuk, Iowa, and for some twenty-six years has been most successful in all his business engagements. As the head of the firm of R. F. Bower and Co., and in many other ways, his abilities were utilised for the great advantage of his adopted city, as President of the Commercial Bank, the Loan and Building Association, Director of the State Insurance Company, and as one of the chief founders of the Library Association. As Treasurer also of the city, and in many other ways he sought to advance the material and moral development of his fellow citizens, and, what is more, succeeded in an extraordinary degree to secure the co-operation of those interested, and the triumph of his aims and principles.

His Masonic career has been of a very remarkable character, for from his initiation in the Union Lodge, No. 2, Madison, in 1850, to the year 1882, extending over the long period of thirty-two years, his interest in, and love for the Society of Freemasons has never flagged, but rather increased as time rolled on. As a Past Master of the Hardin Lodge, Keokuk, Past H.P. of Gate City R.A. Chapter, Grand H.P. of Iowa, and the Grand High Priest or Grand First Principal of the General Grand Chapter of the United States from 1880 to his decease (an organization comprising some thirty-six State Grand Chapters and 120,000 Royal Arch Masons), he has worked faithfully and well in official positions of great honour and trust. The list of his offices might be considerably extended, if at all needful, but enough for the present to know that in all

of them he was the personification of fidelity, efficiency and courtesy, his merits being especially conspicuous as Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Iowa State, and as one of the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, he had reached the coveted 33°.

My most pleasant correspondence with him for the last eight years had reference mainly to "Masonic Bibliography," in the study of which he took such great delight, and few, if any have been favoured with such facilities for so absorbing and difficult a pursuit. His Masonic library, numbering about 5000 volumes of rare and modern works, pamphlets, and engravings, is, I believe, the largest of its kind in the world, and his cabinet of Masonic medals is not only numerous, but contains many valuable pieces.

He was most generous in disposition, Masonically and generally, his delight being to make known his treasures and let them be copied for the information of all concerned. Nothing of a miserly spirit pervaded his dealings, though he was so anxious to secure articles of *veritas*; and though many would have liked to possess such a library of scarce books, no one envied his well earned possessions. His knowledge of curious and old works on Masonic and occult subjects was very extensive, and his perseverance in tracing aught that was of value and interest was the means of his acquiring several important works for his grand library. I much regret that no catalogue has been made of its varied contents. Now, alas, all is over, and Bro. Bower has left us to "join the great majority." His fine form and noble face will never grace another meeting, and his genial presence at the local Masonic gatherings especially, will be sincerely missed for many a year to come. His wide circle of Masonic correspondents will, for long, lament the departure of their honoured chief, and there are not a few in Great Britain and Ireland who will drop the "silent tear," and cherish his memory, particularly his favoured trio, James Homer Neilson, of Dublin, Thomas Bowman Whytehead, of York, and the writer.

For once, his career has not confirmed the oft experienced statement, "A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country," for the city of Keokuk and neighbouring towns united to pay their "last offices of respect to departed merit," the funeral obsequies being of a very imposing character, business generally being suspended, and the procession to the grave being of unusual proportions. His Masonic friends and brethren were present in great numbers, and the floral tributes from those who loved and honoured him were numerous and touching in character. The Right Reverend Bishop Perry officiated at St. John's Episcopal Church, and Governor B. R. Sherman read the Masonic burial service; after which all that was mortal of Robert Farmer Bower was laid in the "cold and silent tomb," to await the "resurrection of the just" and the appearance of the "bright and morning star, whose rising shall bring peace and tranquillity to the faithful and obedient of the human race."

I cannot say more, or would like to offer my tribute of sympathy to the bereaved widow and family, but their sorrow is "too deep for utterance," and one beyond the power of man to alleviate. They, however, may be assured that they sorrow not alone, or as those without hope.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Masons throughout the globe will, I am sure, mourn truly the loss of Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, one of the brightest of Masons and most genial of friends, and the possessor of perhaps the largest private Masonic library in the world. The news came upon me this morning in the nature of a sudden shock, for I had only just completed the fastening of a parcel of books for Bro. Bower, to be despatched to-day, when a post card arrived from Bro. W. J. Hughan, informing me that our mutual friend and brother student had died on the 10th May, after a few days illness, at the comparatively early age of fifty-nine years. My last letter from Bro. Bower is dated May 10th, in which he conveys his thanks for a copy of "Johnsons Masonry" which I sent him, and says "I am all curiosity to see Bro. Gould's new book and have already written to Bro. Hughan for a copy." He also encloses a list of his numerous wants for his library, and adds, "Of course in a library of the size of mine, numbering at present over 5000 distinct volumes, besides an immense amount of pamphlets, engravings, coins, &c., I have a great many things, and yet I want a great many more. I have over 500 feet of shelving full, and shall need more soon. The cares of a large mercantile business give me little leisure now for anything else, and lately I have had to neglect my Masonic business and library." Nine days after penning these lines our good brother was called to "gather up his working tools" and join the Grand Lodge above. We can ill miss him, as Bro. Hughan says, from our small circle of students of the Mystic Science, for even amongst our zealous brethren at the other side of the Atlantic he was a burning and shining light.

Bro. Robert Farmer Bower was born in Philadelphia on the 15th September, 1823, and was descended from a good old American Stock, and, like many other American citizens, took his part in the defence of his country during the Mexican invasion in 1846. In 1856 he entered upon a wholesale business in Keokuk, and prospered exceedingly, thanks to his energy and business habits, and took a leading part in all the useful and charitable enterprises of his city and State. Upon his library he had spent many thousands of dollars, and was the owner of the only copy known to exist of Dr. Fifield D'Assigny's "Serious and Impartial Inquiry" (1744), in which is the earliest allusion to the Royal Arch. He was made a Mason in 1850, and had passed through all the chairs of almost every Degree in Masonry, and was an Honorary S.G.I.G. 33° of the Southern Jurisdiction of the A. and A. Scottish Rite. The memory of Bro. Bower will long live amongst those who see in the diligent pursuit and study of Masonry a powerful agent for the amelioration of mankind, and his name will be enshrined amongst those of our Order who

"Are gathered to the glorious band
Of those who lived to benefit their race."

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.
The Summer Entertainment to the aged inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, will be given on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The evening portion of the entertainment will be given by Lieut. Cole, the ventriloquist. The South-Eastern Railway, as usual, will arrange for the conveyance of visitors from Charing-cross, Cannon-street or London-bridge.



"The Wreck of the Pinafore," brought out for the first time in London on Saturday, has been received in some quarters with disfavour. To a certain extent we believe this is prejudice; and on the first evening in some parts of the house there were evidently some who were not bonâ fide condemners. But the Press is almost of one opinion as well, and if the new opera should come to a sudden termination it will carry out its title of being a wreck. What we don't like in it is that the plot is fearfully weak, and the title and characters are the same as those in the very popular opera of Arthur Sullivan's. But the author of the original need not take out an injunction in Chancery for infringement. We have said all we know of its weakness. We will turn now to the other side. Many of the songs and choruses are excellent, and in keeping with the fame of the Opera Comique. In spite of a certain opposition all received applause, whilst several were encored, and deserved to be. But there is a want of connection throughout the opera. Miss Rosa Leo, as *Foschini*, sings as she did when in the Italian Opera, and is rapidly coming into favour with the public. The chorus, "All hail! Sir Joseph," is particularly good. Mr. Gerald Moore, as *Sir Joseph Porter*, sings a most amusing song, "A Nautical K.C.B.," and throws much fun into his part. He cannot be said to be a fine singer, but he makes up for this by articulating his words, that every one can hear his song. His dress as an Admiral is perfection. The duet, "Mal de Mer," also affords much amusement, as sea sickness generally does to those who are not suffering from it. The first act ends with "Very beautifully done," and at its close all the performers were called before the curtain. The closing song of the second act, the "Kiss, Kiss, Chorus," also received its reward by an encore. It will be interesting to see if the opera will become a wreck or will be able to weather the storms of the Press. We much regret that Bro. George Temple (Asaph Lodge), who plays the *Bo'sun*, has not had a more leading part assigned to him. Bro. Temple has for so long been connected with this house and has acquitted himself with so much satisfaction to the audiences who go there, that unless he is prominent he should not appear in the programme. His rich bass voice is well suited to the acoustic properties of this theatre, and is always heard to advantage. Besides, as an actor, Bro. Temple is exceedingly popular, and we trust in the next alteration of the programme our brother will again take a leading part. We understand in America the opera has met with success. We trust that if there be any real original merit in it, it will not be condemned here off hand. Like many other things, "The Wreck of the Pinafore" improves on acquaintance. On hearing it a second time we noticed a marked improvement, and certainly a highly appreciative audience in a fairly filled house. We think if the composers would strike out some of the symphonies, and turn the *Bo'sun's* song into a solo, it would be a vast improvement and prevent its dragging.

"Cupid in Camp" is the title of a new two act comic drama by Mr. G. C. Vernon, lately brought out at the Criterion, preceding Bro. Byron's popular and amusing comedy "Fourteen Days." The story takes place at Dover, and is in the days of William III., as the officers' uniforms show. The Governor of the port, *General Lake* (Mr. Denison), and the *Colonel Lindsey* (Mr. Blakeley) have received orders to arrest a certain *Capt. Savile* (Mr. Lytton Sothern) and send him to London, and at the same time to search for *Miss Helen Wentworth*, and send her to France. *Captain Savile* is in love with the governor's daughter, *Mary Clifford*, and his friend, *Major Murray* (Mr. Astley), is in love with *Miss Helen Wentworth*. *Captain Savile* and *Miss Wentworth* are both warned by *Mrs. Davis*, the landlady, that they are in danger of being arrested and despatched to different places; and as *Helen* is opposed to returning to France, and the captain is equally against being sent to London, they agree to change costumes; *Miss Wentworth* becoming *Captain Savile* and the captain turns into *Miss Helen*. Of course they are arrested, and some complications and laughable scenes now take place. The captain, in his woman's disguise, attracts the attention of the governor, and, on the other hand, *Miss Wentworth* as the captain behaves in a manner very singular for a lady, though the colonel does not discover the sex, as he afterwards admits was strange, he being a slave to female beauty. Now that the captain is living in the house of his lover, whom he has never seen, he reveals himself to her, and explains his conduct and reasons for disguising himself. William III. sends orders for the release of the captives, and so ends the plot happily. The general, of course, looks particularly foolish, for whilst being a goaler, he has paid most marked attentions to his prisoner, whom he has never dreamed is anything but a woman. The colonel severely reproaches himself for his own want of shrewdness in not discovering the deception he has been under. *Miss M. Rorke*, as *Miss Clifford*, and *Miss Rose Saker* (a niece of Mr. Chas. Wyndham), as *Miss Wentworth*, make their parts extremely amusing. The latter does not become vulgar or distasteful in her assumption of male attire, when she imitates the peculiarities of a gentleman by taking snuff, walking with a swaggering gait, and using a big D now and then. Mr. Lytton Sothern, too, in his woman's costume is entirely free from offensiveness. The ladies are amused at his manner of working and kicking the train of his dress from under his feet. "Fourteen Days" still commands its popularity, but, as we said before, this is owing more to Mr. Wyndham than to the author. Bro. Byron has written many more clever things than "Fourteen Days." Mr. Wyndham creates his part by the style of acting peculiar to himself. His fussiness and readiness at all times and at any moment to invent a story and prevaricate the truth, often tripping himself up, causes loud laughter. Mr. Blakeley, as *Byamles*, throws also a lot of genuine spirit in the piece, Mr. Sothern, for a young actor, bids fair to keep the family name from dying out. No theatre-goer will ever forget his sire's drollery. But the late Mr. Sothern was not successful in his early years on the stage. Until he created the character of *Lord Dundreary* he did not command the

eulogies he received the last few years of his life. We understand Mr. Chas. Wyndham will between this and the close of the year leave England for America. We understand "Little Miss Muffit" is the title of a new play to come out here on the withdrawal of "Fourteen Days," which has run many times fourteen.

We purpose giving a notice next week of the new comic opera brought out at the Avenue Theatre on Saturday last. It has, we hear, been well received.



On Friday, the 2nd inst., H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh visited Maidstone in order to be present at a meeting to promote the scheme for establishing a Royal College of Music. The town, at the request of the mayor, had been handsomely and profusely decorated in honour of the occasion, and presented quite a gala appearance. His Royal Highness was accompanied by Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., G.J.W.; the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Sir W. A. Ogg, Bro. Sir S. R. Waterlow, M.P., Lord Sydney, Mr. Grove, Director of the proposed College, and others, and on his arrival was received at the station by the Mayor and Mayoress and members of the Corporation of the ancient borough. A procession was at once formed, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs in their State carriages immediately preceding that of the Royal visitor, who was escorted by a troop of the Queen's Own Yeomanry Cavalry and a company of the West Kent Rifles. On reaching the Town Hall, the Duke was conducted to the Council Chamber, where an address of welcome was presented to His Royal Highness, after acknowledging which, resolutions of sympathy with the purpose of the meeting, and to raise a fund of £3000 to endow a scholarship in the proposed College for the county of Kent were unanimously accepted. The customary votes of thanks to the Duke for presiding over, and to the Mayor for summoning the meeting, brought the proceedings to a close.

It has since been announced that promises of subscriptions to the extent of £900 towards the above Kent Scholarship Fund of £3000 have already been received, while arrangements are being made to hold meetings in all the principal towns in the county.

The performance at the Royal Italian Opera on Thursday evening week of an Italian adaptation of Wagner's "Lohengrin" very naturally challenged comparison with that which has been witnessed at Drury Lane by the German Opera, and, quite as naturally might be expected, the comparison is by no means favourable to the Italians, for very obvious reasons. The Germans are familiar with every note written by their compatriot, and are better able to interpret his music. On the other hand, those who are most familiar with the Italian school of music, cannot be expected to sympathise with, and, as a consequence, so ably interpret the music of a German master, especially when that master is none other than Wagner. The *Elsa* of Madame Albani was a masterpiece of vocalisation and emotional acting, and, as at previous interpretations, delighted the audience. But she alone of the cast will compare with her German rivals; the other members, though they did fairly well, showing to great disadvantage. Madlle. J. Stahl played *Ortruda*, M. Sylva, *Lohengrin*, Signor Cotogni *Telramund*, M. Gresse, *Il Re*, and M. Dauphin the *Herald*.

But if we cannot look upon last Thursday's performance of "Lohengrin" as a great success, frequenters of the "Garden" must have enjoyed a wealth of pleasure in the other performances arranged for them. The evening previous Madame Adeline Patti charmed her audience by her brilliant impersonation of *Catarina* in "L'Etoile du Nord"; Madame Valleria proving a most successful representative of *Prasovia*, while M.M. Lestellier and Gailhard were found to be admirable exponents of the "roles" of *Daniłowits* and *Pietre* respectively. On Friday, Madame Pauline Lucca made her second appearance as *Carmen*, the cast being the same as we noted last week. On Saturday, "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" was given for the first time this season, with Madame Adeline Patti in the character of *Rosina*; Signor Cotogni as *Figaro*; Signor De Reszke as *Basilio*; and Signor Nicolini as *Almaviva*. The house was crowded on this occasion, and Madame Patti aroused the enthusiasm of the house by the brilliancy of her singing and the fascination of her acting. Signor Nicolini was in better voice than he has been for some time past, and received well-merited applause for his rendering of the serenade and the duet with *Figaro* (Signor Cotogni), who was sprightly, as usual; the other characters, including Signor Scolara and Mdlle. Corsi, rendering efficient service.

At the German Opera, Drury Lane, "Fidelio" was repeated on Wednesday last, "Tannhäuser" on Thursday, "Die Meistersinger" on Saturday and Tuesday, the last-mentioned, by its many and great beauties, and the almost perfect manner in which the several characters are played, having a fair claim to be regarded as the chief attraction which has yet been offered by Herr Franke's company. As to Herr Richter, his ability as a conductor has never been more conspicuous than in connection with this particular work. To-night will be given for the first time this season "Euryanthe," when Frau Dr. M. Peschka-Leutner will make her first appearance as *Eglantine*, while Frau Sacher will play the title rôle. Yesterday (Friday) an extra performance of "Fidelio" was to take place by special desire.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has kindly accepted the presidency of the French Musical Festival and Competition, which has been arranged to take place at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 20th and 21st inst. The proceedings will commence at noon on the former day with an inaugural ceremony, which will include the singing of the French and English National Hymns by the United Choral Societies, with accompaniments by the Instrumental Societies.



The President and members of the Royal Academy were entertained at the Mansion House on Tuesday evening, at a banquet given in their honour by Bro. Lord Mayor, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, and the Lady Mayoress. There were present, in addition to the Royal Academicians and their ladies, the Archbishop of York, the French Ambassador, the Netherlands Minister, Field-Marshal Lord Strathnairn, Sir R. P. Collier, Bros. Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., Sir Garnet Wolseley, and Sir W. Seymour Fitzgerald, besides several members of Parliament, and of the Court of Aldermen. In proposing the toast of the evening, the Lord Mayor remarked that the civilization of the country depended on its cultivation of the arts, and it was gratifying to know that under the ægis of the Royal Academy painting and sculpture had flourished and still continued to flourish. With the toast was associated the name of Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., of whom his lordship spoke in complimentary terms, describing him as an orator, a linguist, a painter, and sculptor combined. Sir Frederick proved his claim to be ranked among members of the first of these four categories by the eloquent manner in which he responded. He thanked his kind host and hostess, both for himself and his fellow-members, for the splendid hospitality they had received, which he felt himself justified in regarding, not as of a ceremonial character, but rather as expressing the interest taken in art by the greatest municipal body in the world. The band of the Coldstream Guards played during the evening, while Madame Marie Roze sang several solos.

The loss sustained by Birmingham in 1879 through the destruction by fire of its fine Reference Library, was formally repaired on Thursday last, when the new Reference Free Libraries, which occupy the site of the former building, were opened. The initiatory proceedings took place in the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Mayor, and included an eloquent and most instructive address on the pleasure to be derived from literary studies by Mr. Bright, M.P., who said, in the course of his remarks, that he would rather have one comfortable room well stocked with books than all the decorations which high art could offer. Mr. Chamberlain, M.P., was also present on the occasion.

The death from blood poisoning is announced of Mr. James Spence, Professor of Surgery in the Edinburgh University. The professor had recently had two toes on one of his feet amputated, but the wounds, instead of healing, became gangrenous, and death ensued.

It is reckoned that up to the present week no less than twenty-one millions of people have visited the South Kensington Museum since it was opened.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh presided at a meeting, on Monday evening, of the general Committee of the proposed International Fisheries Exhibition, 1883, when a resolution was passed to the effect that, having regard to the importance of the Exhibition, application should be made to the Treasury for a grant in aid and to the Government for general recognition. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The subject of extending the area in the City of London which is already illuminated by the electric light was discussed at the meeting, on Tuesday, of the City Commissioners. Several motions were considered; the principal one that was carried being to the effect that it should be referred to the Streets Committee to consider and report as to the inclusion of Bishopgate-street, and any other thoroughfare in the City of London, in any scheme of electric lighting they might recommend.

Having inspected some of the principal factories and special schools in several of the district centres of Westphalia, the Royal Commission on Technical Education visited Crefeld, which produces silk goods to the annual value of £2,000,000, and must be looked upon as a successful rival of Macclesfield and Lyons, the chief centres of silk manufacture in England and France respectively. The main object of the visit was to inspect the weaving school. The members then separated, the chairman, Bro. B. Samuelson, M.P., and Mr. Erwin Smith returning to London.

Under the careful supervision of Mr. Carrington, the aquarium portion of the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, has been re-arranged, and the larger tanks now contain some fine specimens of carp, perch, and other fish.

On Wednesday last, at Reading, Mr. Walter, M.P., opened a new Town Hall, Free Library, Reading Room, and School of Science and Art, which had cost £60,000, and expressed his belief that now they had a building worthy of the reception of works of art, private gifts would be forthcoming, and supplement their efforts to increase its attractions. At the luncheon which followed, Bro. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., who was present, returned thanks for the Houses of Parliament.

The annual general meeting of the Surveyors' Institution was held on Tuesday, at 12 Great George-street, Westminster. From the report of the Council it appears that 200 new Fellows and Associates have been elected since the incorporation of the Institution by Royal Charter in August last.

The Great Russian Exhibition at Moscow was opened, on Thursday last, by the Grand Duke Vladimir, in the presence of a large assembly, which included the Metropolitan Archbishop and Prince Dolgoroukoff, both of whom spoke with satisfaction of the success which had attended a scheme initiated by the late Czar Alexander II. The ceremony was most imposing. An overture by Rubinstein, into which were introduced the native airs of the different Russian populations, being received with enthusiasm, and appropriately bringing the proceedings to a close.



Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, Bro. Sir G. Wolseley, Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, and Bro. the Earl of Derby were amongst the very large company at the Countess of Granville's reception on Saturday at the Foreign Office. The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., after dining with Mr. Gladstone, honoured Lady Granville with his company.

Bro. the Duke of St. Alban's yacht *Ceres*, entering Milford Haven Harbour to land Bro. the Earl of Cawdor, ran foul of the pier head.

Bro. the Earl of Suffield was in waiting on the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, during his stay at Yarmouth last week to open the Municipal Buildings.

Bro. Capt. Fully will take part in the forthcoming camp at Wimbledon.

Bro. the Rev. Main S. A. Walrond, rector of St. Laurence Jewry, preached a few Sunday evenings ago at St. Mary Magdalene, Munster-square.

Bro. Hodges, of St. Paul's Cathedral choir, is W.M. elect of the Orpheus Lodge. Bro. the Rev. Wm. Stainer, brother of the Cathedral organist, is a member of this lodge.

Bro. the Rev. J. Harris was on the Committee of the St. John's Foundation School Festival, celebrated on Wednesday, at Willis's rooms, when Sir Stafford Northcote presided.

Bros. Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Viscount Holmersdale, P.G.M. Kent; and Sir John Ellis, G.J.W.; were on the platform at a meeting held at Maidstone, in the Corn Exchange, on the 2nd inst., for the purpose of founding a scholarship for the county of Kent, and forwarding generally the scheme of the Royal College of Music. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, who lives near the town, took an active part in the meeting. Nearly £1000 was promised in the room.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom presented a petition on the first day of the re-assembling of the House of Lords, after the Whitsuntide recess, in favour of the Sunday Closing Bill.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe presided on Friday at a meeting of the Conservatives at Mount Edgcombe.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of St. Albans has spent the Whitsuntide recess, with the Duchess, at Bestwood Lodge, near Nottingham. Arrangements had been made for the ducal party to visit the Duchess's seat at Clommel, Ireland, but owing to the Dublin assassinations these were cancelled.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., has given notice in the House of Commons that he will ask a question relative to the Transvaal on an early date.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., will probably not seek re-election, as member for Hastings, at the next dissolution of Parliament.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore gave an entertainment to 1000 Jewish children, in honour of the Queen's birthday.

Bro. Sir Charles Whetham attended a meeting at Bridport, and spoke in opposition to a proposed line of railway to the town.

The Home Secretary entertained Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir John Ellis, G.J.W.; Bro. Alderman Fowler, Bro. Sir James M'Garel Hogge, Bro. Sheriff Sir A. Hanson, and Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.W., at the dining-room of the House of Commons.

Bros. the Duke of Connaught and Lieut.-Gen. Sir Garnet Wolseley were amongst the guests of the Secretary of State for War.

Bro. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Bro. Sir Thos. Charley were the guests of the Attorney-General at the Albion.

Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., was one of the dinner party at the Duke of Bedford's, Eaton-square, on Saturday. The Duchess being Mistress of the Robes, the dinner was in honour of the Queen's birthday.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., distributed the prizes in connection with St. John's Ambulance Society, at Worcester, last week.

Bro. the Earl of Roslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, has arrived at Hamilton-place from Euston Lodge.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., at the trooping of the colours on Saturday last—the celebration of the Queen's birthday—wore the uniform of the Honourable Artillery Company, of which corps His Royal Highness is Captain-General; the Duke of Cambridge was dressed in the Grenadier Guards, as Colonel; H.S.H. the Duke of Teck wore the uniform of the Post Office Rifles; and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh that of the Colonel of the First Surrey Artillery Volunteers. Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Garnet Wolseley, Adjutant-General, and Sir A. Herbert, the Quartermaster-General, were on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. The ceremony was even more fully attended than usual, owing, no doubt, to its being the first since the attempt on Her Majesty's life. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and her three daughters, and the Duchess of Edinburgh and children, watched the proceedings from a window of the Horse Guards.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervous Irritability.—No part of the human machine requires more constant supervision than the nervous system, for upon it our health—and even life—depends. These Pills strengthen the nerves, and are the safest general purifiers of the blood. Nausea, headache, giddiness, numbness, and mental apathy yield to them. They dispatch in a summary manner those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fulness at the pit of the stomach, abdominal distension, and regulate alike capricious appetites and confined bowels—the commonly accompanying signs of defective or diminished nerve tone. Holloway's Pills are particularly recommended to persons of studious and sedentary habits, who gradually fall into a nervous and irritable state, unless some such restorative be occasionally taken.—[Advr.]

On Thursday afternoon Bro. J. P. Bryan, a local musical brother of much popularity, was installed W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, at the Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

Bro. Sir Thomas Charley, O.C., attended the funeral of the late Lord Justice Holker, at Lytham, on Tuesday of last week.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Bros. the Duke of St. Albans, the Marquis of Tweeddale, the Earl of Derby, the Earl of Fife, the Viscount Powerscourt, and Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, were at the State dinner given by the Premier at Downing-street in honour of the Queen's birthday.

Bros. the Marquis of Hamilton, the Earl of Breadalbane, and Lord Kensington, M.P., P.G.W., were at the Lord Stewards' State dinner.

Bro. Jas. Batting was, on Saturday, the 27th ult., installed M.E.Z. of the Royal Union Chapter, 382, at Uxbridge.

At a numerously attended meeting of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, 1073, held at the Mansion House Restaurant, on Thursday, the 1st inst., a discussion took place as to whether the meetings should be adjourned during the summer months, but it was ultimately unanimously agreed that the meetings should be held as usual throughout the year.

At the next meeting of the Liverpool City Council a proposal will be made to accept a tender for the extension of the Walker Art Gallery, at a cost of £10,397. It is intended to make such arrangements as will prevent the necessity for moving the permanent collection to make room for the autumn exhibitions.

The plants in the Rhododendron Walk, one of the most beautiful retreats in Windsor Great Park, are now in full bloom.

Lord and Lady Carnarvon have returned to their town house, 43, Portman-square, from Highclere Castle.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire will be held at Reading on Monday next, when the appointment and investiture of Provincial Grand Officers will take place, and other important business be transacted.

CORRECTION.—In our report of the consecration of the St. Bede's Chapter, at Jarrow, last week, we stated that Capt. Malcolm was appointed Janitor. It should have been Comp. John Thompson, Janitor, and Comp. W. A. Malcolm as S.N.

Bro. Arthur B. Hudson, of the Aldersgate Lodge, is one of the three candidates for the appointment of surveyor to the Court of Lieutenancy, chosen by the committee to be submitted to the Court for final selection. Bro. Hudson is a citizen of the City of London and a liveryman of the Sadlers' Company.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, C.C., presided on Thursday evening, the 1st inst., at a dinner given by about sixty members of the Camberwell Vestry to Mr. Fromer, ex-churchwarden.

The employés of Bro. Boord and Son, distillers Bartholomew-close, celebrated their annual holiday on Saturday, by a dinner at the Old Prince of Orange, Gravesend.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor will preside at the twelfth annual meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, to be held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Friday evening, the 30th inst.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Clarendon has consented to preside at the annual prize-giving to the Children of the London Orphan Asylum, to take place on Saturday, July 1st next.

The installation meeting of the Amity Lodge, 171, was held on Tuesday evening, at the Ship, Greenwich, when Bro. G. T. Goodinge was installed W.M. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

At a meeting of the Mansion House Committee of the Jewish Sufferers' Relief Fund on Wednesday, it was stated that 4310 Jewish emigrants had been sent to America, and there were some 13,000 still waiting for relief at Brody.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, the patron, has just appointed the Rev. Filmer Sullivan, of Frant (formerly of Brighton), to the living of St. Matthew, Bayswater, the new church having recently been consecrated by the Bishop of London. The old church was much decayed and out of repair; additional land has been bought, and a large, handsome church erected from the design of Mr. Johnson, of 9, Queen Victoria-street, the work being well carried out by Messrs. Dove Brothers. The late vicar, Dr. Hunter, with whom the new building originated, did not live to see it finished and occupy its pulpit, but the work will be carried on by the new vicar.—*City Press*.

We are asked to state that the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, meets every Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Hon. Preceptors, Bros. E. A. Francis, 1058, and Thos. Poore, P.M. and P.Z.

Vice-Chancellor Hall, who was attacked with paralysis on Friday afternoon, lies at his residence, Bayswater-hill, in a weak condition, but, according to the latest reports, is improving.

Masonic Gatherings, Wedding Groups, Social Reunions, and Out-door Photography of every kind expeditiously carried out in any part of the country, by Bros. Bedford Lemere, and Co., Architectural Photographers to the Queen, 147, Strand, London. A large collection of photographs on view. Catalogues and lists of prices free.—[Advr.]

"Spring's delights" can only be actually realised by those who live in healthy houses, and who combine known sanitary measures for the prevention of such infectious diseases as small pox, scarlet fever, and measles. The remedy actually becomes a luxury, when the washing of toilet, bath, and nursery is conducted with WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. Refuse all imitations, which are but dangerous counterfeits.—[Advr.]

The attack of fly which set in last week among the hop plantations in Kent has abated, though very slightly. The hops continue, however, to grow, and the foliage preserves a healthy hue.

Miss E. A. Ormerod, F.M.S., consulting entomologist to the Royal Agricultural Society, has been appointed Special Lecturer on Economic Entomology at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

The Baroness Burdett Coutts had her first garden party at Holly Lodge this season, on Monday last, when her ladyship was "at home" from four to 7.30. About 500 friends availed themselves of her ladyship's invitations.

The Chester Musical Festival commenced in the Cathedral of that city on Wednesday last, when the proceedings opened with a performance of Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah."

The *Church Standard* gives a portrait of Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., and quotes the article entitled the "Daily Life of the Lord Mayor."

Sir Henry Parkes left for Belgium on Friday, where a series of public receptions will be given in his honour. He will return to London in a few days, but will leave for Australia sooner than he had originally intended.

Lord Harewood has set on foot a movement to open Hanover-square for the recreation of the children of the district. A preliminary meeting to further this object was held at his house in the square on Saturday.

We regret to announce the death of the wife of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Gladwell, of the firm of Messrs. Gladwell Brothers, announce the publication of two remarkably fine engravings, which, together with the original drawings, "The Lady of the Woods" and "The Lord of the Glen," by J. Mac-Whirter, A.R.A., are now on view at their Fine Art Gallery, 20 and 21, Gracechurch-street.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has accepted the presidency of a grand French musical festival and competition, to take place at the Royal Albert Hall on the 20th and 21st inst.

Chatham is to have a new pier, from the designs of Sir Joseph Bazalgette.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has signified his willingness to visit Bradford on Saturday, the 24th inst., and take part in the proceedings in connection with the opening of the Technical School.

Mr. D. Sherwill has been appointed superintendent of the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford.

The Annual Printers' Festival is announced to be held at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday, the 24th inst. A good programme of sports has been arranged, the various events being open to anyone employed in a printing-office.

Bro. W. C. Hearn will be installed W.M. of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, at Newnam, on Wednesday next.

The Southgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1950, meets at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate, N., every Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. H. Sadler, P.M., is the Instructor.

At Southport on Wednesday Mr. Barnum, the American showman, who has just arrived in England, delivered an address concerning Jumbo. Had he known, he said, that there was such a deep-rooted desire for the creature to remain in England he would not have bought it, but he only became aware of the fact when too late, and when fifty millions of people in America were looking for his arrival. Jumbo, however, was as happy across the Atlantic as he was in Regent's Park. No attempt had been made to train it for the ring. It marched at the head of the processions and showed no signs of viciousness, but was on the contrary, as docile as a lamb. As to the assertion that Jumbo had taken to whisky, it was utterly untrue, not a drop having been given it since it landed. The purchase of the animal had proved a big financial success, and he hoped to be able to make arrangements to bring it in his menagerie next winter.

In the hot weather the demand for cooling drinks is very great, but it is pleasant to know that the Wenham Lake Ice Company now supply to households, hotels, travelling cars, and steamboats a new iced water fountain, which, when fitted to a main service filter and charged with a few pounds of ice daily, will keep the household or clubs, or reading-rooms, supplied for a whole day with pure filtered water iced.

PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS.—Pennsylvania Masons are indignant and surprised at the custom in other States of installing officers in public. English and French Masons have the same objections. We had supposed it to be an old practice in the East, but Bro. John W. Simmons, of New York, says he inaugurated it in 1844, and it seems to have been but rarely practised here before 1857, from which we think he may be correct. Still, as Bro. Drummond shows, a form of public installations has been given in Monitor's, since Webb's of 1805, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Maine were installed in public by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire as far back as 1820. He also points out that in 1776, a Masonic Hall was dedicated in London by the Grand Lodge of England, in the presence of 160 ladies. But it is well to consider if we may not be in the wrong. Social meetings may be held in lodge halls without dragging in lodge ceremonies. The ancient Persians were disgusted at seeing the Greeks strip for wrestling, but the Greeks could not understand their fastidiousness. Perhaps we should agree with the Persians.—*Masonic Token*.

GREAT JEWEL ROBBERIES.—The public are becoming so accustomed to reading reports of jewel robberies that numbers of the nobility are taking steps to secure their valuables from the attack of the modern burglar, and the demand for Milner's Jewellery Safes is largely on the increase. These are made to fit in cabinets to suit any kind of wood, and are the best and cheapest safeguard against fire and thieves. Milner's Safe Company (Limited), 28, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., have some hundreds of testimonials from gentlemen who have Milner's Jewellery Safes in their possession, and in no instance have burglars succeeded in opening them. Safes are made specially for Masonic Jewellery, Records, &c.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Saturday, June 17, 1882.

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

- SATURDAY, JUNE 10. Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. ... 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court. ... 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8. Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.

- MONDAY, JUNE 12. Lodge 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey. ... 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court. ... 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's-ct.-Ho., W. Kensington.

- 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.

- TUESDAY, JUNE 13. Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead. ... 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly. ... 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

- 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.

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14. Gen. Com. R.M.B.L., at 3. Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich. ... 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7. Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.

- 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, S.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 15. Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton. ... 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath. ... 1681, Londesborough, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.

- 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.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 16. House Com. Boys' School, at 4. Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. ... 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound H., Richmond.

- LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6. Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 17. Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green. ... 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton. ... 1494, Felix, Clarence Hot., Teddington.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE For the Week ending Saturday, June 17, 1882.

- MONDAY, JUNE 12. Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston. ... 721, Independence, M.R., Chester. ... 941, De Tabley, Royal George Knutsford.

- TUESDAY, JUNE 13. Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool. ... 322, Peace, Warren Bulkley Arms, Stockport. ... 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14. Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster. ... 323, Concord, Florist Hall, Stockport. ... 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 15. Lodge 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston. ... 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hot., Chester. ... 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN. For the Week ending Saturday, June 17, 1882.

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

- SATURDAY, JUNE 10. No Meetings.

- MONDAY, JUNE 12. Lodge 100, Dublin. | R.A.C. 126, Dublin.

- TUESDAY, JUNE 13. Lodge 245, Dublin. | R.A.C. 666, Dublin.

- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14. Lodge 120, Dublin. | R.A.C. 158, Dublin.

- Lodge 143, Dublin. | K.F. Precep. 141, Leinster.

- THURSDAY, JUNE 15. Lodge 12, Dublin. | Lodge 93, Dublin.

- FRIDAY, JUNE 16. Lodge 225, Dublin. | Lodge 728, Dublin.

- SATURDAY, JUNE 17. Lodge 53, Dublin. | Lodge 269, Malahide.

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