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THE anniversary festival of the Boys' School took place on Wednesday, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the distinguished seasonable presidency of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Sir H. W. ELLIS, our worthy and esteemed brother the J.G.W. of England. There were 266 Stewards, who returned the goodly amount of £11093 14s. 1d. The fine weather and the attractions of "London-on-the-Sea" drew together a notable gathering, which was a very enjoyable one to all concerned. We shall call special attention to the returns next week, and rejoice to think that our Masonic Festivals still can so forcibly appeal to the sympathies and educe the liberal contributions of our excellent Craft.

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THE recent proceedings at Bradford will have afforded much sincere pleasure to all English Freemasons, and not the least to our worthy and zealous brethren at Bradford. Both address and response were peculiarly happy and appropriate, and our G.M. as usual, together with his amiable and charming consort, seems to have won all hearts and gained all suffrages. We call attention to text and context of the address and reply elsewhere. The opening of a technical, useful, and important exhibition in itself afforded a fitting opportunity for another development of our Royal Grand Master's desire to aid in all movements leading to philanthropic blessings or intellectual culture, in which he so much always shines, and for which he deserves the thanks of all English and patriotic subjects.

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OUR City Companies have been very important "factors" during the ages which have rolled on in maintaining and expanding the wholesome principle of municipal self-government, and fostering a spirit alike of reasonable liberty, and yet of resolute order. We trust that in our era of somewhat hasty change and incongruous alterations, no rash hand will unseasonably tamper with ancient privileges or time-honoured rights, which have ever accompanied real beneficial action for the dignity and independencies of the most honoured and ancient of municipalities. Our Bro. KENNING presided as Master at the festival of one of the City Companies on Monday last, to which reference is made elsewhere, and was honoured by the presence of our distinguished Bro. the LORD MAYOR, several members of the Court of Alderman, the Sheriffs, and many other brethren of the City Companies. Such a gathering under such auspices put us in mind of a portion of the Old Masonic Poem, in respect of the meeting of Craft Masons 500 years ago.

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AT this time of the year Masonic work is at a discount, and recreation banquets are to the fore. Greenwich and Richmond, and many other sylvan retreats, receive pleasant companies of our worthy Brotherhood, in good humour with themselves and one another, and anxious to please and be pleased. Whether it be the prospect of a fish dinner or dry champagne, whether it be the social gathering or the cheery jaunt, we always fancy, we may be wrong, that our good brethren, one and all, seem in a better humour when the recreation banquet comes round. It may be hard work in lodge or stiff labour out of lodge; it may be fluctuations at the Stock Exchange or vicissitudes at Lloyd's; it may be domestic cares and sorrows or personal ailments; it may be that unaccommodating wife of your bosom, or Amelia Jane, who will catch the "German Measles;" but for all or any

of these reasons during our "syllabus" of lodge work, during our Masonic "curriculum," we all alike grow, we think, as we hinted before, a shade graver, a trifle thinner; we speak more seriously and we look more anxiously. But as the recreation banquet draws near, once again, like exulting school-boys, we put by gladly our slates and our books and prepare for our welcome holidays. The W.M. is again smiling and serene; no more little hesitation; no more trippings of the tongue; no more amusingly nervous blunders for him. The TREASURER looks contented and comfortable, for his balance is on the right side; the SECRETARY is full of joyous greetings, for now to his confidential circulars there comes even a temporary cessation. That indefatigable STEWARD talks with gratification of the "end of the season," he means the Masonic season), and the "termination of his responsible, but most agreeable duties," (the tag of a little after-dinner speech), while the officers and brethren are mutually trusting, confiding, and complaisant. And now comes the outing. But here the discreet genius of Masonry bids us pause, arrests our pen, as into the hidden mysteries of the sublimest of degrees (?), it is not for the uninitiated or the cowan to pry. Suffice it to say, that as they went down so they return home, agreeable and animated, full of anecdote and full of hilarity; and of them as they bid each other farewell at friendly terminuses, the lines of the pleasant poet are still most true, in letter and spirit:

And some are gone home to their slumbers,
And some are gone home to their wives!

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NOTWITHSTANDING the unbecoming inuendo of that indiscreet poet, with which our last leaderette concludes, (we think he must have been a wretched and hopeless batchelor), we are glad to express our opinion once more that we think the ladies have just cause to complain of their exclusion from our Masonic recreation gatherings. Even the French Freemasons have their "Maconnerie Blanche," (not that all the ladies are bound to wear white dresses), where the fair sisters are made pleasantly welcome, and enjoy "con amore," yes, "une accolade fraternelle." And some good lodges in London and in the provinces have also been wise enough and far-seeing enough to introduce so great an innovation, with vast personal pleasure to their gentle visitors and much improvement and good to themselves. For there is always something refining and elevating in the company and association of the "better part of creation." Masonic banquets are sometimes a little heavy from formal routine, and weary by incessant reiteration, while they are too often dominated by the somewhat dull and unmeaning formalities of years, until we can pretty nearly anticipate all that will be said, and discount the proceedings and outcome of the banquet itself. But ladies, like the flowers in the parterre, give animation to the scene and lend enchantment to the view, and throw around the rougher habits and coarser tastes of man the softening and sublimer aspirations and sympathies of woman,—mostly in the right, always in "good form," and quicker often to see the absurd and the baneful than her assumed stronger proud director and protector man. We feel quite certain that new life and fresh interest might be given to many a half-hearted, thinly attended recreation banquet if the ladies were invited to lend their bright smiles and exhibit their charming dresses, (which they would be nothing loath to do, unless dame Dame Rumour speaks untruly), to add pleasure to pleasure, and increase alike man's store of amusement and his sense of gratification. Some, we know, object to ladies presence on such occasions, but why we never could even affect to guess. There is, no doubt, a great prejudice still in some minds at female juxtaposition at a Masonic recreation banquet, but like other old world shadows and fads, it will, we hope, ere long fade away before a fuller development and manifestation of Masonic manhood and Masonic common sense.

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WE are happy to note that the Hospital Fund for 1882 has already reached £30,000 in round numbers, a considerable increase on last year.

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BRO. DE KEYSER has been finally admitted an alderman of the good City of London.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT BRIGHTON.

The Eighty-fourth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, 28th ult., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (R.W. Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., Grand Junior Warden, P.G.S., and W.M. No. 1) in the chair. At the table on the dais the President had on his right hand the Lady Mayoress, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, Sussex; the Mayor of Brighton (W. H. Hallet, Esq.), and the Mayoress, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, Bro. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., W. Bro. J. Wordsworth, V.P. (President of the Board of Stewards), and Mrs. Wordsworth, W. Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.D., and Mrs. Case, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, Bro. J. Edmerston, Bro. John S. Scott (Deputy Prov. G. Master, Sussex), and Mrs. Scott; while on his left were W. Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D. (Treasurer and Vice-President of the Institution), W. Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C. (Acting President of the Board of Stewards), Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, W. Bro. Matthew Clarke, P.G.D., Baron de Ferrieres, W. Bro. John Messent, G.S.B., W. Bro. C. W. Thompson, Hon. Treasurer, W. Bro. E. C. Davies, P.G.S., Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master of the School, with whom were Mrs. and Miss Morris, and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. Among the very numerous company were also Bros. D. M. Dewar, Adlard, Grabham, Terry, Hedges, W. Ash, N. Green, H. Smith, F. Laxton, J. A. Wilson, W. Parker, W. Johnson, Noah Martin, J. E. Wright, S. Rosenthal, Sir John Bennett, J. H. Cohen and Mrs. Cohen, Geo. Kenning, W. R. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Wyndham Burrell, G. P. Festa, F. W. Otter, C. R. Burrell, Bros. Carrick, McCarogher, Noakes, Kidd, Dixon, C. C. Reed, G. Smith, J. L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, C. F. Matier, and others.

The LORD MAYOR said that the first toast he should propose in that magnificent banquetting hall would be "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen." The Queen was the centre of all honour, and she was also an emblem of all the virtues that adorned humanity. (Hear, hear.) The Freemasons throughout the world held that they were banded together for the object of encouraging truth, honour, and good will towards each other, and to live in brotherhood and love together. He was sure that these were facts which the Queen would admire, and that she would ever feel that if all her subjects were guided by the same objects as the Freemasons, she would be indeed a happy Queen over a happy people.

In proposing "The Health of the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England," the LORD MAYOR said that coupled with this toast would also be that of "Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." Speaking in this great assembly of Freemasons, he need hardly vouch for the qualities which adorned H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; he followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, the Royal Dukes of the Royal house. He had become the head of the Freemasons of England (the Chairman), and he believed that his hearers would all agree that there had never been a M.W.G.M. who had taken so keen an interest in the welfare of the Craft than H.R.H. had done. It was not to be forgotten that upon a very recent occasion, when the life of Her Majesty was threatened, that an address, voted by the Grand Lodge, was taken up and presented to Her Majesty by H.R.H. as the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and this, he thought, was acknowledged to be an honour which had never before been accorded. The other members of the Royal Family he knew lived in the heart of every Englishman who loved his country; and he would not detain them, but at once propose "The Health of the M.W. Master, the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

The MAYOR OF BRIGHTON said that the circular of Bro. Binckes had sent a strange train of thought across his mind. Bro. Binckes had reminded them that the first Anniversary Festival of the Institution was presided over by the Chief Magistrate of the City of London, Bro. Sir William Cubitt, and it was a strange coincidence that they met to-day under the Lord Mayor of London; and that since the speaker's father was Mayor of Brighton no Lord Mayor had attended a banquet of the Mayor of Brighton. After a lapse of years they were again under the presidency of the Lord Mayor of London and he (the Mayor of Brighton), had to congratulate them on the man they had secured, who belonged to No. 1 lodge of which Bro. Cubitt had been the Master. The speaker concluded by a reference to the honour which had recently been bestowed by Her Majesty on the Lord Mayor, and to the splendid entertainment which his lordship had given to the Provincial Mayors, and finally proposed his health.

The LORD MAYOR, in reply, said that the most difficult task of all was to reply for one's own health. It was a great mistake to suppose that all that happened of advantage, and sometimes of disadvantage, to our fellow-men arose from their own acts. He feared that they were too often the sport of fortune and the creatures of circumstances; but, on the other hand, he believed that an honest desire to fulfil the duties which their fellow-countrymen had placed upon them was an ambition worthy of every Englishman in every part of the country; and he believed that in this country, whenever a man was found to exert himself in that post in which he had been placed, he received more than his due meed of praise and more gratitude than he was entitled to. For his own part, he had struggled to do what he could in the interests of those who had placed him in the several positions he had occupied. He would admit that he was proud to have his name associated with the former Lord Mayor and Junior Grand Warden, Sir William Cubitt, a man who they knew had an extraordinary simplicity of character, a warmth of heart, and intensity of purpose that made him revered and loved by those with whom he was associated. His lordship added that he seemed to wish that it were more in his power to aid and advance the interests of Freemasonry, and for this reason, that he believed there was no body of men who more sincerely served and advanced the interests of the ladies than the Freemasons. He was there not to champion the Craft, but to champion the interests of the ladies in assuring them, and creating a confidence in their minds, that in urging their brothers, their sons, their husbands to become Freemasons they would be laying wider and deeper and broader the foundations of society.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," Bro. MARRIOTT, O.C. M.P., said he did not know how many provinces were represented there; but in mentioning the name of Bro. Burrell, the Provincial Grand Master for Sussex to respond to this toast, he would only make one remark, and that was that if the other provinces had as good a Grand Master as Sussex, they were exceedingly fortunate. He was known to all of them, and esteemed

by all, and he trusted that Bro. Burrell would continue to be their Grand Master for many years.

Sir WALTER BURRELL having briefly responded, the LORD MAYOR rose to propose the principal toast of the evening.

The LORD MAYOR: Ladies and brethren,—I have now to propose to you a toast for which I must ask your indulgence for a few moments. It is "Prosperity to the Masonic Institution for Boys." (Hear, hear.) Now it is a very important thing in this country that these societies should not only be continued but that they should prosper. Now I have quoted before, but I do not think within Masonic walls, a saying of the late Prime Minister, Lord Beaconsfield. (Hear, hear.) Speaking many years ago in the Guildhall of London, he said this: Undivided (I am not going to introduce politics into this speech, what he said was this) individuals form communities but it is institutions that make a nation. Now if you consider these few words for a few moments you will see how much is comprised in them, and you will perceive how applicable they are to the present meeting; it is quite true that we form a community, it is quite true that we may be comparatively acquainted with each other, but in order to help each other, in order to stand shoulder to shoulder, in order to be a compact body, we must not be in community, we must be an Institution founded for the purpose of aiding and assisting each other. And this Masonic Institution for Boys grows out of institutions of the Craft to advance the interests of those who are associated with them. Now, I have appealed to the ladies before; I appeal to the ladies again. Is there any possible object that can be more moving to their hearts and to their souls than that the little children who are left in unfortunate circumstances, by reason of the death of their parents, or by reason of some misfortune that has overtaken them; can there be any object more dear to their hearts and souls than that these children should have fatherly and motherly care spread over them by this Institution? Ladies and brethren, I say that that ought to stir the heart of every Freemason, and it is by that means that great ends are attained. It is not by great sums which are given by those who are prosperous, it is by all acting together, and giving what they can afford, and if I stand to plead for this Institution that is what I ask of my fellow Freemasons. But it would be useless that all the Stewards of the day—that this great meeting should be held—if when these funds were obtained they were not wisely dispensed. I suppose there are few here who have not visited the Institution at Wood Green. Among all the buildings I have seen—nay, I will put it in comparison with the Merchant Taylors, to which I belong—this great Institution will bear comparison with that or any other great institution. But, brethren, I, fortunately or unfortunately, take a practical view of these things. You may have a fine building, but what will that help the children if that building has been constructed at too great a cost? or if, when you have the building, you do not supply an education to these children which shall be useful and advantageous to them in their future life. The rooms are large and lofty, as they should be for sanitary purposes; but all the arrangements are carried out upon the most economical principle, so that the greatest number of children shall be admitted with the least expense compatible with efficiency. Now there is another point which is essential in dealing with a school, and that is that the staff should be of a suitable character; but above all, that you should have a Head Master who should have sufficient learning to make your school respected, but who should have a kind and sympathetic mind to teach the children not that which would gain high honours in a university, but suitable for the paths of life in which they shall have to tread. Now, I remember very well a conversation with my friend, if you will allow me to call him so, the late Prime Minister, and after our conversation he said this to me, "If at any time you think there is anything I can do you have only to ask me." Now I felt that was a great compliment, but I thought also it was a very extraordinary thing for the Prime Minister to say; and I said so; but he replied "No, I am accustomed to deal with men, and I am sure that I am safe in my observation." I wish to apply that to the present occasion. I have had the pleasure of sitting next to Dr. Morris, the Head Master. I have had the opportunity of conversing with Dr. Morris and of seeing his pupils, and of seeing what they could do; and I have had a description of the education which you give these children; and I say, coupling my observation of the School, of your Head Master, and of the curriculum, the School deserves support, because of the practical utilitarianism of the School. Now, I hope I shall not be misunderstood when I impress upon you the importance of institutions of this character. I wish, in the second place, to show that the administration of the money you have subscribed that it has been well laid out, and I wish to illustrate to you, as far as I can, that the education which is being given to these children will enable them to win their living in the world, in the life which they have yet to live; and if I can impress this upon you I have done my work effectually. I have heard the past history of this Institution; I want not the past history, I want its future supported, and I want you to know that you are supporting an Institution of high interest to the young race that is growing up, and that it cannot be supported unless you come forward liberally, and that the £8000 which is requisite will be forthcoming, because it has been found here, as in all schools, that a lower and an upper school are necessary. You must separate the big from the small boys, or you clog the progress of the elder ones. I do not think that I can say anything more. But I shall ask to respond Bro. Plucknett, Vice-President, and partner of the late Bro. Cubitt, and as Bro. Plucknett was intimately acquainted with Bro. Cubitt, we shall have a grand response on this occasion.

Bro. PLUCKNETT, in responding, said that the Lord Mayor had so completely described the position of the School that it was quite unnecessary for him to occupy the time with any further remarks. He had simply to express on behalf of the Institution the gratitude they felt for the large attendance of those who laboured to carry out the objects of the Charity. They were very anxious that the meeting should know that the funds necessary for carrying on the work were raised, but that, beyond that, that the Committee were desirous to obtain further funds to enable them to extend the Institution. They could not express themselves sufficiently thankful for the presence of the Lord Mayor on that occasion, and, he might add, for having their meeting graced with the Lady Mayoress also. He was quite sure that the presence of the Lady Mayoress was appreciated by the ladies and by the gentlemen also. He begged to offer to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress the best thanks of the Institution.

Bro. BINCKES said that as the Lord Mayor was compelled to leave in a few minutes, but was anxious, before leaving, to hear the results produced by their 266 Stewards, he would proceed to read the list, but before doing so he must add that these results included a sum of £26 5s from the Lady Mayoress and £10 10s. from the Lord Mayor.

Bro. BINCKES then read out the totals of the Steward's lists, as follow:

LONDON.			CHESHIRE.			SURREY.			YORKSHIRE (WEST).					
Lodge.	£	s. d.												
Chairman ...	36	15	0	104 Bro. Francis Preston ...	10	10	0	370 Bro. F. Wm. Mitchell ...	39	18	0	139 Bro. W. Hy. Brittain		
Bro. Robert Paulson Spice	15	15	0	1289 " A. H. Correlli ...	25	0	0	777 " William Wells ...	15	15	0	139 " John Taylor		
1 " Bradshaw Brown ...	15	15	0	" George Richardson ...	10	10	0	1638 " C. E. Oldridge ...	35	0	0	139 " John Hy. Burrows		
1 " J. M. Case ...	10	10	0	1357 " " ...	10	10	0	SUSSEX.			139 " Simeon Hayes			
1 " Francis J. Hartridge	10	10	0	DERBYSHIRE.			311 Bro. Lewis Lewis ...	43	1	0	139 " Horatio Marsden			
2 " John Batley ...	57	15	0	353 Bro. William Johnson ...	47	5	0	732 " V. P. Freeman ...	126	0	0	139 " R. Richardson		
3 " Jos. Barber Glenn ...	28	7	0	1085 " W. B. Hextall ...	55	19	6	732 " Samuel Solomon ...	126	0	0	139 " George Williams		
4 " W. T. Whitmore ...	10	10	0	1235 " William Boughen ...	60	18	0	732 " John M. Reed ...	10	10	0	139 " Joseph Binney		
5 " H. F. Pollock ...	66	3	0	1495 " Parker ...				732 " A. J. Hawkes ...	10	10	0	139 " Arthur Heron		
6 " H. H. Dobree ...	21	0	0	1688 " W. Cameron Moore	12	12	0	WARWICKSHIRE.			208 " James France			
7 " Arthur Hill ...	11	11	0	DEVON.			284 Bro. John Wm. Margetts	105	0	0	208 " George Newsome			
8 " E. Walter Rushworth	12	12	0	70 " Charles Godtschalk	210	0	0	597 " J. Boddington ...	15	15	0	258 " George Heaton		
9 " Edward Dalby Willey	52	10	0	303 " G. Wareing Ormerod	10	10	0	739 " G. Board ...	18	18	0	302 " Francis Holland		
10 " Rev. S. Maude ...	23	2	0	328 " David Watson ...	21	0	0	739 " A. W. Wilkinson ...	6	6	0	302 " William Watkins		
11 " Felix Curlier ...				DORSET.			739 " F. G. Swinden ...	6	6	0	408 " H. S. Holdsworth			
12 " E. E. Barratt-Kidder	73	10	0	137 " W. Douglas Dugdale	84	0	0	887 " Joseph Boston ...	42	0	0	904 " William Dickie		
14 " F. G. Hopkinson ...	45	13	6	1037 " R. N. Howard ...				WILTSHIRE.			910 " R. Fisher			
18 " Capt. Clifford Probyn	30	9	0	DURHAM.			Bro. William Nott ...	145	19	0	1001 " Max Blume	603		
19 " E. B. Grabham ...	105	16	0	111 Bro. R. Luck ...	50	0	0	1533 " Surgeon-General T. Ringer ...	15	15	0	1019 " John Wordsworth		
21 " Arthur Hill ...	34	13	0	704 " Chas. Sherrifff Lanc	236	15	0	WORCESTERSHIRE.			1019 " W. H. Gill			
22 " John Harper ...	32	11	0	ESSEX.			280 Bro. H. F. Dale ...	31	10	0	1019 " Captain John			
23 " E. C. Davies ...	24	3	0	276 Bro. James L. Brown ...	24	6	7	280 " William Barkley ...	11	11	0	1019 " Robert Holiday		
25 " Augustus Hen. Stead	30	9	0	433 " Richard D. Poppleton	21	0	0	564 " W. G. Turney ...	10	10	0	1019 " Richard Kingston		
26 " E. W. Milner ...				650 " Richard Clowes ...	74	11	0	529 " George Williamson ...	10	10	0	1221 " John H. Powley		
28 " C. Dew Miller ...				1000 " T. Firman Barrett ...	73	14	0	1874 " George Taylor ...	105	0	0	1301 " Alfred Stott		
29 " Von Dadelzen ...	49	7	0	1437 " A. J. Manning ...	49	17	6	NORTH WALES AND SALOP.			1301 " Henry S. Stott			
33 " Arthur G. Browning	36	4	0	St. George's Preceptory, K.T.			13	13	0	1301 " Richard Kershaw				
34 " J. H. Date ...	66	3	0	GLOUCESTERSHIRE.						1301 " Frederick Laxton				
55 " G. M. E. Snow ...	13	13	0	82 Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.	10	10	0	529 " Joseph Chadwick	10	10	0	1311 " Thomas Farrar		
58 " Wm. John Crump ...	110	5	0	S " Rev. T. Middlemore-Whithard ...	21	0	0	1462 " George Hasketh	1462			1462 " T. W. Embleton		
60 " Daniel Nichols ...	62	14	0	246 " W. R. Felton ...	21	0	0	1513 " W. J. Lorraine	1513			1513 " Ben Gaunt		
73 " Charles Rayden ...	69	16	6	493 " Samuel Moss ...	52	10	0	1513 " Joseph Crowther	1513					
91 " Thomas Lough ...	44	2	0	592 " Clement Tudway ...	100	16	0	FOREIGN STATIONS.			1341 Bro. John H. Windreur	31		
99 " W. W. Venn ...	52	10	0	839 " James Bruton ...	10	10	0	Prov. Grand Mark Lodge—Bro. A. M. Broadley	90	0	0			
142 " T. H. Lane ...				839 " Richard V. Smith ...	31	10	0	MARK DEGREE.			Bro. C. F. Matier ...	74		
157 " John Cox ...	31	10	0	900 " E. J. Gregory ...	10	10	0	That showed a total from London lodges of £5722 8s. od., and a total from the various provinces of £597 16s. id., giving a grand total of £11,693 14s. id.						
165 " Charles Belton ...	44	2	0	Chapter.			82 Comp. J. Brook-Smith ...	21	0	0	SIR WALTER BURRELL, who assumed the presidents chair upon the retirement of the Lord Mayor, proposed "The Health of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Members of Committees," in doing which he said that they were all aware that the management of a school containing over 200 boys involved all concerned in a great deal of work, and he was sure that they would agree with him that the gentlemen who were the subjects of this toast were well deserving of their thanks. He should not occupy their time by making a speech, but would couple with the toast the name of Bro. the Baron de Ferriers.			
171 " J. Clever ...	35	14	0	HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.						BARON DE FERRIERS in replying, said that they were all gratified at the progress the Institution was making. They all felt proud of being associated together in so good a work. He was also glad to find that the idea of coming down to Brighton had proved so successful.				
172 " John Watson ...	21	0	0	Lodge.	35 Bro. Asher Barfield ...	10	10	Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed "The Health of the Mayor of Brighton." Masons prided themselves that amongst their other qualifications they were good and constitutional citizens, therefore they were always proud and happy to meet under the local authority of the place in which they assembled. It had been the good fortune of the Institution for Boys for the last two years to meet in the good town of Brighton. Last year they were favoured with the company of the then Mayor of Brighton (Mr. David Smith), and they were on this occasion also favoured with the presence of the Mayor of Brighton who sat upon the speaker's left, and who was a good and enthusiastic Mason, whom they were proud to see there in his official capacity, clothed with his gorgeous chain of office. They felt grateful to him for throwing the ægis of his authority over their assembly. Col. Clerke added the hope that on a future occasion they might have the pleasure of his society again, and that they might have on that occasion also the patronage of the then Mayor of Brighton, and that he might be a Free and Accepted Mason. He concluded by asking those present to thank the Mayor of Brighton for his patronage, and to wish him a very prosperous municipal year of office.						
172 " John Watson ...	21	0	0	151 " Rev. E. W. Watts ...	15	4	6	The Mayor of Brighton said, in reply, that he was very glad to be able to express the pleasure which the Corporation of Brighton felt at the visit of last season being repeated; they had had their doubts last year whether it would be so. Being an old Mason he hoped they would continue to come to Brighton next year and as often as they thought proper.						
179 " J. G. Webb ...	37	16	0	723 " Henry Stone ...	68	5	0	Sir WALTER BURRELL brought the proceedings to a close with a toast to "The Health of the Ladies."						
181 " Alfred Layton ...	24	4	0	723 " Henry Hacker ...	68	5	0	The musical arrangements were under the superintendence of W. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Organist, who was assisted by Madame Mathilde Zimeri, Miss Marian McKenzie, Bro. Sidney Tower, and Bro. Egbert Roberts. The band of the Boys' School was also in attendance, and during the evening performed a selection of music, under Mr. W. Whare, the Bandmaster, as conductor.						
185 " T. W. C. Bush ...	75	12	0	804 " H. Martin Green ...	73	10	0	The whole of the proceedings passed off in the most satisfactory manner, and the London portion of the company returned to town by two special trains, which started from Brighton at 8.30.						
186 " Henry J. Johnson ...	79	10	6	1869 " Richard Loveland-Loveland ...	18	18	0	The favour worn on the occasion contained the City arms, surrounded with the name of the Institution and the City motto—"Domini Dirige Nos"—and suspended by a ribbon having the colours of the Lord Mayor's Arms. Bro. George Kenning was the manufacturer.						
188 " Israel Abrahams ...	15	15	0	HERTS.										
197 " Edward Burnell ...	23	2	0	5 Bro. George Lambert ...	52	10	0							
198 " Robert Rowell ...	31	10	0	493 " T. S. Carter ...	70	7	0							
211 " Usher Back ...	52	10	0	869 " A. C. Wylie ...	20	5	0							
256 " Rowland Hill Blades	25	14	6	1479 " Thomas Kent ...	23	10	6							
259 " John Scott ...	47	5	0	1757 " Rev. W. O. Thompson	17	17	0							
435 " W. H. Hooper ...	42	0	0	KENT.										
511 " Carter Millbourne ...	52	10	0	The Province ...	147	0	0							
715 " E. W. Richardson ...	21	0	0	1414 " F. B. Lambarde										
720 " Daniel Trusler ...	30	10	0	1096 " Rev. J. B. Harrison	64	0	0							
733 " William Hitchcock ...	68	5	0	1692 " John James Hamilton	37	16	0							
742 " Robert Roberts ...	50	0	0	LANCASHIRE (EAST DIV.).										
766 " Ebenezer Kidman ...	64	1	0	152 Bro. William Jaffery ...	10	10	0							
780 " Benjamin E. Blasby	86	0	0	221 " Thomas Glaister ...	73	10	0							
813 " L. C. Haslip ...	36	15	0	350 " George Galloway ...	21	0	0							
822 " John Andrew Wilson	48	6	0	407 " Walter Potts ...	15	15	0							
879 " William Topp ...	52	10	0	645 " Ed. Ponsonby Stubb	52	10	0							
901 " George A. Cundy ...	73	10	0	1009 " Frank Alex. Huet ...	10	10	0							
969 " C. W. Thompson ...	42	0	0	1161 " A. H. Jefferies ...	15	15	0							
1178 " Robert Callingham ...	55	0	0	1561 " Thomas Hargreaves	63	0	0							
1216 " George Waterall ...	24	3	0	Chapter.										
1259 " Edward Jex ...	105	0	0	317 Comp. William H. Nicholl	10	10	0							
1260 " Henry Evans ...	42	0	0	LANCASHIRE (WEST DIV.).										
1382 " J. Delves ...	98	3	6	220 Bro. Edgar Humphries ...	31	10	0							
1383 " K. R. Murchison ...	103	8	0	292 " Reginald Young ...	52	10	0							
1399 " James Salmon ...				730 " T. Forrester ...	10	10	0							
1471 " Daniel Pound Holness	112	7	0	897 " R. J. Brook ...	21	0	0							
1472 " Dr. William J. Vance	36	5	0	1013 " T. E. Tomlinson ...	40	0	0							
1507 " W. M. Siles ...	153	11	0	1213 " Harsell ...	31	10	0							
1537 " Arthur Garrard ...	64	1	0	1225 " James C. Hunter ...	31	10	0							
1538 " George Gregory ...	17	17	0	1384 " W. J. Thomson ...	10	10	0							
1589 " Frederick Farrington	15	15	0	1387 " Henry Marshall ...	26	5	0							
1608 " Frederick Brewer ...	142	16	0	1394 " William Whiteside ...	36	15	0							
1615 " Capt. H. S. Andrew ...	36	4	6	1473 " J. P. McArthur ...	38	18	0							
1627 " C. E. Soppett ...	36	4	6	1505 " Robert Foote ...	26	5	0							
1642 " Samuel Smout ...	261	9	0	1561 " " ...	10	10	0							
1657 " Alfred Brookman ...	115	10	0	LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.										
1704 " Thos. Wells Thorpe	56	14	0	779 Bro. W. W. Allen ...	89	5	0							
1706 " J. Joyce Murray ...	73	10	0	MIDDLESEX.										
1707 " E. M. Money ...	43	2	0	708 Bro. James Ingliss ...	21	0	0							
1708 " Henry Cooper ...	21	0	0	1512 " T. W. Ockenden ...	28	6	6							
1724 " T. Barrett-Leonard ...	42	0	0	1597 " Robert Langford Sindall ...	52	10	0							
1728 " T. W. C. Bush ...	291	7	0	1777 " Horace Brooks Marshall ...	157	10	0							
1743 " John L. Mather ...	58	16	0	1793 " C. L. Laurence ...										
1744 " James Willing, jun. ...	73	18	0	1579 " Henry Corben Weld										
1768 " T. W. Ockenden ...	25	14	6	Chapter.										
1772 " John Elliott ...				1237 Comp. J. Garrod ...	100	0	0							
1791 " John Williams ...	164	0	0	NORFOLK.										
1804 " Paul Balme ...	26	15	6	Lodge.	807 Bro. George Green ...	21	0	0						
1827 " Frank Green ...				1500 " C. W. Bacon ...	40	19	0							
1839 " Joseph W. Brooke ...	25	0	0	ONFORDSHIRE.										
1900 " G. P. Festa ...	177	13	11	340 Bro. Thomas Lucas ...	15	15	0							
1900 " W. H. Dean ...	5	5	0	357 " Rev. F. H. Penny ...	32	5	0							
1962 " Neville Green ...	130	12	6	478 " Captain S. Sandbach ...	15	3	6							
1963 " R. J. Vincent ...	25	4	0	1895 " G. E. Brakspeare ...	15	15	0							
1964 " Edgar Bowyer ...	95	0	0	SOMERSETSHIRE.										
St. George's Precept. K.T.	13	13	0	1199 Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards	118	13	0							
H. S. Goodall (Committee Dinner Club R.M.I.B.)	102	18	0	STAFFORDSHIRE.										
UNATTACHED.				726 Bro. John Storer ...	136	10	0							
Bro. Robert Berridge ...	85	11	0	526 " T. J. Barnett ...	68	5	0							
" Frederick Binckes ...	63	10	6	1792 " Edmund Piddock ...	143	6	6							
" William Bristow ...				SUFFOLK.										
" George Kenning ...	10	10	0	81 Bro. W. Page Phillips ...	110	0	0							
" John Henry Leggott ...	10	10	0											
" Rev. Richard Morris ...														

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ANNUAL FETE AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

On Tuesday last, the annual fete for the year 1882 was held at Wood Green, when the Festival Stewards, with their friends, visited the Institution to witness the distribution of prizes, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Chairman of the Anniversary Festival. Unfortunately, the public duties of the Lord Mayor, who had to attend in his official capacity a meeting in the City, prevented his lordship being present before half-past three o'clock, and in his absence the bulk of the prizes were distributed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, as his deputy.

The prize winners were as follows:

PRIZES GIVEN BY THE INSTITUTION.

R. Head took the first prize in the First Class for each subject embraced in that Class, viz., Scripture, Classics, Mathematics, French and German, and English (five prizes); A. R. Parker the second prize for Scripture, Classics, and Mathematics (three prizes); and S. Woodhouse the second prize for French and German and English (two prizes). The prize-takers in the Second Class were, Classics and French and German, R. Riley (two prizes); Mathematics, E. B. Tibbetts; and English, R. S. Chandler. In the Third Class—Latin, Mathematics, and English, G. Mey (three prizes); French and German, Brown. Fourth Class—Latin, A. Lewis; Mathematics and English, W. J. Saville (two prizes); French, H. R. Hounslow. Fifth Class—Latin and English, S. W. Richardson (two prizes); Latin, T. Howarth; French, Aspen and Gough; Mathematics, Thomas. Sixth Class—Johnson and Palmer. Seventh Class—Booth and Thompson.

The special prizes presented by the House Committee were awarded as follows:

Writing—First by A. R. Parker, second by H. P. Pulman. Dictation—First, E. G. Taylor; second, E. Hair. History—First, A. R. Parker; second, E. Taylor. Geography—First, A. R. Parker; second, H. R. Watkin. Mental Arithmetic—First, W. Meacock; second, R. Head. General Attention to Studies—First, R. Head; second, A. R. Parker. Efficiency as Monitor—First, H. P. Pulman; second, V. J. Lee. Proficiency in Drill—First, H. P. Pulman; second, V. J. Lee. The Band—First, H. R. Watkin; second, F. Smith. Monitors of Band—First, R. S. Chandler; second, G. C. Hamilton.

The prizes presented by private donors were awarded as follows:

By Bros. Capt. Wordsworth and Dr. Morris for Attention—Nicholls and Cooper; for Elocution—Keddell and Lee. By Bro. Edgar Bowyer for Book-keeping—A. R. Parker. By Bro. G. Festa for Shorthand—C. E. Stone. By Bro. Mauviett for Mathematics—R. Head. By Mr. Sylvester (Drawing Master)—Freehand, E. Hair; Model, H. Searle; Shading, J. Hutton; Architecture, H. P. Pulman; Painting, A. R. Parker; Pen and Ink Drawing, F. F. Godfrey.

The silver medal given by the Institution for good conduct was awarded to H. P. Pulman; the Canonbury gold medal to V. J. Lee; and the silver watch for General Good Conduct to A. R. Parker.

The sum of £23, being the interest of £525 founded by Bro. W. Winn, available for rewards to boys who have passed the Cambridge Local Examination, was this year apportioned among the following nineteen successful boys:

Seniors—Honours, Second Class—R. G. Head. Honours, Third Class—A. R. Parker.

Juniors—Honours, First Class—W. H. Date and E. S. Davenport. Honours, Second Class—T. Hall, R. W. Keddal, W. Meacock, S. G. Nash, and S. Woodhouse. Honours, Third Class—H. E. Clarke, E. Hair, H. Pulman, F. Smith, and E. G. W. Taylor.

Passed—G. R. Allison, E. A. Browning, W. P. Cooper, C. A. Dawson, H. Parker, J. E. Tanare, and H. R. Watkin.

The prizes, as already mentioned, were for the most part presented by Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, who had a kind word for each boy as he came up to the table, with an appropriate reference to each prize he bestowed, a rather difficult task when the prizes are so numerous.

The silver medal, the Canonbury gold medal, the silver watch and chain, and the prize money awarded to those who passed the Cambridge local examination, were distributed by the LORD MAYOR with words of sound advice to the recipients, sometimes coupled with humorous remarks bearing upon the parts they had taken in the theatrical performances, and upon the quaint stage costumes in which they appeared before him.

Bro. BINCKES, the Secretary of the Institution, explained to the President the nature and origin of the various prizes, and introduced the boys to the Lord Mayor.

The pieces selected for representation were very properly farces, the one entitled "B.B.," written by Messrs Williams and Burnand, and the other, the still better known farce of Mr. G. A. A'Beckett, entitled "The Man with the Carpet Bag," in both of which the performers acquitted themselves very creditably.

The choir also did considerable credit to their instructors by their performances, several part songs being sung in the intervals between the performances on the stage and the distribution of the different classes of prizes.

At the conclusion of the business,

The LORD MAYOR said he must apologise for not spending quite so much time at the Institution as he should have desired, but as the company were aware there were certain duties which he had to perform officially. It gave him great satisfaction to be present at a school gathering of this kind. Nothing could be of more importance to the country at large than that the youth of the country should be brought up in such a manner as would make them good and faithful citizens. Beneficent men and women have founded institutions for the benefit of the youth of this country, but he had never seen anything more complete, more perfect, more bold in its design, than that great establishment that he had had the great pleasure of visiting that day; it was a proof of what love and affection when brought to bear would effect in any benevolent institution. There was no more important charity than that those, who had lost their parents, or from various causes cannot have a good education provided for them by their natural protectors, should in this way be provided for by those who have been more fortunate in that respect. His lordship added, that until he saw the perfect arrangement of this Institution he could not understand why Freemasons took so deep an interest in the place. To the boys, he would say that they had the world before them; and as they sowed so they must reap. The boy was father to the man, and it was for them to take advantage of the opportunities offered them; if they disregarded them, it might affect the whole course of their lives. These views his lordship said, filled his mind when he was at school. He hoped the boys would feel in the same way and determine to succeed, and they might depend upon it that the world would value them at the worth of which they made themselves. He would add that they could not at a meeting of this kind do aught but honour the masters who had the management of such an establishment, and from what he had seen that day, and from what he had

been told by the Committee who aided in this undertaking, there was not only ability and learning, but there was a bond of sympathy between the masters and the boys, which made the boys feel that the master was not only their teacher but their friend. He (the Lord Mayor), would have been very pleased if he could have participated in all the pleasure that was connected with the prize giving; and if he could have dealt more at large with the great subject which had been committed to his hands, and also stayed to see the athletic sports, but he was bound to be present to entertain Her Majesty's Judges in the evening at the Mansion House, and he had therefore only to thank the audience for the great kindness and courtesy he had received at their hands and to hope that success would attend this undertaking, for sympathetic and generous friends to carry it on, not only with as great success as had attended it hitherto, but with even greater. Before sitting down he would add a word or two more to the boys. If successful, they must remember that it was not possible for us all to be successful, or all to have prizes. And to those who had been successful, he would say, do not let your success hinder your continued effort. He had quoted this before, but it was so apt that it would do no harm to mention it again. They might remember that Hannibal won a great battle, and after that sat down and wasted his time and opportunities, and so lost all the advantage he had previously gained. However much advantage therefore they might gain, they were not to think that that was enough for the remainder of their life. Those boys who had not been successful he would urge to endeavour at the earliest possible period to exert themselves so as to ensure their success for the future; the greatest of all elements of success in life was "Courage! courage! courage!" or, as the great Athenian orator said, "Action! action! action!" They should never let a stone be unturned—never let an opportunity pass; always seize every opportunity. They should be alive to every opportunity, and they would find that prizes would come to them when they least expected them. His lordship concluded by thanking the audience for their patience in waiting so long for his coming, and for having, now that he had arrived, been so patient while he had been speaking so long without so much interest as he would have liked to throw into his subject. (Applause.)

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, in the name of the House Committee, and in the name of all present, tendered their best thanks to his lordship for even the short time he had been able to be present. He hoped that they would enjoy more of his lordship's society on the day following. But for the pressure of his official engagements his lordship would have been with them earlier, and he asked those present to accord him their cordial thanks by hearty acclamation.

After a hearty round of applause for the Lord Mayor, the National Anthem was sung by the choir, and the company withdrew to the refreshment rooms, where a bountiful supply of substantial viands awaited them; and at a later period adjourned to the cricket-field, to witness the athletic sports, which included flat races, high jumping, long jumping, throwing the cricket ball, tug of war, and a sack race, all of which appeared to afford much amusement to the spectators, who were also entertained by the band which played at intervals in the centre of the racecourse. The usual volunteer fund was made up for apportioning prizes to the winners, to which fund the Lord Mayor before leaving made a liberal contribution.

Among those present were—

Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Bro. Raynham Stewart, Bro. Cubitt and Mrs. Culmer; Bro. Hogard; Bro. Matier and Mrs. and Miss Matier; Bro. Edgar Bowyer and Mrs. and Miss Bowyer; Bros. D. M. Dewar, Baxter, Goodall, Wadsworth, Wm. Stephens, S. Hayes, W. G. Roper, H. Marsden, Mrs. Ann Miss Platt, Bros. Barratt Kidder, J. Delper, C. H. Webb, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. and Miss Goodall, Bros. J. Moon, H. Smith, Stephen Hayworth, A. J. Manning, H. Spooner, J. H. Hawkins, R. J. Vincent, W. Strickland, R. Percy, E. H. Percy, A. R. Prosser, Geo. Penn, J. S. Rymer, E. Piddock, R. Roberts, F. G. A. How, T. W. C. Bush and Mrs. Bush; the Misses Binckes, J. Homeood, R. J. Voisey, A. B. Harding, Miss Kate Terry, Bros. J. B. Adams, D. Tinsler, J. B. Harrison, H. M. Adams, Geo. Green, R. P. Tate and Mrs. and Miss Tate, Bros. H. T. Cooper, John Clarke, G. H. Stephens and Miss Stephens, Bros. T. A. Tibbitts, H. Hollis, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

At a meeting of the General Committee, held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Colonel Creaton, the Grand Treasurer, there were present Bros. E. Letchworth, Frank Richardson, J. H. Matthews, H. A. Dubois, Joshua Nunn, Peter de Lande Long, Robert Grey, John A. Rucker, E. H. Finney, Edgar Bowyer, J. J. Caney, Arthur E. Gladwell, F. W. Ramsay, H. Phythian, James Terry, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of last General Committee of 25th May were read and verified. The minutes of the following meetings were read for information—House Committee of 25th May, Special General Court of 10th June, and House Committee of 22nd June.

It was reported that an assistant in the clothing department was required, and Louisa Broadbent, the next pupil, was appointed at a salary of £20 a year.

On the recommendation of Col. CREATON, Chairman and Treasurer, the sum of £1000 was ordered to be invested. Sixteen petitions were considered on behalf of candidates for election; fifteen were considered satisfactory, including one sent back for further information by the last General Committee, and the children's names were ordered to be added to the list of candidates.

It is proposed by Freemasons in Washington to found a Garfield Masonic Memorial Institute for the care of orphan children of Master Masons, and to request each member of the Fraternity in the United States to contribute one dollar thereto. The enterprise is approved and commended by Noble D. Larner, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, and Albert Pike, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

The Masonic Benevolent Association of Central Illinois has paid its 110th—113th benefits, \$10,839.24. One of these was paid from surplus fund. Its receipts to March 1st were \$330,813.57; benefits, \$254,229.48; expenses, \$63,094.36; membership fees returned, \$585.00; building and cash, \$12,904.73.

Clark Commandery, of Waterbury, Connecticut, named in honour of Sir David Clark, Past Grand Commander, recently "surprised" him with an album containing the photos of all the members, and he reciprocated by the presentation to its charity fund of \$1,000.00.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting and communication of Freemasons of this province was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Corn Exchange, Sleaford, on the invitation of Lodge St. Botolph, No. 588, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. William Henry Smith, Esq., of Elkington Hall, near Louth.

By the kindness of Bro. Ralph Kirbank, contractor for the new line of railway between Sleaford and Lincoln, a special train was placed at the disposal of the brethren, which enabled those from Lincoln, Louth, Gainsboro', and other places north of Sleaford to perform the journey with ease and comfort.

The brethren of St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 588, had taken great pains to give a grand reception to the various lodges in the province, the Corn Exchange (a noble building) being tastefully decorated with flags, banners, and various Masonic devices; and they must, one and all, have felt extremely gratified with the result, the gathering being half as large again as it was just ten years ago when last held in the town of Sleaford.

About 150 brethren signed the attendance sheets, every lodge except one, No. 1282, being represented.

Among others there were present: Bros Major Locock, 712, D.P.G.M.; A. Kirk, 422, P.G.S.W.; J. Fergusson, 838, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. R. U. Elliott, 422, P.G. Chap.; C. M. Nesbitt, 712, P.G. Treas.; H. Watson, 297, P.G. Reg.; F. D. Marsden, 712, P.G. Sec.; J. Woodward, 469, P.C.J.D.; W. H. Roberts, 792, P.G. D. of C.; G. H. Porter, 712, P.G.O.; J. Mawer, 712, P.G.D.; W. Hipkins, 588; C. H. Farmer, 422; J. Casterton, 1282; G. Honsam, 422; P.G. Stwds.; B. Box 422, P.G. Tyler. P.G. Wardens: Bros. G. H. Shipley, 297; W. Smart, 272; T. E. Jacobson, 588; J. Bellamy, 588; T. Slater, 838; R. J. Ward, 297; C. F. Bonner, 469; W. H. Sissons, 1447, P.G. Charity Steward; Past P.G. Chaplains: Bros. Rev. J. C. K. Saunders, 1286; Rev. W. Lynes, 588; Rev. G. W. Lowe, 272. Past P.G. Deacons: Bros. H. Shepherd, 838; J. Robinson, 469; W. Finlay, 1232. Past P.G.S. of Wks.: Bros. W. Watkins, 297; S. G. Gamble, 362; and C. A. Kirby, 712 and 838. Past P.G. Directors of Ceremonies: Bros. T. J. Tomlinson, 588; W. Poles, 272; and G. F. Barrell, 469. Past P.G. Orgs.: Bros. W. Mason, 297; and A. W. Lambert, 588. Past P.G. Pursts.: Bros. R. Thorp, 588; J. Laughton, 422. W.M.'s of lodges in the province: Bros. F. Thomas, 272; E. T. Wigelsworth, 362; C. F. Liversidge, 422; R. Cartwright, 426; A. Harrison, 469; G. Bellamy, 588; S. Cartwright, 712; J. Fergusson, 838; R. P. Mossop, 985; A. Bott, 1232; W. Mortimer, 1386; and S. Taylor, 1893.

There was also a large attendance of Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren, which would undoubtedly have been much larger had it not been for the fact of Sleaford being situated at the extreme south-west corner of the province, and the large lodge at Brigg being unrepresented, owing to Thursday being their market day.

The brethren being ranged under their respective banners, shortly after twelve o'clock the R.W.P.G.M. claimed admittance, with his officers, and was duly received, enthroned, and saluted, and proceeded to open Prov. Grand Lodge in due form.

The roll call of the lodges showed 170 brethren, several of whom were, however, members of more than one lodge. The roll of P.G. Officers showed six absentees, four of whom had sent an apology.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the following brethren: Bros. W. H. Radley, 838, P.G. Charity Sec.; F. Higgins, 1600, P.G.S.D.; P. P. Dickenson, P.G.S. of W.; W. Rainforth, 1386, P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Henson, 1286, P.G.S.B.; H. Sharp, 1304, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. D. Ace, 1232, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. A. L. Cloquet, 1294; W. E. Howlett, 422, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; G. Ford, 1286, P.P.G.S.D.; T. C. Johnson, 1600, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Hesseltime, W.M. 1447; Thos. Harrison, 712 and 1802 (who sent a contribution to be devoted to some charitable object); W. Nott, P.P.G.W. and P.G. Charity Sec. Wilts; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and F. Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Gainsboro', 25th June, 1881, having been read and confirmed, they were carried unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. C. M. NESBIT, 712, presented his finance account for the past year, showing a balance in hand of £12 10s. 6d.

Bro. W. SMART, 272, P.P.G.J.W., enquired how it was that a suit of P.G. Steward's clothing had been purchased so recently as to appear in the last year's accounts?

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY informed Bro. Smart that the suit in question had been ordered at the last P.G. Lodge in order to complete the set.

The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. H. WATSON, 297, presented the returns from the several lodges up to December 31st, 1881, showing that there are now twenty-one lodges in the province, with a total of 958 members, being 250 P.M.'s, and 708 M.M.'s and F.C.'s; but deducting seventy-three as subscribers to more than one lodge, leaving the actual number of subscribing brethren as 885, the increase during the year having been fifty-two initiations and twenty-nine joining members.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. F. D. MARSDEN, 712, read the report of the Committee of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, from which it appeared that two meetings had been held since last Prov. Grand Lodge, viz: First a meeting at Louth, September 29th, 1881, at which seventeen members were present, and the following grants made:—

1. To the widow of a brother of the Franklin Lodge, 838, £10.
2. To the guardians of a daughter of a brother of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, 792, for the purposes of education until September 1882, £10.

At this meeting a Sub-Committee was appointed to draw up certain rules respecting educational grants; and it was also resolved to hold the half-yearly meetings on the last Thursday in March and September of each year, at Lincoln and at Louth respectively.

Secondly: a meeting at Lincoln, March 30th, 1882, at which there were twenty-two members present, and the following grants made. 1. To the widow of a brother of the Harmony Lodge, 272, £10. 2. To a brother of the Shakespeare Lodge, 426, £10. 3. To the widow of a brother of the Witham Lodge, 297, £10. 4. To the daughter of a brother of the Shakespeare Lodge, 426, for the pur-

poses of education, £7 7s. At this meeting the draft by-laws respecting educational grants were considered and adopted, subject to confirmation at Prov. Grand Lodge. The Committee also recommended that £25 be given to the "Smyth Scholarship Fund for Girls."

The accounts submitted by the P.G. Treasurer showed that during the year 1881 a sum of £135 had been devoted from this fund to local relief, exclusive of the annual subscriptions to the three central Masonic Charities, leaving a balance in hand of £117 3s. 11d.

The accounts of the "Oliver Memorial Fund" showed that, with the assistance of a grant of £80 made by the Franklin Lodge, 838, the Committee were enabled to purchase the admission of Charles Ernest Jackson (son of a brother of the Franklin Lodge) into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, in January last. This, with insurance premiums paid, leaves a balance due to the Prov. Grand Treasurer of £2 2s. 10d.

This report was confirmed, with the additional grant of £25 to the "Smyth Scholarship Fund," making a total of £50.

In the absence of Bro. W. H. Radley, P.G. Charity Sec., the report of the P.G. Charity Committee was read by Bro. W. H. SISSONS, P.G. Charity Steward "Smyth Scholarship Fund," showing that the province had now six boys in the school at Wood Green—Black, Cole, Marshall, Rossiter, Truman, and Jackson—three of these being "Oliver Memorial" boys, namely, Cole, Marshall, and Jackson. In the Girls' School the province has seven representatives, viz., Ashton, Bellamy, Crow, Hildred, Johnson, Parker, and Spurn, besides two girls receiving education at private schools. In the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Secretary has to report that, mainly through the courtesy and assistance of Bro. Geo. Taylor, Secretary of the Worcester Charity Organisation, the province was enabled last May to secure the election of Bro. Jno. Johnson, for many years Tyler of the Franklin Lodge, 838, who is now totally blind. In this Institution the province has now five aged Masons and three widows in receipt of annuities amounting to £296 per annum. The Secretary reported that during the thirteen years ending October, 1882, in which he had been in office, he has received £110; his expenses attendant on conducting the elections have been £73 1s. 5d.; and a sum of £31 10s. has been handed over to the "Smyth Scholarship Fund," leaving a balance in hand of £5 8s. 7d.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that it was with extreme regret that he had received the resignation of Bro. Radley, as P.G. Charity Sec. He was, however, pleased to inform the brethren that Bro. Radley would continue to collect and manage the voting papers, and hoped he might be able to find some one to relieve him of the labour of attending the Committees.

It was proposed that the P.G. Secretary should write to Bro. Radley, asking him to nominate two assistants—one in the north and the other in the south of the province.

Bro. W. H. SISSONS 1447, P.P.G.S.W., and P.G.C.S., announced that his list for the Smyth Scholarship Fund for Girls now amounted to £623 17s., and he trusted on the arrival of the next P.G. Lodge to be relieved from his Stewardship. Several lodges had contributed liberally, but others had not responded to his appeal.

It was proposed, that in order to prevent imposition and to ensure substantial relief to the really deserving and necessitous travelling brethren, it is desirable to adopt a uniform system of communication, to be used by the Almoners of the respective lodges in this province. After some discussion it was agreed that the Committee of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence should be requested to consider the best means for giving effect to the proposition at their next meeting.

The R.W.P.G.M. announced that he had received a communication from Grand Secretary, requesting the opinion of Provincial Grand Lodge, on the motion of Bro. John M. Clabon, at Grand Lodge, June 7th, 1882, respecting the increase of Grand Lodge dues. After some discussion it was proposed and seconded that this Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire is unanimously of opinion that the suggested increase in the fees of Grand Lodge from members of lodges out of the London district is inadvisable, and would act detrimentally to the lodges of this province. Carried unanimously.

Bro. RICHARD HALL moved, "That this Provincial Grand Lodge heartily congratulates the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master upon being appointed by Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of our Order, as High Sheriff of the county, and sincerely wishes him to carry on the duties of that ancient and honourable office."

The motion was carried with acclamation. Bro. Charles Michell Nesbitt was, for the seventeenth year, re-elected Treasurer.

Bros. J. Fowler and W. Griffin were re-elected Auditors of the Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

Bro. R. Thorp, P.M. 588	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. J. H. Wood, P.M. 838	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. Elsmere, Chap. 362	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. M. Nesbitt, P.M. 712 *	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Bro. H. Watson, P.M. 297 *	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. D. Marsden, P.M. 712 *	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. M. Read, P.M. 1386	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. Goodman, P.M. 422	...	Prov. G.I.D.
" A. Harrison, W.M. 469	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. H. Roberts, P.M. 792 *	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. C. Lazenby, P.M. 279	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. Waddingham, P.M. 1447	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. W. Lambert, P.M. 588	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Thomas, W.M. 272	...	Prov. G.P.
" J. Chambers, P.M. 362; S. Cartwright, W.M. 838; J. Fergusson, W.M. 712; R. P. Mossop, W.M. 985; H. C. Chambers, P.M. 1286; S. Taylor, W.M. 1893	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" B. Box, Tyler 422 *	...	Prov. G. Tyler

Those marked * are re-appointed or re-elected. Bro. A. L. Peacock, P.M. 1386, was also appointed Prov. G. Std. Br.

The R.W.P.G.M. announced that he had received an invitation from the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, and that it was his intention to hold the next annual Prov. Grand Lodge at Louth. He then begged to thank the brethren for their congratulatory address, and for their attendance generally, particularly the brethren of the St. Botolph's Lodge, for

the hearty reception they had accorded the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Exchange Hall to a banquet, provided by Bro. Sharpe, of the Bristol Arms Hotel, presided over by the R.W.P.G.M., supported by Bros. Major Locock, Rev. W. Lynes, W. H. Sissons, Rev. C. Elsmere, G. Bellamy, and others, Bro. Robt. Thorpe, the newly-appointed P.G.S.W. occupying the vice-chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Thursday, 15th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle. There was a large and influential assemblage of officers, principals and others. The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by M.E. Comp. Lieutenant-Colonel Addison Potter, C.B., Grand Supt. as Z., the other Principals and officers being E. Comps. H. Hotham, Prov. G.H.; John Spearman, Prov. G.J.; E. D. Davis, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. M. Bell, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; J. H. Bentham, Prov. G.S.E.; John Wood, Prov. G.S.N.; Dr. L. Armstrong, Prov. G.P.S.; R. L. Armstrong, Prov. G. Treas.; T. Robson, and J. Montgomery, Prov. A.G.S. The Grand Superintendent was supported by E. Comps. Dean, Smith, Richardson, Ward, Tullock, W. A. Malcolm, and others.

The general business of the province was first transacted. New bye-laws for the province were received and adopted on the motion of E. Comp. R. L. Armstrong. The ceremony of consecration of the Gosforth Chapter, No. 1661, to be attached to the Gosforth Lodge, was then proceeded with, the consecration ceremony being performed by the following officers:—E. Comps. Lieut.-Colonel A. Potter, C.B., Z.; N. Mein, Prov. G.H.; the Rev. Thomas B. Nichols, M.A., Prov. G.J.; E. D. Davis, Prov. G.D.C.; W. M. Bell, Prov. G.A.D.C. The musical portion of the ceremony was efficiently rendered by Comps. Whitehead, Walker (Durham Cathedral), and D. Sinclair; John Nicholson being musical director and organist. The Director of Ceremonies having proclaimed the Gosforth Chapter duly consecrated, the Grand Superintendent installed the principals of the new Chapter, E. Comp. J. S. Wilson being Z.; E. Comp. R. Eynon, H.; E. Comp. J. Kraithwaite, J. The other officers were afterwards invested, after which the Provincial Grand Chapter was resumed. The Grand Superintendent announced that the meeting for 1883 would be held at North Shields. The chapter was then duly closed. The annual festival was afterwards held at the Turk's Head Hotel, Grey Street.

ROYAL VISIT TO BRADFORD.

Bradford on Friday, the 23rd ult., enjoyed for the first time in its history, a Royal visit, the occasion being the opening of the New Technical School by the Prince and Princess of Wales. Their Royal Highnesses arrived on Thursday evening, and were the guests of Mr. Titus Salt, at Milnerfield, Bingley.

The Royal party reached the town about one p.m., attended by Lieutenant-General Probyn, Colonel Clarke, and Lady Sulfield, and accompanied by the High Sheriff of Yorkshire and a large party.

At the Town Hall a halt was made and two addresses presented, one from the Corporation and the other from the Freemasons of the borough. The Masonic address was presented by Sir H. EDWARDS, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS replied in the following terms: Brethren—I have received, with feelings of the deepest satisfaction your loyal and fraternal address, and I can assure you that I am much gratified by the welcome which has been accorded to the Princess of Wales and myself to-day by all classes of the inhabitants at Bradford. I sincerely appreciate the compliment which you are good enough to pay me as Grand Master of the Freemasons in England, by your reference to the satisfactory condition of the Craft, and to the flourishing state of the charitable and educational institutions in connection with the large body of which I am proud to be the head. I need hardly assure you that the interest which I take in Freemasonry continues unabated, and I shall ever do my best to extend the principles on which it is founded to the utmost of my power. The Princess and I are much touched by the kind words in which you have mentioned us, and I cannot lose this opportunity of stating that it affords us both sincere pride and gratification to experience so cordial a reception as that with which we have met with to-day from our fellow-countrymen.

The procession then moved on to the Technical School, the door of which was formally unlocked by the Prince of Wales with a gold key.

His Royal Highness afterwards received an address from the council of the school; and the proceedings closed with a luncheon.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

OGLE.—On the 23rd ult., at Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth, the wife of Major Ogle, Royal Marine Artillery, of a daughter.

WILSON.—On the 25th ult., at Foston Hall, York, the wife of Mr. Matthew Amcotts Wilson, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

PURSELL—DRAKE.—On the 22nd ult., at the parish church, Mitcham, by the Rev. Daniel Wilson, William Young Purcell, of Weston-Turville, Bucks, to Elizabeth (Bessie), daughter of Mr. George Drake, Mitcham-common, Surrey.

DEATH.

SOULLIER.—On the 23rd ult., suddenly, at Tunis, Professor Stephen Soullier, Officier d'Académie, Founder and P.M. of the Lodge of Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, P.D.G. Supt. of Works, Malta, S.G.W. of the P.G. Mark Lodge of North Africa, and a member of the Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter at Malta, aged 50.

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&c., M.W.G.M.PATRONESS:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY 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, 8th day of July, 1882, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in October next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected; also to consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL.—

To amend Rule 56 as follows:—

"No girl shall be eligible for election, or for admission by purchase or otherwise who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates."

To insert in Rule 37 after the word "Trustee."

"That three Members shall retire annually and shall not be eligible for re-election until after an interval of twelve months."

also

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice Patron.—

"That a further gratuity of £25 in addition to the £25 voted at the Special Court held on the 10th June, 1882 (making altogether a sum of £50) be awarded to Bro. W. G. Weber, the Senior Clerk in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on his retirement in consequence of ill health, and to assist in defraying the expenses of the journey of himself and family to Australia."

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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Great Queen-street, W.C., July 1st, 1882.**SURREY.—PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.**The R.W. Bro. GEN. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG,
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On Friday, the 14th day of July, 1882,

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N.B.—Morning dress

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M.,
P.G.S.B., Prov. Grand Sec.61, Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E.,
June 21st, 1882.

A dinner will take place at the Goldwork Hall, at 5.30 o'clock. For tickets apply to Bro. C. J. Tyler, Send Lodge, Woking Station, Surrey, enclosing 6s. 6d. (which will not include dinner).

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no tickets will be issued after July 7th.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service at Christchurch, Woking Station, at 4.45 p.m. A sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Prov. Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1882.TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL
FOR INCURABLES.Your Vote and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of
RHODA WHITE,

Aged 39, a Candidate for the Pension,

Who was a Dressmaker; but, in consequence of acute rheumatism and brittleness of the bones, was obliged to relinquish her trade and depend upon charity. About three years ago, when in bed, she was seized with violent spasms; it was discovered that the bone of the left thigh was broken. Efforts were made to bring about a re-union of the bone, but without success. Shortly after the bone of the right arm broke—then that of the left. She has not been able to move for nearly three years, hence requires constant help and attention. Her relatives cannot assist her; she, therefore, entirely depends upon charity.

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Proxies will be gratefully received by those against whose names there is an asterisk (*).
And by RHODA WHITE, Bridgetown, Totnes.

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SATURDAY, JULY 1 1882.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Tattershall who, I believe, is one of the oldest members of the House Committee, has given notice of a motion for the next Quarterly Court, the object of which is to render ineligible for re-election one-third of the House Committee, all of whom, under the existing rules, retire annually, but are eligible for re-election.

Whether the governing body of the Institution will see fit to deprive themselves of the right to elect those whom they may deem best fitted to undertake the management of the School, I will not venture to discuss. My object rather has reference to the reasons assigned by Bro. Tattershall for the step he has seen fit to take.

His justification is "that it has been remarked to him that the House Committee is a close borough." What he understands by such an expression he will have an opportunity to explain when his motion is discussed.

I fully concur in the opinions I have not unfrequently heard expressed, as to the desirableness of introducing new blood from time to time into the managing body of every institution; and if, under the existing rules of the Girls' School such infusion of new blood had been excluded, I should feel disposed to support some good proposal as that embodied in Bro. Tattershall's motion.

But so far from such being the case, Bro. Tattershall must be perfectly well aware that during the past four years no less than eight new members have been elected on the Committee—

1878 { Bro. Mather, Vice-President.

Bro. Letchworth, Vice-Patron.

1879 { Bro. E. Cox, Vice-Patron.

Bro. F. Richardson, Vice-Patron.

Bro. Dr. Hope, Honorary Physician.

1880—Bro. Hamerton, Vice-Patron.

1882 { Bro. R. Grey, Vice-Patron.

Bro. J. H. Matthews, Vice-President.

And Bro. Tattershall cannot be ignorant of the fact that since the years 1873-74 the governing body of the School have been called upon to fill up no less than fifteen vacancies on the House Committee, caused by the deaths or retirement of the following brethren: Bros. Browse, G. Cox, Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Benjamin Head, W. Paas, D. Rolls, R. W. Stewart, White, W. Ramsey, Sir F. Burdett, E. Cox, Rev. M. Vaughan, J. Boyd, Griffiths, Smith, and W. Hope.

In view of these facts, of which many of your readers may not be aware, I am curious to learn what are really the grounds on which Bro. Tattershall asks the Governors to alter rules under which the management of the School has hitherto worked so well.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE PATRON.

THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. Nunn's note I did not say the actual sum voted was £400, but it was near enough for my purpose; nor did I assert that "the money was voted on the understanding that it should be repaid;" but it was a reason given at the time why so large a sum should be voted to the brother.

The admissions made by Bro. Nunn, and his advocacy of the practice, prove the correctness of my note, so that your "quite certain," and your "mistake" are quite out of place in the face of a fact.

I am, Sir and Brother,

23 L.

[We do not agree with our correspondent, and venture to think him altogether out in his statement. Brethren should really be particular when they send what they term "facts." Bro. Nunn's correction was most reasonable.—Ed. F.M.]

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to a question put to you by Bro. W. F. Lamony, in your issue of the 24th ult., I have to state that no such body as a "Supreme Council for the Valley of New Zealand" was ever recognised by the Supreme Council, 33° for England.

It is true that there was a body in New Zealand claiming the above title, but the Supreme Council for England would not recognise it, as it was held to be illegally formed; and, as two out of its four chapters, together with its leading brethren, have lately placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, it is probably no longer in existence.

The Rose Croix Chapters in New Zealand under the Supreme Council are :

- No. 65, Star of the South, at Greymouth.
- „ 78, Excelsior, at Canterbury.
- „ 88, Southern Cross, at Auckland.
- „ 91, Wellington, at Wellington.

A complete list of Chapters under this Supreme Council, as well as a list of foreign Supreme Councils with which it is in amity, is given in every edition of the Rules and Regulations of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, which will be republished, with these lists brought up to date, in the course of next month.

Yours fraternally, HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°.
33, Golden-square, W., G. Sec. Gen.
26th June, 1882.

[Our correspondent, Bro. Lamony, will note the authoritative and decisive reply to his query.—ED. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With reference to the enquiry of your correspondent, Bro. Lamony, in your last number, I beg to mention that the Supreme Court of New Zealand, being a comparatively new body, has not yet been recognised by the Supreme Councils of England, Scotland, Ireland, and the United States; but it is a regularly constituted Supreme Council, deriving its charter of constitution from the Supreme Council of Egypt, which is a council recognised by the Councils of Scotland and the United States, if not of England.

Your correspondent, if he will turn up his file of the *Freemason*, under date 4th May, 1878, will find a full statement of the constitution of the Supreme Council of New Zealand, of the genuineness of which there cannot be a question.

Yours fraternally, JOHN T. LOTH, 33°,
Of the Grand Orient of France.
Author of "The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite," illustrated.
[See our note to letter above.—ED. F.M.]

ARCH NAMES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have noticed for some time past that in nearly every instance when you report chapter meetings, after the name of the First Principal you put the letters M.E.Z. Why is this? Is it owing to the Masonic ignorance of your reporters, or to a culpable laxity of the editor, based considerably on mistaken courtesy?

Titles and dignities in anything are only valuable in proportion to the respect they are able to command. There is only one M.E.Z. in English Chapter Masonry, the same as there is but one M.W.G.M. in Craft.

How would it sound to you to hear the W.M. of your Craft Lodge addressed as M.W.G.M.? If this cannot be so, why should the First Principal of a private chapter be styled M.E.Z., especially when his provincial superior is only entitled to be styled E.P.G. Superintendent?—not even M.F., nor not even Z.

I take the liberty of addressing you on this matter, as I understand that one of the duties of a proprietor of a paper, such as yours, is to correct errors, and reform abuses in minor Masonic technicalities, such as the one to which I allude; and personally I will feel glad if you can see your way to draw attention to the matter, and perhaps at some time you might hint there is such a work as the "Book of Regulations," in which such matters are treated of, but which, I fear, is an unknown work even to some Past Principals.

I remain, very fraternally,
ONE OF THE Z.'s.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although your leader seems to imply the contrary, I cannot think you will refuse me the opportunity of stating, in reply to Bro. Edmonston's letter, that I, by no means, wished to expound the law relating to "visitors" on my own authority. I am fortified by the written opinion of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Hervey. That authority, in my judgment, requires no argument to support it. I must decline to discuss further a matter from which it seems impossible to exclude personalities, but I invite Bro. Edmonston to obtain from the Grand Secretary his opinion on the point.

Yours fraternally, J. E. LE FEUVRE,
S.G.W. Hampshire and Isle of Wight.
June 20th, 1882.

[We comply with the request of our correspondent.—ED. F.M.]

PURE WATER IN HOTELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the travelling season has commenced, permit a word of caution from an old traveller. Every year has its records of valuable lives lost by the contraction of disease while journeying in pursuit of health, and in nearly every case the cause has been clearly traceable to the impurity of water used for drinking and ablution. Wells are not the only contaminated sources of supply.

The house cistern is often as dangerous as a foul well, and the remedy is common to both. That remedy is a

filter, but with a difference of application. Well-water should be passed through a filter, but the cistern should contain a filter placed inside it, and cleansed every one or two years at the outside.

It may not be possible to compel attention to such matters in Continental hotels, but in the London and English provincial hotels there is no reason why mine host should not be as proud of the excellence and purity of the water as he professes to be of the wines and accommodation which distinguishes his establishment.

Unfortunately the supineness and indifference of the travelling public unintentionally foster the cupidity of the host. The fear of bad water leads to the demand for so-called aerated drinks, as enormously profitable to the vendor as they are unsatisfactory to the public.

The universal habit of water-drinking will, it is to be hoped, increase attention to the purity of the supply, and so remove one of the secret hidden dangers peculiar to summer pleasures.

If every traveller were to ask if the accommodation of the hotel comprised a filtered cistern, and that the cistern was regularly cleaned out, every such inquiry would increase the attention of landlords to a neglected matter, and perhaps save some valuable life this season from being unnecessarily sacrificed.

As you, Mr. Editor, through your widely read journal are the friend of travellers and mine host alike, I trust your permission of a necessary caution. I may add that the London and General Water Purifying Company, of 157, Strand, have supplied our Masonic Institutions with filters for the cisterns, and I, when pedestrianizing, feel perfectly safe when I have one of the pocket filters in my portmanteau.

I am Sir, yours truly, A. TRAVELLER.



DAS BUCH DER MYSTERIEN. By OTTO HANN AN RHYN. St. Gallen Atwegggz. Weber, 1869. CHARACTERISTIK DER ATTERA MYSTERIEN. Francfort, 1789.

The real secret of the mysteries of old still remains undiscovered, and the utmost that can be said of them is simple conjecture for the most part. Clement of Alexandria, who wrote much about them, from a Christian point of view, and at a time when they had reached, no doubt, more or less universally a dreadful standard of degradation and disgrace, of vileness and profanity, after all only seems to touch the fringe of the question, and in all probability only actually represents in part the development and outcome of the lesser mysteries. Bro. Warburton, in our own country, Gally Knight, Captain Christie, Ouaroff the Russian, and many more have given us so-called explanations of certain portions, but incompleteness marks all their theories, and unreliability may be predicated safely of the greater part of their lucubrations. The story of "Sethos," written by a Fench abbé, which is more or less the basis of all modern explanations, as of Moore's "Epicurean," is utterly unreliable, though to this hour we often see it gravely quoted as a safe authority, especially for the Egyptian mysteries. Bro. W. H. Rylands, a much surer guide, would tell us emphatically that the whole subject is yet wrapt in mystery; that the Egyptian Book of the Dead, and other Hierurgic and Liturgic and Theurgic books are so far only in part understood, and that much remains to be mastered before we can safely pronounce or dogmatically decide, if ever, what the Egyptian mysteries really proclaimed. Much that Egyptologists themselves have written about them is pure moonshine and nonsense; the creation of a vivid, imaginative, and credulous mind, and can in no way be relied upon. It is, perhaps, the best and safest course at present to limit ourselves to some certain primary assertions like those which follow, and which have been gathered from apparent tenets and special passages from ancient and classical writers. The early "mysteries" were probably nothing more than the Noachic religious teaching, which was said to be inscribed, as our old Masonic legends, on two great mystic pillars. The Mysteries appear undoubtedly early in the settlements and migrations of tribes and nations. If we may credit some writers, the Egyptian mysteries are the earliest, and they are said to come from India, which, we think, a dubious fact, while others contend for the superior antiquity of the Samothracian mysteries, and the dread names and rites of the Cabiri, if they be not one and the same. Certain it is, that at a very early period of the world's history these mysteries, as we said before, seem to have overspread the whole ancient world, and whether Indian, Egyptian, Samothracian, Tyrian, Greek, Roman, Mithraic, or Druidic, appear for many centuries to have dominated men and nations. Some have thought and argued that the Oracles were in some way connected with the mysteries, but this is a very moot point indeed; but we think that it may be accepted as a fact that whatever these mysteries really taught or proved, they did cover, so to say, the state and personal religion of many nations, and seem to have come from the east to go to the west. But when we come to try and ascertain what they really did proclaim, our real difficulty begins. Lobeck declares they taught nothing, except some merely illusory shows and festivals. Others hold that they preserved the landmarks of primeval truth, however partially or imperfectly, and declared the truths of a new birth, a death and a resurrection, the unity in Trinity of the Deity, the universal resurrection and a general judgment. They are also assumed to have enlightened the "Mustai," as to the absurdity and profanity of the popular religion, and if under childish figures and mistaken rites to have sought to unfold the eternal reality of the creation, and preservation, and government of the world by the Great Creator, Artificer Preserver, Ruler, Judge of all. It has been assumed that at the greater mysteries especially, scenic illusions and legerdemain apparatus played a great part, and if we understand Apuleius and others aright, undoubtedly a probationary experience and trial formed part of the ceremony of

initiation. When Christianity came in the mysteries seemed to have fallen into hopeless and profane abuse; many were used for the purposes of licentiousness and immorality. They gradually disappeared, and though Julian the Apostate tried to revive them, it was only for a little space, and then they appear to have vanished away for ever. What the connexion, if any, of Freemasonry with them, has always been a subject of doubt and dispute. In the *Anthologia Hibernica* Mr. Clinch attempted to draw a parallel between the Eleusinian Mysteries and Freemasonry. But after all, the likeness is more apparent than real, and we do not think that any can push the argument further to-day, so that the actual result is "not proven." That the early sodalities may have had traces of Hermetic symbolism and secrecy is more than probable; but, then, the Roman Gilds, after the fall of Rome, became universally Christian, and if anything remains for us now, it is to regard the Operative Gilds as preserving in an adapted and religionised form some of the secret usages of the Mysteries, in respect to initiation, (muesis), probation, recognition, &c. Beyond this we cannot go. Still the subject has its interest for the Masonic student to-day, and though we cannot reach to the length of some French and German writers, in regarding Freemasonry as a development of the Mysteries, we are not disposed to deny that in its secrecy, its Hermeticism, its symbolism, its probationary trials and initiatory ceremonies, it may not hand down some of the machinery of the Mysteries in their better state and happier use. Oliver divides the mysteries into the pure and the impure, the true and the false, the corrupted and the uncorrupted; but that has always seemed to us a dangerous argument, as it has a twofold application, and we prefer the other theory, that the Mysteries, originally good-meaning and intelligible, became eventually, through human corruption, bad, senseless, and unintelligible, rendering their universal cessation only the question of a matter of time, as essential to the morality, and welfare, and religion of humanity itself.

SCHRIFTEN UBER FREIMAUEREREI. By J. G. FINDEL. Leipsic: J. G. Findel.

This is an edition of the well-known Bro. Findel's works, published in parts. It is to contain all his writings, and is to make up five volumes, composed of fourteen parts. Each part, which consists of ninety-six pages, admirably printed, is to be had for one mark, or one shilling English. To those of our readers who understand German this new edition will be acceptable, as it will enable them to obtain all that Bro. Findel has written on the subject of Freemasonry, and though, as faithful Masons and honest critics, as is well known to many of our readers, we have not professed, nor profess now to agree with all his arguments, yet we have never shut our eyes to the great, the invaluable service he has rendered to contemporary Masonic criticism, and the important aid he has afforded to all students of the archaeology and history of Freemasonry. Indeed, his history of Freemasonry is the most complete history of Craft Masonry we possess, and though subsequent researches may tend to modify some of his conclusions, and later writers may invalidate some of his positions, the "Geschichte der Freimaurerei" will remain a monument of honest research, competent criticism, and faithful annalism, and will continue to commend itself to the judgment of the expert and the perusal of the t inking among our great Brotherhood.

CATALOGUES.

A CATALOGUE OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN PORTRAITS. Frederick Muller and Co., 10, Doelen Straat, Amsterdam.

This list of 1053 portraits and prints deserves to be studied by all print collectors. Mr. E. W. Stibbs, 32, Museum-street, Bloomsbury, W.C., will be happy to obtain and send catalogues to amateurs and collectors.

ELLIS AND WHITE.

Messrs. Ellis and White, 29, New Bond-street, have put out as their forty-ninth catalogue, what they truly if modestly term a "valuable collection of rare books, together with some illuminated MSS." We can only commend it to the attentive perusal of all "bibliomaniacs," like ourselves, amongst us. The books and MSS. are properly styled valuable and rare.

E. W. STIBBS.

Mr. Stibbs, well known to book buyers at home and abroad, 32, Museum-street, has sent us his thirty-second catalogue, which contains some most curious and rare works at very moderate prices. We recommend our readers to send for a catalogue. Mr. Stibbs has some curious alchemical works "inter alia" in his catalogue.

ROBSON AND KERSLAKE.

Robson and Kerslake, of 43, Cranbourn-street, Leicester-square, have forwarded to us their fourteenth or clearance catalogue of scarce works, which deserve attention. Among them are "Sufferings of John Cautos," bound up with some other tracts, and the de Gabalis, a Rosicrucian work.



ANTIQUARIAN NOTES.

14] "G. C." kindly sends us a long extract from Northouck's Constitutions, but we cannot afford space for it, as what is wanted are corroborative evidences of our Masonic Historians, not reiterated assertions or deliberate sheep-walking. Unfortunately too many of our historians have accepted references without verification, and averments without criticism; the consequence is, incalculable trouble and difficulty for Masonic students to-day. "Antiquarius," we know, would gladly welcome any independent illustrations or facts in support of currently received traditions and declarations, but Northouck took from Entick, Entick from Anderson, and Anderson from Gild legends, or inaccessible MSS., so that that the Masonic student of to-day is often at his wits' end when he seeks to authenticate the dissertations and dogmata of various confident writers. ED. F.M.

OLD MINUTE BOOKS.

15] Can any brother help me to an old minute book, in the first three decades of the eighteenth century, say 1730. MASONIC STUDENT.

161 NATHAN DRAKE, M.D.
Is Nathan Drake, M.D., of whom there is a fine print, any relation of Francis Drake of York.
PRINT COLLECTOR.

17 THE GILD LEGENDS.
I am often puzzled by the Gild Legends in their uniformity and identity, their unity of purpose and purview. Can any one throw light upon their origin or date?
UNIVERSITY.

[It is difficult to affix a date, the oldest, so far, is about 1560, but whence the transcriber drew his data from is, so far, the "unknown quantity."—ED. F.M.]

18] ARMS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.
Bro. Hughan in his letter (10th June) states that the "beavers were the supporters of the arms of the Operative Masons." Is there any authority for this beyond the frontispiece of Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon," 1764, where they are given as part of "The arms of the Operative, or Stone Masons?" They are certainly not mentioned in the original grant of arms to the Company of Masons of London, and I shall be glad of a reference to any paper or book in which the arms of the Company are described or figured with supporters.
W. H. R.



Craft Masonry.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE LODGE (No. 706).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 23rd inst, at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, and must be very gratifying to both the incoming and outgoing Masters, on account of the large and influential body of Masons who attended to honour the occasion. The lodge was opened soon after 5 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. Black, and after the usual business, Bro. Ayling was passed. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. Major E. S. Gordon, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Black, the Installing Officer, and, with the usual ceremonies, was placed in the chair of the lodge and saluted in due form. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: G. C. Mathams, S.W.; Capt. J. Sculley, J.W.; Sydney Clarke, P.M.; Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, Chap.; Dr. H. Y. Goodman, S.D.; Jas. Harris, J.D.; A. Burnett, I.G.; Dr. Bernhays, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

The charges were then most impressively recited by the Installing Officer, and the ceremony brought to a conclusion. It was then unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks should be presented to Bro. Black, and recorded upon the minutes of the lodge, for the careful and effective manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. He was also presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, and in pinning it upon his breast the W.M. said he felt sure every member of the lodge and all present wished with him that (Bro. Black) might live long to wear it.

Bro. Black having feelingly returned thanks, the lodge was closed.

Among the brethren present beside those already mentioned were: Bros. Capt. Eugène Sweny, P.M.; Capt. J. J. Donolly, A.S.C., P.M.; J. Scott Mutch, P.M.; G. Risch, K. Uglund, H. De Gray, W. Livesay, E. Riddle, F. G. Nicholls, Capt. R. F. King, A.S.C.; H. J. Butler, P.M. 913; P.P.G.R. Kent; A. McDowall, P.M. 948; P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; J. Reilly, P.M. 1236; P.P.G.P. Herts; T. Perry, P.M. 869; P.P.G., Assist. D.C. Herts; E. B. Hobson, W.M. 700; W. Welding, W.M. 1536; Dr. Joseph Pope, P.M. 936; H. Mason, S.W., and W.M. elect. 913; T. Holleyman, S.W. and W.M. elect. 1536; J. H. Roberts, J.W. 700; R. Edmunds, J.W. 913; G. Kennedy, J.W. 1536; Major T. Dunbar, 142; J. Child, 453; J. M. Rudd, 1579; R. Turrell 913; and C. Jolly, 913, and J.D. 1742 (*Freemason*).

The banquet was served in the hall by Bro. W. Moulder, and was a superb illustration of the science of cookery. The first toast was that of "The Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally honoured; the next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." The toasts of "The Pro. Grand Master," "Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," having been drunk, Bro. Black, I.P.M., rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said Bro. Gordon had proved himself so excellent an officer in the various steps he had taken to reach the chair, and was so much respected, that he had no doubt his would be a most prosperous year of office. His proficiency in all that concerned the duties of his office was proverbial, and he could well congratulate the lodge in having so good a Mason at their head.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm; the W.M., in reply, expressed how much he thanked them for their hearty reception of his name. All he could say was that his year of office will have been a happy and prosperous one, if, at its end, he should have succeeded in giving the same satisfaction to the brethren that his predecessor had. He should endeavour to follow in Bro. Black's footsteps, and to keep up, as that brother had done, the honour and prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Sweny then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and, in so doing, said those who were not installed Masters had not an opportunity of seeing certain portions of the ceremony, but that which they had seen showed how well and feelingly their esteemed I.P.M. had carried it out, especially in the charges which finished it. He was, as all the Past Masters were, exceedingly pleased that Bro. Black had installed his successor so admirably, while to the visitors it must have been truly a "feast of soul." It was written in the Book of Constitutions that the I.P.M. might install his successor, and it was a great labour to undertake, but had its reward in the fully expressed approbation of the brethren. There was a small lodge, and it was a credit and honour to them to have such a Past Master among them. He trusted their W.M. would install his successor; and from what he had seen of him in another (The Mark) degree, he felt sure the excel-

lent example of Bro. Black would be followed by him that day twelvemonth.

Bro. Black, in reply, said it struck him that it was his duty to install his successor, and so follow the example of his predecessor. If he had given them satisfaction it fully repaid him for any extra trouble he might have taken.

In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Butter said he believed he was expressing the sentiment of the visitors when he said that the occasion was a most pleasing and interesting one, and he was quite sure that all who knew the W.M., both in his public capacity and private life, knew him to be a most amiable and honourable gentleman. The post he (Bro. Gordon) had that afternoon been placed in was a most important one, called as he was to preside over the destinies of such a lodge as the Florence Nightingale—a lodge that was so eminently cosmopolitan, and had within its ranks gallant soldiers, eminent lawyers and doctors, merchants, and gentlemen of standing. There were various lodges, such as engineers' lodges, soldiers' lodges, dramatic lodges, &c., but in the Florence Nightingale Lodge, cosmopolitan as it was, but one feeling reigned, and that was Masonic love and Brotherhood in its entirety. That had been fully exemplified that night, and he felt that he could not sit down without expressing the gratification it had given him, and he was sure the rest of the visitors, to witness such excellent Masonic harmony. He paid a high tribute to the Installing Officer for his admirable working; and concluded a lengthy and brilliant speech by wishing the lodge and its Master every success.

Bro. Hobson also returned thanks on behalf of the Nelson Lodge.

"The Officers" were next complimented, and Bro. Mathams returned thanks.

After "The Masonic Press" had been honoured, and replied for by our representative, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were helped along by some excellent singing, and the masterly accompaniment by Bro. Nicholls on the piano.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Saturday, the 24th ult. Present: Bros. W. F. Gardner, W.M.; J. C. Woodrow, I.P.M., Sec.; R. H. Crowden, P.M.; B. Fullwood, P.M., acting J.W.; T. Perrin, S.W.; Basil Cooke, S.D.; J. B. Crump, J.D.; J. Crowden, I.G.; P. G. Philp, Stwd.; A. W. Stead; — Johnson, a brother from Demerara; Bowler, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Fanshaw was duly raised to the Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. Bro. Barnes was proposed as a joining member by Bro. Basil Cooke.

There being no banquet on this occasion, the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

ALDRERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The members of the above lodge gave a complimentary dinner to the immediate Past Master, Bro. George Kenning, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Friday, the 23rd ult. There were present: Bros. Alfred Brookman, W.M.; John Derby Alcroft, P.M. and Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M. Hon. Sec.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.T.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.; Dr. Benton, Sam White, W. H. Froom, Webb, Hudson, Larkin, Farmaner, Geo. Vickery, Anderton, Benskin, Hainsworth, Squires, and others.

The party left the Castle and Falcon on a coach and landaus, arriving at Hampton Court at five o'clock, the drive being enjoyed very much by the brethren. After partaking of one of Bro. Sadler's well served dinners, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Kenning," in an able speech. Bro. Kenning having responded, proceeded to propose "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Alfred Brookman." The W.M. having responded, he proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke acknowledged the toast. The party then returned to town, arriving at eleven o'clock.

CARDIFF.—Glamorgan Lodge (No. 36).—On the 26th ult. the celebration of St. John's Day took place, and Bro. George Thomas, S.W., was installed W.M. for the year ensuing. The ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Harry Cousins, and was listened to by a large number of brethren, who came from all parts of the province. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant, and many of the Provincial Officers were present.

The banquet took place at the Royal Hotel. During the course of the evening the W.M. spoke of the history of the lodge, which was constituted so far back as 1753. The lodge was then held under the York dispensation, and its number was 33. After the union of the two Grand Lodges the Glamorgan Lodge, which then met at Bridgend, became No. 43 on the roll of the United Grand Lodge. Space forbids us to enter into many interesting customs connected with the meeting in the early part of the century, but we hope at some future time to give our readers something like a detailed account of its history.

The officers appointed were Bros. T. G. Horder, S.W.; Thomas Wallace, J.W.; Rev. W. C. Bruce, M.A., Chap.; J. Williams, P.M., Treas.; G. B. Hughes, Sec.; C. W. Cluster, S.D.; Sidney Coleman, J.D.; Walter Hemingway, D.C.; Harry Cousins I.P.M.; William Davis, I.G.; Rev. J. Grosvenor Menro and A. J. Harris, Stewards; and Amos Jenkins, O.G.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult. The brethren not in office having taken their seats, the procession of officers entered the hall thus: Bros. Bigwood, Tyler; Gregory, Stwd.; Bailey, as Stwd.; T. G. Brown, as I.G.; W. Peach, J.D.; Reynolds, as S.D.; Holmes, Sec.; Murlis, J.W.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.W.; Past Masters—Moutrie, T. Wilkinson, Dr. Hopkins, Rev. Lloyd, I.P.M. 1533 and Prov. G. Chap. Wilts, as Chap.; Radway, I.P.M. and Prov. G.S.W.; T. Wilson, M.C.; and R. B. Cater, W.M.

After the lodge had been opened, it was explained, on behalf of the absent officers, that as being also officers in the Volunteers, their presence at drill was required. Mr. C. E. Ponting, who had previously been admitted by ballot, was introduced, properly prepared, and duly initiated by the W.M. The symbolism of the working tools was explained by Bro. Holmes, Sec., and the charge was given

by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 41, 43, and 958, and P.P.G. S.W. for Warwickshire.

A letter was read from the R.W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P. G.M., in acknowledgment of the congratulatory resolution passed by the lodge on his appointment as Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. As no other business could be entertained, the lodge was closed.

NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).—The annual picnic of this old Nottingham Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., the place selected being what is commonly known as "The Dukeries," comprising the charming and magnificent estates of the Dukes of Portland and Newcastle, Earl Manvers, &c. The party, numbering about seventy, and including about thirty ladies, left the Midland Station by an early train for Mansfield, at which place carriages were in waiting to receive them. After a short interval, they proceeded, by way of the Birlands, to the charming and interesting village of Edwinstowe, where, halting at the Royal Oak, they partook of luncheon; resuming the journey, after a stay of about two hours, through some of the most enchanting drives of "Old Sherwood," to that familiar hostelry the Normanton. At this season of the year, when all Nature is dressed in her most profuse covering, a ramble through the old forest is simply delightful beyond description; the innumerable trees, standing in gigantic majesty, and clothed with superb foliage, contrasted with the underwood and varied growth of brackens, ferns, and flowers, conveys to the mind of the visitor an impression never to be forgotten.

A sumptuous dinner awaited the party at the Normanton, to which it is no figure of speech or hackneyed phraseology to say all did ample justice. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Toplis; the vice-chairs being filled by Bro. Chapman, S.W., and Bro. Patchett, J.W.

Bro. Toplis, on the cloth being drawn, in a most pithy and felicitous speech, gave "The Health of the Queen," which was musically responded to, Bro. Sutton, P.M., leading.

Bro. Derry, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the Master," and Bro. Morris, P.M., "The Ladies."

The latter toast was responded to, on the ladies' behalf, by Bro. Nixon, who warmly eulogised them for the courage and magnanimity which they had displayed, in face of disappointment arising from somewhat unfavourable weather.

The return journey to Mansfield was made by Clumber Bridge, Crickney, and Warsop, where they arrived in due time without any mishap, and again took train for Nottingham. The W.M., who has done so much during his year of office to elevate the lodge, and is therefore deservedly popular, will, doubtless, feel gratified in knowing that the picnic in his year was one of the most successful the lodge has ever had.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—Another agreeable meeting of this well-known and thriving lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, on Monday, the 26th ult., when there was a very fair gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Wood, P.M., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith. Bro. Wood was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Robert Whitfield, P.M., I.P.M.; John Moul, S.W.; W. B. Elsdon, J.W.; D. Sinclair, P.M., M.C.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; W. M. Pybus, S.D.; M. H. Dodds, P.M., as J.D.; W. Dalkyple, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Brown, S.S.; J. Curry, Tyler; Wm. Garbutt, W. Stafford, I. G. Turnbull, J. Ivison, J. Todd, G. G. Davidson, J. T. Harrison, A. Simpson, Rev. Thos. Metcalfe, W. F. Carmon, J. Beveridge, P.M.; R. Tate, G. Green, R. W. Cummins, W.M. 1676; J. T. Taylor, P.M. 1676; J. Cook, P.M. 481; G. Hardy, P.M. 1643; W. J. Sweet, 1643; W. Mayer, 1643; R. Cranston, 1643; J. Usher, P.M. 481; C. B. Ford, S.W., W.M. elect 481; W. Varty, 1342; M. Watson, 481; H. Usher, W.M. 541; J. L. Miller, 541; R. Bell, J.S. 541; Thomas Dinning, J.D. 481; and W. A. Gillies, 424.

The minutes having been read, the ballot was taken for Mr. Sam Sykes Turton Bright, proposed at last regular lodge, who was unanimously elected. The candidate being in attendance, and properly prepared, was initiated by the acting W.M., the working tools being presented by the Junior Warden. Bros. John Todd, Thomas Metcalfe, and J. G. Turnbull were afterwards passed as Fellow Craftsmen by the acting W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. Bro. William Stafford afterwards was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the acting W.M., who also gave the working tools. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room, and spent the remainder of the evening in harmony. The loyal toasts having been given, Bro. Robert Whitfield, P.M., gave "The Health of the New Initiate, Bro. Bright," and impressed upon him the duty of going forward to take up his other Degrees.

The candidate responded in a suitable manner. Bro. D. Sinclair, P.M., gave "The Health of an Old Past Master," who was present, namely, Bro. J. Beveridge, who was initiated in 1828, and who was the W.M. in 1833—a period of forty-nine years ago.

Bro. Beveridge responded in a short but feeling speech; and the brethren shortly afterwards retired.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 23rd ult. The brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, College-street, when on the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Bewlay, W.M., Bro. John Barr, P.M., P.G.J.W., opened the lodge with the following officers, members, and visitors, the latter in point of members being much upon an equal with the former, Bros. M. Gollightly, S.W.; J. Casson, J.W.; R. W. Moore, Sec.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. Treas., P.P.G.S.W.; J. McArthur, S.D.; J. Cooper, Org., P.P.G. Org.; Geo. McAdam and R. Miller, Stewards; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; J. W. Montgomery, W.M. elect.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Ed. Atter, P.M., P.G. Reg.; W. Sandwith, P.M., P.P.G.T.; J. L. Paitson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Ed. Tyson, P.M.; W. H. Atkinson, P.M.; C. A. Rigg, Thos. Allinson, W. C. Johns, T. Studholme, A. Hooper, R. L. Nutsford, J. Maxwell, E. Wane, W. H. Bewlay, C. J. Dalton, P.M. 872, P.G. Stwd.; J. S. Braithwaite, 872; G. W. Smith, J.W. 872; Thos. Ellwood, 872; W. L. Towerson, W.M. elect. 1267; Ed. Clarke, P.M.

1267, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hodgson, J.W. 1400; Jordan Ashworth, W.M. 1660; and W. Beetonson, P.M. 637, Stoke.

The ceremony of the installation of Bro. J. W. Montgomery was impressively performed by Bro. J. Barr, assisted by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, after which the newly invested W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. W. Moore, S.W.; J. McArthur, J.W.; W. B. Gibson, Treas.; Albert Hooper, Sec.; C. A. Rigg, S.D.; R. Miller, J.D.; Rev. Stuart Hall, Chap.; Jas. Cooper, Org.; G. McAdam, I.G.; W. C. Johns and T. Studholme, Stewards; and Thos. Richardson, Tyler.

After a round of "Hearty Good Wishes" the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banquet hall where an excellent dinner awaited them, provided by mine hostess of the Black Lion Hotel, Mrs. Braithwaite. The W.M. presided, faced by his Wardens; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably proposed and responded to, after which the brethren separated.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The annual installation gathering of the members of this lodge was held at the M.H., Hope-street, on the 22nd ult. The brethren were summoned to business as early as eight o'clock in the morning, as a picnic was also included in the day's proceedings, but this unusually early hour did not prevent a large attendance, and the whole of the proceedings were conducted in a thoroughly satisfactory and admirable manner. The Downshire Lodge's reputation has long stood high in connection with its working, and on this occasion all who were present must have been satisfied with the efficient manner in which the early morning business was carried out to the conclusion.

The chair, at the commencement of business, was occupied by Bro. W. H. Veevers, W.M., and amongst the chiefs of the mystic Order present were Bros. S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G. S.B.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; T. Dilcock, P.M.; Councilor Joseph Ball, W.M. 673 (who was warmly welcomed on his return from foreign parts); A. Morrison, P.M. 1547; R. Ing, P.M.; R. P. France, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Vernon, P.M. 249; W. Brackenbury, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Evans, S.W., W.M. elect; A. D. Hesketh, P.M. 1182; F. Barnett, P.M. 249; J. L. Houghton, P.M.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; C. Fothergill, W.M. 1264; F. Knight, P.M.; T. O. Dutton, S.W. 1182; M. Gardner, 1505; R. Foote, W.M. 1505; W. Heap, 1570; W. White, 1325; W. H. Robertson, W.M. 1325; J. Whalley, I.P.M. 249; J. Robinson, 249; J. B. McKenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; and P. Bryan, W.M. 1035. The private members of the lodge present included Bros. R. Maddox, T. Walker, H. T. Rourke, J. S. Clegg, F. Kerr, S. Prince, J. J. Kirby, N. Gibb, B. L. Johannesen, J. Ingebitke, G. Ing, R. Ing, M. Keeghan, and others.

After the ceremony of initiation had been performed, Bro. W. H. Veevers, the retiring Master, installed Bro. W. Evans as his successor in the chair, in a manner which well merited the special vote of thanks subsequently accorded to him. The following were the officers invested for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Veevers, I.P.M.; J. N. Cain, S.W.; F. Petersen, J.W.; R. P. France, P.M., Hon. Treas.; Isaac Turner, Sec.; J. L. Houghton, P.M., M.C.; J. Skeaf, Org.; J. W. Reece, S.D.; W. Blunsum, J.D.; W. Miller, I.G.; E. R. Latham, S.S.; E. Dow, J.S.; J. Sewell, A.S.; and T. Malcolm, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and a large number of ladies proceeded to the Ruabon, where the annual picnic was held. During the afternoon a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. H. Veevers, in recognition of his valuable services to the Downshire Lodge.

Dinner was served at the Wynnstay Arms, Ruabon, under the presidency of the W.M., who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in a felicitous manner. Wet weather rather interfered with the full enjoyment of the larger company.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the North-Western Hotel. Present: Bros. James Senior, W.M.; John Baker, S.W.; John Mottram, J.W.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., Chap.; T. Wood, I.P.M.; F. Wooley, Sec.; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Wooldridge, J.D.; J. Bervon, Org., acting as I.G.; W. D. Batkin, Steward; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; S. Parton, H. Belcher, J. T. Cox, T. B. Mottram, W. P. Duncalfe, S. Scott, and J. Nevitt. Visitor: Bro. Samuel King, 131.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed in the usual manner, Bros. S. Parton and H. Belcher were duly and properly passed by the W.M. to the Degree of F.C., and the working tools were explained by Bro. Baker, S.W. A sum of £5 5s. was voted from the Charity Fund of the lodge, to be placed on the Junior Warden's list of contributions to the Boys' School Anniversary Festival. Messrs. W. T. and S. Moss having been proposed as candidates for Freemasonry, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

SALFORD.—Richmond Lodge (No. 1011).—The annual festival of St. John was celebrated on Thursday, the 15th ult. The brethren assembled at the Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Nettleton, assisted by the officers of the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Robt. Caldwell, P.M., P.P.G. Sword Bearer, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Mattershead, in the chair of K.S. in his well-known efficient manner. Bros. Fentem, P.M., and Andrews, P.M., invested the officers as follows: Bros. A. J. Howarth, S.W.; H. Schofield, J.W.; W. Dodge, P.M., Treas.; J. Dickson, P.M., Sec.; C. Turner, S.D.; J. B. Collier, J.D.; T. Ward, I.G.; W. Dumville, P.M., Org.; S. A. Andrew, P.M., M.C.; Simmons, Dawson, and Hind, Stewards; and J. Hyde, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Fentem and Dumville.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the London-road Station, thence by railway to the Ram's Head, at Disley, where mine host, Bro. H. Winterbottom, had made ample provision for refreshing the inner man. After various entertainments on the bowling-green, interspersed with songs and glees by the musical brethren, of which this lodge can so well boast, a sumptuous dinner was heartily enjoyed, the fresh country air and out-door exercises having sharpened the appetites of the visitors, which concluded a very pleasant afternoon's outing, all returning by the 9-30 train to Manchester.

CHISLEHURST LODGE (No. 1531).—The stallation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head, Chislehurst, on Saturday last. The W.M. Bro. Edward Kipps opened the lodge in due form, assisted by his officers, in the presence of many members, and the following amongst other visitors: Bros. Briggs, W.M. 77; Shaw, I.P.M. 831; Newsom, W.M. 1692; Speight, P.M. 147; Walford, P.M. 177 and 1489; Holloway, 1622; Frest, 1426; Sillis, D.C. 1744; and Balding J.D. 1692.

The minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, the Auditor's report was read, which showed the lodge was in a sound financial position. Bro. William Kipps, P.M. P.P.G. Org. Kent, then proceeded to instal Bro. J. R. Behenna, J.W., into the chair of K.S. in a manner which greatly impressed the brethren present. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Drinkwater, S.W.; T. C. Nunn, J.W.; Hollis, Treas.; H. B. Taylor, Sec.; John Tuck, S.D.; Goodale, J.D.; and Gibson, I.G. Some further routine work having been done, the W.M. in a few well-chosen words presented Bro. E. Kipps, I.P.M., with the jewel the lodge had voted him. In his reply Bro. E. Kipps alluded to the pleasure it gave him to receive at the hands of his successor such a mark of brotherly consideration; he more highly prized it as this was his mother lodge, and though residing at a considerable distance from it he should at all times remember the Chislehurst Lodge, and would do all in his power to promote its welfare.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to partake of a superb banquet, provided by Bro. Wain, in the assembly-room of the Parish, which was very elegantly decorated with plants, flowers, and a profusion of cut roses. Due justice having been done, both by members and visitors, to the "Fourth Degree," the W.M. gave the usual Masonic toasts in a clear and pleasing manner.

The I.P.M., Bro. E. Kipps, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who made a suitable reply.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the Visitors," stated that he should not call upon all to respond, but, on his own behalf and that of his brethren, could assure them that Chislehurst Lodge was never happier than when favoured with a goodly number of visitors.

Bro. Newsom, W.M. 1672, responded, and mentioned the kindly feeling that existed between the lodges of the Province of Kent.

Bros. Walford, P.M. 177, and Shaw, I.P.M. 834, also thanked the brethren for the manner in which they had been entertained.

"The Past Masters" were then honoured; and the W.M., in asking the brethren to drink to "The Health of his Officers," expressed a hope that they would enjoy a pleasant year of office, which the S.W., J.W., Treasurer, and Secretary, in reply, assured the W.M. they would endeavour to make it.

The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close, much enhanced by the vocal abilities of several of the brethren.

SHOEBURNESS.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the lodge-rooms, Cambridge Hotel. Bro. J. M. Farr, W.M., presided, and was supported by Past Masters Lucking, 160 and 1000; Glascock, 1817; Johnston, 1000; Bacon, 153; Harris, 1000; and Wardell, 1000. The following officers were present to assist the W.M.: Bros. Floyd, S.W.; Church, J.W.; T. Lucking, A.S.D.; F. Taylor, J.D.; Gunnell, Steward; and Harris, Secretary.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The only other business was to raise Bros. Smith and Thomas to the high and Sublime Degree of Master Mason, which was done in Bro. Farr's well-known creditable style.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The vocal abilities of Bros. Gunnell, Rogan, Spalding, Church, Floyd, and Stafford were prominently brought forward, these brethren contributing largely to the harmony of the evening.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—Thames Lodge (No. 1895).—The first annual festival of this prosperous lodge, and installation of the W.M. elect, was celebrated at the Masonic Rooms, on Monday the 12th ult. The lodge was opened by the V.W. Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Oxen, at 4 o'clock, and the members present, were Bros. R. T. Hodge, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Brakspear, J.W.; G. Brakspear, Treas.; Rev. G. W. Clements, Chap.; J. Watts, Sec.; B. Hunn, S.D.; F. Marsh, J.D.; G. Pearson, Org.; C. D. Hoblyn, W.M. 231; E. C. Baines, W. H. Harrison, A. D. Brooks, G. W. Rolfe, J. McBean, R. McBean, C. Bye, W. Vidler, J. W. Rhodes, W. D. MacKenzie, C. A. Robinson. Visitors, Bros. C. Stephens, P.G. Treas. Berks and Bucks; R. C. Mount, W.M. 414; J. S. A. Dunbar, 1329; E. J. Tabor, 1101; J. Harriman, 797 and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hodge was presented to the D.P.G.M. when he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able and impressive manner.

The W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. D. Hoblyn, I.P.M.; B. Hunn, S.W.; J. W. Rhodes, J.W.; G. W. Rolfe, Chap.; A. Brakspear, M.C.; G. Brakspear, Treas.; J. Watts, Sec.; F. Marsh, S.D.; G. W. Clements, J.D.; W. H. Harrison, I.G.; G. Pearson, Org.; W. D. MacKenzie and W. Vidler Stewards; R. Rogers, Tyler. Bro. C. D. Hoblyn, acted as M.C. The visiting brethren having tendered their hearty good wishes, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren and visitors afterwards dined together at the Red Lion Hotel, Mrs. Williams providing the repast which was of an excellent character and well served. The usual Masonic toasts both Grand and Provincial were drunk with the customary honours.

In rising to respond for "Provincial Grand Lodge" Bro. Bird said that it afforded him a great amount of pleasure in being present that day for the purpose of installing his friend, Bro. Hodge, in the chair of the youngest lodge in the province, and he took this opportunity of complimenting the brethren of the Thames lodge on the work they had done during the past year, and was sure that the lodge would still further prosper under the guidance of their present W.M., whose health he would now propose.

The W.M. suitably replied.

The W.M. next proposed, in feeling terms, "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. D. H. W. Horlock," who has accepted a mission appointment at Yale, British Columbia, and who left England in April, wishing him health and happiness in his new home.

This toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the Secretary was requested to write to Bro. Horlock, and express the feelings of the brethren.

The remaining toasts having been proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE.—(No. 205).—At the regular meeting of the above lodge, held at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., the chair was occupied by Bro. G. H. Stephens, who was ably supported as follows: Bros. W. Richardson, I.S.W.; H. Marks, J.W.; J. Taylor, S.D.; L. C. Haslip, J.D.; H. Aarons, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; W. Yetton, P.M., Treas.; J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076, J.W.; Jones, P.M.; J. R. Shingfield, D. Moss, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Stephens worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Shingfield candidate. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. J. Taylor assumed the duties of the chair, to enable Bro. Stephens to resume his Secretarial duties, and Bro. Shingfield was tested as a candidate for the Degree of F.C. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing capitally worked, Bro. L. C. Haslip giving effective assistance as Deacon. Bro. Job worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Richardson was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—At the last meeting of this lodge, which is held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., Bro. J. W. Watts, P.M., as W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bros. H. M. Williams, S.W.; J. Bute, J.W.; C. H. Phillips, S.D.; H. Baldwin, J.D.; J. Pitt, I.G.; John S. Terry, P.M. and Sec.; and James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor. There were also present Bros. H. Hubbard, E. Woodman, C. T. Curtis, and others.

The lodge was passed to the Second Degree and resumed. Bro. Stevens delivered the Lectures on the First and Second Tracing Boards, and, time permitting, the First Section was worked by the brethren. The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. Stevens for instruction afforded, and the business of the evening terminated.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—At the last regular meeting of this lodge, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., Bro. F. Robinson was W.M., assisted by Bros. E. Gregory, S.W.; Ellingford, J.W.; Ould, Treas.; Breden, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Pringle, Preceptor; Ould, S.D.; Kennett, I.G.; Watson, Cockle, Bull, and others. Lodge was duly opened, and minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Cocker being the candidate, was tested and entrusted, and in due course the ceremony of raising was worked. Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Ould, W.M. 781, worked the Three Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. E. Gregory was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. Bro. Cockle was unanimously admitted a member of the lodge, and all business being ended satisfactorily, lodge was closed.

TEMPERANCE - IN - THE - EAST LODGE (No. 898).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday week, at Bro. Brookson's, George the Fourth, Ida-street, Poplar, E., when there were present Bros. C. Chapman, W.M.; Pulsford, S.W.; Butcher, J.W.; C. Scrutton, P.M., Secretary; Carter, S.D.; Byford, J.D.; Goatley, I.G.; S. T. Finch, P.M., Preceptor; Rogers, P.M.; Willson, P.M.; Graveley, Dewey, Saunders, and several other brothers belonging to the mother lodge.

Lodge was formally opened in the Three Degrees, and the minutes having been submitted and confirmed, Bro. Saunders was questioned and entrusted for the Sublime Degree. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was capitally worked, Bro. Saunders being candidate. Lodge was called off, and after an interval for refreshment, was resumed, when Bro. Finch favoured the brethren with an explanation of the T.B., which gave unqualified satisfaction. Lodge was closed down, and after some matters of minor importance had been discussed, it was duly arranged to celebrate the anniversary festival of the lodge by holding a banquet on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 7.30 precisely. Lodge was closed in due form.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—This lodge met on the evening of Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Cock Tavern, St. Martin's Court, Ludgate-hill. The occasion was the first annual banquet since the inauguration of the lodge. Bros. Batty, W.M.; Salter, S.W.; Chretien, J.W.; Cracknell, S.D.; W. W. Cooper, J.D.; and Helder, I.G.

The lodge was opened and closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment after labour. Bro. Gabb was chairman, and Bro. H. C. Jefferies, P.M. 003, vice-chairman, supported by Bros. Batts, Batty, Chamberlayne, Cracknell, W. W. Cooper, Dale, Dunn, Eccott, Helder, F. Lane, Otley, W. Smith, and others.

After the usual loyal toasts, songs were sung by Bros. Chamberlayne, W. W. Cooper, Cracknell, Dale, Gabb, Lane, and Smith; and recitations were delivered by Bros. Jefferies and Otley. Bro. Salter ably presided at the pianoforte. The menu provided by Bro. Gabb was highly appreciated by the brethren present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The meetings of this prosperous lodge were continued on the 23rd ult., in somewhat an informal manner. Bros. B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor, and Wm. Musto, P.M., Secretary, were in attendance, supported by Bros. Job, Stewart, West, Stephens, and others. The evening was devoted until the regular hour for closing the lodge to the discussion of several matters of Masonic interest, and served to prove how instructive and useful an "off night" can be made occasionally. The next meeting night will be devoted to working as many of the Sections as the ordinary lodge hours will permit of, and brethren are most cordially invited.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—This comfortable lodge met as usual at the Bricklayers Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse, E., on the 23rd ult. Bro. Hancock, W.M. of the mother lodge presided, and was well supported by Bros. Waller, P.M., S.W.; Moore, J.W.; Charlton, Treas.; Buchan, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Rolfe, S.D.; Etting, I.G.; Dixon, and others.

Lodge was opened with necessary formalities, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened up and the brethren practised the ceremony of closing. Bro. Rolfe was tested and in due course the ceremony of raising was creditably worked. Lodge was called off, and after an interval for refreshment labour was resumed, after which Bro. P. Master Waller was duly elected W.M. for next Friday evening, when we trust he will be numerously supported. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—This lodge, which has of late given signs of considerable activity, held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Eagle Tavern, East India Dock-road, Poplar. Bro. Pittam was W.M., supported by Bros. Ellingford, W.M. 334, S.W.; Rundell, Sec. of the Lodge, J.W.; Knowles, S.D.; Carter, jun., J.D.; Carter, Sen., I.G.; Kennett, as I.P.M.; Young, W.M. 1716, Preceptor; Nichols, Wilshaw, G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and minutes submitted and confirmed. Lodge was opened up and carefully closed down, after which it was called off. On the resumption of labour the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Nichols candidate. The work was admittedly well rendered, the W.M. at the conclusion of the ceremony giving the ancient charge to the initiate. Bro. J. W. Ellingford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Bro. G. H. Stephens an hon. member of the lodge. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the excellent discharge of his duties, and all Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed. The lodge is most comfortable and accessible.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich road, on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. H. Goodwin, W.M.; Rd. Poore, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, J.W.; Hy. M. Williams, Sec.; R. R. Johnstone, S.D.; G. W. Knight, J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; E. A. Francis, Hon. Preceptor; John A. Danks, J. Perry, Wm. Croucher, B. Wolff, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were unanimously confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. most ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. J. Perry being the candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and it was proposed by Bro. J. A. Danks, and seconded by Bro. Hy. M. Williams, Secretary, and resolved that Bro. Wm. Croucher, of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, be elected a member. Bro. Croucher thanked the brethren and hoped he should be able to attend regularly, so as to benefit by the excellent working of the lodge under the able Preceptorship of Bro. E. A. Francis. Bro. Rd. Poore having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.-Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—On Wednesday, the 21st ult., this chapter assembled in the Masonic Hall, at seven p.m. prompt. After tea the chapter was opened by Comps. J. G. Batty, Z.; Robt. Davies, H.; and H. Marshall, J.; there were also present: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z.; J. R. Lever, H., Trafford Chapter; J. Crompton, S.E.; Jno. Dewhurst, acting S.N.; Chas. Heywood, P.S.; T. Mottershead, 1st Assit. Soj.; J. J. Lambert, Treas.; David Williams, W. Butcher, J. Squirrel, E. Brundrett, W. Hall, and W. Chesshyre, Janitor.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. W. Botham and Thos. Sidebottom, both of 1387, and being favourable they were exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masons by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. The companions afterwards proceeded to elect the principals and officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Comps. R. Davis, Z.; H. Marshall, H.; Jno. Dewhurst, J.; D. Williams, S.E.; Wm. Hall, S.N.; Chas. Heywood, P.S.; J. J. Lambert, Treas.; and W. Chesshyre, Janitor. The chapter was closed and adjourned until October next.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

GIBRALTAR.—Europa Chapter (No. 14).—A regular meeting of the above chapter was held on the 17th ult., when Bro. F. Roberts was duly advanced to the honourable degree by Ill. Bro. Major G. J. Gilbard P.M. W.S., 31, in his usual faultless manner. It was also the occasion of the Installation as M.W.S. of our worthy and Ill. Bro. W. F. Cottrell, I.P.M. 278, W.M. 278 Mark, M.E.Z. Chap. 278, P.E.P. Knights Templar, P.E.P. Knights of Malta, V.E. Red Cross, and Past District G. S.W. Gibraltar. The ceremony was admirably performed in the presence of a full chapter by Ill. Bro. Gilbard, who paid a high compliment to the officers for their perfect working, and congratulated the chapter in securing so able and popular a Mason to preside over them.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

The 101st annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was opened in the Masonic Temple, on Tuesday, the 6th ult. Early in the forenoon the halls and corridors of the Temple, as well as the sidewalks in the vicinity, were crowded with representatives from all parts of the State. Friendly but earnest discussions were indulged in, and the matters to come before the Grand Body were thoroughly discussed. Delegates from the districts outside the cities of New York and Brooklyn were warmly welcomed by their brethren of the

metropolitan district, and the courtesies exchanged were of the most fraternal character. The result of the conversations indulged in showed that the representatives from the State were thoroughly conversant with the affairs of the institution, and had pretty well decided on the course they would pursue. The principal topic of conversation, as a matter of course, was the election. To the credit of the delegates from the State be it said, there only object seemed to be to advance the interests of the Fraternity and unite with their brethren in the metropolitan district in elevating to the high positions in the Craft only brethren who are in every way qualified and who would do honour to the office. They are opposed to the centralisation of extraordinary powers in any one brother, and will hesitate before elevating to the highest places in the Grand Lodge brethren who occupy similar positions in the Grand Chapter, as the union of these offices in one member would be an injustice to the many able and brilliant aspirants for preferment among a Fraternity numbering 71,000. As the brethren from the State are in the majority, it is, therefore, safe to predict that the consolidation of the high offices in these two important and influential bodies in one brother, which it is generally conceded would be an unwise proceeding, will be averted. Grand Master Taylor having at the close of his address announced that he could not permit his name to be presented to the Grand Lodge for re-election, Deputy Grand Master Flagler was elected to the position of Grand Master without opposition, and J. Edward Simmons will undoubtedly be elected Deputy Grand Master. The elections have been made the special order of business for Thursday morning, at ten o'clock.

At two p.m. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with the usual imposing ceremonies, and the Grand Master then read his address, a very lengthy and able document, in the course of which he stated that on the 10th of July he addressed the following letter to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England:—

"To his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Masons of England:—

"Most Worshipful Brother—I desire to call the attention of your Royal Highness to the fact that there exists no interchange of representatives between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of New York—the two largest Masonic jurisdictions in the world. The Grand Lodge of New York has under its jurisdiction over seven hundred lodges, comprising about seventy thousand members. The Grand Lodge of England alone, of all the Masonic bodies in the world, exceeds this in numbers.

"New York, being the principal commercial State of the United States, is brought into very close and intimate relations with England, and it is the good fortune of our lodges to be visited by great numbers of our English brethren, who are always cordially received and heartily welcomed; and I take great pleasure in testifying, as I can from personal experience, that our brethren are as cordially received and heartily welcomed when the visit the lodges under the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge.

"We also recall the fact, which is a source of pride and gratification, that the Grand Lodge of New York owes its existence to the Grand Lodge of England, it being a continuation of the body instituted under the patent issued by the Duke of Norfolk on the 5th of June, 1730. We are proud of our origin, and it would be exceedingly gratifying to us if the Grand Lodge over which you so ably preside would honour the Grand Lodge of New York by consenting to establish more intimate relations with us, which we believe would be of great benefit to the fraternity, both in England and New York.

"I accordingly submit the names of three right worshipful brothers, with the hope that your Royal Highness may be pleased to select one of them as your representative near this Grand Lodge.

"And we will esteem it a pleasure, as well as an honour, to receive the name of a brother who will be acceptable to you as our representative near the Grand Lodge of England.

"Extending to your Royal Highness the assurance of the high esteem in which you are held by the Masonic fraternity of the State of New York, and their sincere wishes for your personal health and happiness, in which I cordially join, I have the honour to subscribe myself, most fraternally yours,

"HORACE S. TAYLOR, Grand Master."

To this letter was received the following reply:—

"United Grand Lodge of England,
"Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street,
"London, W.C., March 17, 1882.

"M.W. Bro. Horace S. Taylor, Grand Master Grand Master of the State of New York,—

"M.W. Sir and Brother,—I am commanded by the M.W. the Grand Master of England to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to His Royal Highness, dated the 10th January last, proposing an interchange of representatives between this Grand Lodge and that of the State of New York. And I have the pleasure to inform you that the Prince of Wales entirely concurs with yourself in the propriety and advantage of such a step being taken by our two Grand Lodges.

"His Royal Highness has therefore been pleased to select and appoint R.W. Bro. Albert Gallatin Goodall to represent the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of New York, and his patent as such is being prepared and will be transmitted to you very shortly.

"I am further commanded by his Royal Highness to submit for your favourable consideration the name of Bro. Brackstone Baker, a Past Grand Deacon of England, for the office of your representative at our Grand Lodge.

"The Prince of Wales has directed me, in conclusion, to say that he thoroughly reciprocates the fraternal sentiments which you are good enough to express towards himself, and with my own hearty congratulations on an event which must in the future unite our Grand Lodges still closer even than in the past.

"I have the honour to remain, M.W. Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE,
"Colonial Grand Secretary England."

The G.M. further stated he had forwarded his commission to R.W. Bro. Baker, and R.W. Bro. Goodall's commission had been received by him, bearing the signature of the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, and the interchange of representation was thus fully established.

The amicable solution of the difficulty which has existed for several years between this Grand Lodge and that of Connecticut was a subject for congratulation.

THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

The annual Court and Dinner of this Company took place on Monday evening at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, presided over by the Master, Mr. George Kenning. The guests numbered nearly 200, and amongst those present were the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, M.P., Alderman Sir C. Whetham, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Mr. Sheriff Ogg, Viscount Gage, Mr. Justice Cave, Mr. W. Grantham, O.C., M.P., Mr E. B. McLaren, M.P., Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Admiral Robertson, Mr. W. L. Christie, M.P., General Sir W. Norcott, Mr. E. Burke, Mr. Spencer Balfour, M.P., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Colonel Dundas, Mr. Thorne (master of the Cutlers' Company), Mr. S. Thorowgood (master of the Cordwainers' Company), the Mayor of Reigate, Mr. G. Lambert, F.S.A.; the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, Mr. R. H. Crowden, Mr. Edgar Bowyer, Mr. G. Norrington, Mr. J. Andrews, Mr. G. Vickery, Mr. J. H. Sillitoe, Mr. A. Brookman, C.C., Mr. A. J. Altman, C.C., and Mr. W. E. Baxter, (hon. clerk).

The Master, Mr. George Kenning, in proposing "The Health of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," said it was a toast which was never proposed in a meeting of Englishmen and citizens of London as a matter of mere formality. In this country, they could happily and proudly point to Her Majesty's long and happy reign, and gratefully remember those many virtues which had endeared her to her subjects, and shed such a brilliancy and prestige on our ancient and constitutional monarchy. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had endeared himself to all ranks and conditions amongst them by his unceasing labours to promote all philanthropic and useful efforts, and by the urbanity and geniality which he threw into all those high duties he so zealously performed for the peaceful progress and lasting welfare of all classes in the land. They knew that all the members of the Royal Family were ever ready both to serve their country at home and abroad, and anxious to testify their unceasing sympathy with the wants and wishes of their fellow countrymen.

The toast having been duly honoured, Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, M.P., who was very warmly cheered on rising, proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces." Colonel Bayley, Captain Fenwick, R.N., and Colonel Sir Francis Burdett responded. Mr. Glasse, O.C., gave "The Houses of Lords and Commons." The House of Lords, he said, had a great deal to do and did it well; but at the present time the same could hardly be said of the House of Commons, which seem to be frittering away a monstrous amount of time, and to have got into desperately profligate habits. Viscount Gage responded for the House of Lords. Mr. Grantham, O.C., M.P., speaking for the House of Commons, said it might be questioned whether during the three sessions of the present Parliament as many as three useful measures had been passed.

In proposing "The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and the Corporation," the Master said that in that distinguished head of the greatest and oldest Municipality in the world, they had one who had sought, and not in vain, most efficiently to discharge the important functions of his high office,—alike by his philanthropic efforts, his magisterial duties, and, above all, by his sympathy for all ranks of his fellow citizens, as well as his graceful and thoughtful hospitalities. In the high honour which Her Majesty had been pleased to confer upon him, they had seen an appropriate recognition of his own personal services, and the due fulfilment by the Corporation of the City of London of their great trust in preserving the healthy glades of Epping Forest for the welfare and comfort of the English people.

The Lord Mayor, in returning thanks, said, the question was whether the Corporation of London had done its duty and was still deserving of confidence. Major Joseph gave the toast of "Her Majesty's Judges," coupling with it the name of Hon. Mr. Justice Cave, who thanked the company for the cordial reception given through him to her Majesty's Majesty's judges, and hoped that they would always deserve the good opinion of the public. It was a great thing to possess the public esteem, for the knowledge that they possessed it nerved the judges to do their best. If anything was owing to the judges of England it was owing in great measure to the very wise plan of selecting them from a high-minded, independent, and honourable Bar. (Hear, hear.) The Lord Mayor called upon the guest to drink to "The Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers and the Master thereof." Tracing the history of the Guilds, he said that they were founded in great measure for purposes of self-defence—the defence of the members against barbarians from without; and he trusted that under all exigencies they would be prepared to maintain their rights and liberties from whatever source they may be attacked.

The Master in returning thanks said, personally, he felt very much indeed the privilege and prestige of having been chosen a master of one of the City Companies; and he ventured to express the hope that they might, one and all, be preserved in their integrity, their usefulness, and their independence, as part and parcel of that Ancient Livery, to carry out their important duties, and to be constituent members of this time honoured Municipality. Time often brought with it many changes; but of this, he felt sure he could safely say, in that distinguished assembly, that no bodies of men had been more zealous and patriotic in the discharge of their civic duties, more anxious to carry out the trusts and responsibilities annexed to their Institution; or more wishful to attend the pleasant claims of hospitality, than the various companies of the City of London.

Mr. Hume Williams proposed, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg represented, "The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex." Alderman Sir C. Whetham gave "The Municipal Corporations of England," the Mayor of Reigate responding. The Recorder of Bradford next proposed "The Trade and Prosperity of the Colonies," with which he associated the name of the Hon. W. White, of Sydney. Mr. Geo. Lambert gave "The Livery Companies," and the Master of the Spectacle-makers' Company responded. The remaining toasts were "The Wardens," given by Mr. E. Freshfield, and acknowledged by Major Joseph, and "The Clerk," proposed by Mr. T. G. Fletcher, and replied to Mr. Baxter.

A selection of music was performed under the direction of Mr. Lester, who was supported by Miss Annie Sinclair, Miss Bertha Ball, Mr. Montem Smith, and Mr. Chaplin Henry.



This day (Saturday) a special compliment will be paid to Mr. J. L. Toole, and it takes the form of a benefit performance, extending from the morning until the evening, at his theatre, King William-street. In the afternoon, in addition to the very successful burlesque drama, "The Villanous Squire," by Mr. Byron, and Maddison Morton's farce, "Your Life's in Danger," in both of which Mr. Toole will act, Mr. Irving will recite "The Sacrilegious Gamblers," Mrs. Kendall will recite, Mr. Santley will sing, Miss Helen Ferry will recite Hood's "Bridge of Sighs" for the first time, and Mr. and Mrs Bancroft will appear as Nan and Harry Collier in "Good for Nothing." At night Mrs. Keeley has promised to play Betsy Baker; Mr. Herbert Reeves will sing a ballad; and his father, Mr. Sims Reeves, will once more appear as Tom Tug in "The Waterman," with all Charles Dibbin's famous songs. Madame Amadi is the Wilhelmina. The concentrated version of "Robert Macaire," concludes a most interesting and exhaustive programme, settled by many friends as a mark and tribute of esteem to a popular and clever comedian, ever ready to help those who call upon him for aid from time to time. The regular programme now consists of "Off the Line," one of Mr. Toole's most popular pieces, and Mr. Byron's burlesque, which, with true humour, hits off the eccentricities of the pastoral drama in a genuine and incisive manner.



On Saturday last, by command of Her Majesty, a grand concert was given at Windsor Castle by the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, Norwood. This College, which was founded some ten years ago by its principal, Dr. Campbell, who is himself sightless, has succeeded in turning out a number of excellent musicians; and no less than eighty per cent. of those who have completed their full period of six years study, are in a position to support themselves. The programme opened with a madrigal, after which was played Schumann's Concerto for pianoforte and orchestra, Master Alfred Hollins, who took the solo part, deserving the highest commendation for the masterly manner in which he acquitted himself. A glee was followed by Weber's "Concertstück," Mr. W. F. Schwerer playing the solo part with admirable feeling and precision. The choir gave a specimen of their quality by the manner in which they sang Mendelssohn's "Hear my Prayer," the soprano solo being entrusted to Miss Campbell, whose rendering was most touchingly pathetic. An illustration of the method by which the blind write music and sing from notes was given, and the system explained by Dr. Campbell. The National Anthem was sung, after which, by the Queen's desire, a duet for two pianos, Chopin's "Rondo," which had been omitted on account of the length of the programme, was played by the Misses Gilbert and Inskip, with a perfect understanding such as would have been extraordinary under any circumstances. The Queen, on leaving, expressed the pleasure which the concert had given her. Her Majesty was accompanied by the Princess Christian and her two daughters, the Princess Beatrice, and the Princess of Hesse-Darmstadt.

The performances at the Royal Italian Opera since our last notice, have been quite as attractive as ever. On Thursday last Madame Pauline Lucca made her appearance as *Zerlina* in Auber's opera of "Fra Diavolo," which was then given for the first time this season, after having been postponed from the previous Thursday. The artiste sang and acted the part throughout with that marvellous talent which has distinguished all her representations this season, and as it distinguished them ten years since, when she was last in England. The *Fra Diavolo* of M. Lestellier was also an exceedingly meritorious performance. Indeed, the opera, under the able conduct of Signor Bevignani, went extremely well, as might have been judged from the frequent applause bestowed by the audience. On Saturday "Aida" was played, the title-rôle being filled by Madame Fursch-Madi, the other members of the cast being Mdlle. Stahl, as *Amnoris*; Signor Pandolfini, as *Amonasso*; Signor De Reszke, as *Ramfis*; and Signor Mierzwinski, as *Kadamés*, the last two characters being undertaken for the first time by the respective artistes. However, the whole performance was eminently satisfactory.

The other operas, "Dinorah" on Friday last, "Semiramide" on Monday, and "Le Nozze di Figaro," have been noticed already, as likewise has "Don Giovanni," which is set down for this (Saturday) evening.

Tuesday next will be signalled by the production of an entirely new opera by Lenepveu, entitled "Valleda," the principal characters in which will be taken by Madame Adelina Patti, Madame Valleria, Mdlle. Stahl, and Signori Cotogni, De Reszke, and Nicolini. Another novelty is in course of preparation, and will be produced shortly, namely, Boito's grand opera of "Mefistofele." Madame Albani, Mdlle. Tremelli, M. Gailhard, and Signor Mierzwinski will represent the principal personages.

The second Floral Hall concert of the season is fixed for to-day (Saturday) at 2 p.m. Among the artistes who will take part in it are Mesdames Albani, Pauline Lucca, and Fursch-Madi; Mdllcs. Tremelli, Cambri Nordmann, and Desvignes; Signori Mierzwinski, Cotogni, Frapoli, De Reszke, and M. Gailhard.

The first season of the German opera, Drury Lane, was to have been brought to a close yesterday (Friday). The programme for the week embraced the performance of "Fidelio," on Tuesday, "Euryanthe," on Wednesday, and "Die Meistersinger," on Thursday and yesterday. Crowded houses on each occasion testified to the continued interest of the public in the venture, and doubtless the direction, having regard to the measure of success they have had, will repeat the experiment next year.

It is said, indeed, that negotiations are pending, if they have not actually been concluded, by which Herr Franke and Bro. Carl Rosa will combine their forces for a four months' campaign next spring, and that English opera will be performed during the months of March and April, and German Opera during those of May and June. Herr Hans Richter will conduct both series. This sounds capitally, and we trust, in the interests of both English and German opera, that the arrangements will be carried through successfully.

Yesterday (Friday) was the day chosen for two attractive concerts, of which one was to take place in the morning at the St. George's Hall, Signor Denza, whose compositions in Italian vocal music have won for him so considerable a reputation, being the concert-giver; while the other will take place at St. James's Hall in the evening. It will be given, under the direction of Signori Tito Mattei and Peruzzi, in aid of the funds of the Italian Evening and Sunday Schools in London, which, supported partly by the Italian Government and partly by voluntary contributions, are open gratuitously to all Italians.

The 144th anniversary festival of the Royal College of Music was held on Wednesday last, at St. James's Hall. In the absence of Dr. A. Sullivan, the chair was taken the Rev. Lord O'Neill, among those present being Sir Thomas Gladstone, Bart., Mr. Otto Goldschmitz, Dr. Stainer, Mr. W. G. Cusins, Professor Macfarren, Signor Randegger, Mr. W. H. Cummings. A selection of vocal and instrumental music added greatly to the pleasure of the entertainment.

It is understood that the programme of the concert to be given by the Students of the Normal College this day (Saturday), in the Guildhall, will be the same as that noted above as having been given at Windsor Castle.

A concert in aid of the funds of the Royal College of Music will be given at Marlborough College, on the evening of Monday, the 24th inst., the day chosen for the distribution of prizes, &c. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W., has graciously accepted an invitation to be present on the occasion.



A vivid idea of the spread of art culture in this country is conveyed by an exhibition placed amid the most remote recesses of the hideous buildings which surround the Horticultural Gardens. Beyond the "dug-out" canoes, specimens of brickwork, cast and wrought iron, and the models of steamships accumulated in the south galleries of South Kensington lurk, in the seclusion of the far-distance, the works which have gained either medals or Queen's prizes at this year's competition of schools of art. The total number of drawings sent up from 182 schools of art and branch classes was 214,183, of which 1313 were referred to the national competition, being 95 more than in 1881. The examiners appointed to make the awards of prizes were Mr. E. J. Poynter, R.A., Mr. George Leslie, R.A., Mr. W. F. Yeames, R.A., Mr. J. E. Boehm, R.A., Mr. H. S. Marks, R.A., Mr. William Morris, Mr. J. J. Stevenson, Professor Unwin, Mr. T. Armstrong, Director for Art, and Mr. H. A. Bowler, Assistant Director. In estimating the result of a competition of this kind, it is not invidious to mention that some of the most conspicuous prizes have been gained by persons who are far beyond the age usually assigned to students. But, as in a University, so is it found impossible in a national competition of art schools to fix a limit to the age of competitors, and boys and girls of eighteen or twenty find the coveted gold or silver medal taken from them by rivals of nearly double their age. But there is compensation in all things, and the young have advantages in study which their elders had not; and, moreover, when it is sought to elevate the art-level of the nation, it would be a blunder of the first magnitude to admit the clerk of twenty to a competition, and to exclude the artisan of thirty or five-and-thirty, whose latent power is slowly developing. All ages meet among the gold medalists, the first prize for an oil painting from the nude having been gained by Mr. Alfred Hitchens, a very young man, while that for three heads, modelled from life, is very easily won by Mr. Mark Rogers, who is greatly his senior. One of Mr. Roger's heads, however, is so free and vigorous that it could hardly be the work of any but a practised hand. Mr. T. H. Doran, of Macclesfield, wins a gold medal for a design for silk hangings, reminding one somewhat of the later Louis Seize style, when the influence of Eastern art was already beginning to be felt. In the important department of designs on a vase, the first prize goes to Mr. Francis Gibbons, of Coalbrookdale; and Mr. J. Meine, of Kidderminster, gains a gold medal for a design for an Axminster carpet, very Persian in its character, and with colours skilfully distributed. Among the works of the silver and bronze medalists and winners of the Queen's book-prizes are many which deserve more notice than space will permit. Suffice it to say that several designs for lace are of high merit; that the studies of still life in oil and water-colours show a marked advance upon previous exhibitions, and that the drawings from the antique and nude deserve the distinction awarded to them.

The Lord Mayor who was accompanied by the Sheriffs and Sword and Mace Bearers, on Wednesday opened the third annual exhibition of the City of London Society of Artists at the hall of the Skinners' Company, Dowgate-hill, Cannon-street, in the presence of a large number of artists, civic officials, and patrons of the society. The exhibition will remain open until the end of August.

The closing meeting of the Meteorological Society was held on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. J. K. Laughton, F.R.A.S. Several papers were read, among them being one by Mr. C. S. Hudson, on a cyclone in the Mozambique Channel, 14th-19th January, 1880, and another by Mr. R. H. Twigg, on the rainfall of Frere Town, Mombassa, East Coast of Africa, from 1875 to 1881.

Next Saturday there will be an exhibition at Twickenham, consisting of some six hundred specimens of Police handicraft, many of them being works of art. The Prince and Princess of Wales will open the exhibition, and sign the first-class certificates, while the proceeds will be handed over to that useful institution, the Police Orphanage.

The Royal Geographical Society held its usual meeting on Monday evening. Lord Aberdare presided, and papers were read by Commander Cameron and Captain Burton, the former being a description of the gallant author's excursions in the neighbourhood of Axim, from Ataboo to the mouth of the Princes River, and the latter of the Kong Mountains.

It appears, from the French *Moniteur de la Flotte*, that a French engineer has originated a plan by which passing ships can send messages by the submarine cables. His idea is to float buoys with the necessary connecting wires and apparatus at intervals of a day's journey along the line of the cable, each numbered and properly lighted at night-time. Our contemporary is of opinion that but few obstacles will be experienced in carrying out the plan, while it will help to allay much anxiety and prevent many dangers.

The event of the week has been the visit, on Friday last, of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, for the purpose of opening the new Technical School, at Bradford. During the brief period of their stay the Prince and Princess were the guests of Mr. Titus Salt, youngest son of the late Sir Titus Salt, who founded the town of Saltaire, some four miles distant from Bradford. Great preparations had been made to do honour to the Royal visitors, and no less than eight triumphal arches had been erected at various points between the Technical School and Saltaire. After addresses of welcome had been presented outside the Town Hall, their Royal Highnesses were escorted to the Technical School, which was then formally opened by the Prince, who, in reply to the address presented by its president, expressed the pride he felt at being able to follow, at a distance no matter how remote, the example set him by his father, the late Prince Consort, and the gratitude he was under to the promoters of the scheme, for having afforded him the opportunity of assisting to carry out what his father ever had so much at heart. After the dinner that was held in honour of the occasion, the Prince, in acknowledging a loyal toast, expressed his belief that the new Technical School would not only be of great advantage to the town of Bradford, but would likewise set a good example throughout the country. As far back as the time of Henry VIII. Bradford had been a thriving town. Since then, though it had undergone much in consequence of the depression of trade, it had greatly increased in prosperity, and he thought this Technical School would do more than anything else towards still further increasing that prosperity, by imparting a technical, scientific, and practical education to the students whom he then saw present. He felt sure this country was second to none as regarded its skilled workmen; what they wanted, however, was a little more scientific education. The school has been erected at a cost of £30,000, of which £24,000, including £3000 from the Clothworkers' Company, has already been subscribed. On Saturday the Prince and Princess paid a short visit to a bazaar, held at St. George's Hall, in aid of the local Church Institute, after which they started on their return journey to town.

The following is the result of the grand International Chess Tournament at Vienna: Herren Steinitz, of the St. George's Chess Club, London, and Winaver, of Warsaw, share between them the first and second prizes of £240 and £100 respectively, each having won one of the two games played to settle the tie; Mr. Mason, honorary member of the City of London Chess Club, and of New York, takes the third prize of £48; Herr Zukertort, of the St. George's Chess Club, London, who had tied with Capt. Mackenzie for fourth place, has been awarded the fourth prize (£32), together with the extra prize offered for the best score made by any of the competitors against the winners of the first three prizes; Capt. Mackenzie, of America, takes fifth prize of £24; and Mr. Blackburne, honorary member of the City of London Chess Club, sixth prize of £16. In the Berlin Chess Tournament of last year, Mr. Blackburne took the first and Herr Zukertort the second prize, while Mr. Mason likewise secured one of the trophies of victory.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., presided at the annual meeting, held at his lordship's residence in Grosvenor-square, on Wednesday last, of the Victoria-street Society for Protecting Animals from Vivisection. Among the speakers were Mr. Reid, M.P., Cardinal Manning, and Canon Wilberforce, who opposed the practice of vivisection on moral grounds; while Dr. Lawson Tait, of Birmingham, who admitted that years ago he had been a vivisector himself, opposed it on scientific grounds, remarking that many of the discoveries attributed to knowledge gained by such practice had been shown not to have had the remotest connection with it. Letters of sympathy with the movement were read from the Prime Minister, Lord Coleridge, the Poet Laureate, and other distinguished personages.



The Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, are about to erect two large stained glass windows in St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, to commemorate the restoration of this, their parish church. The artist commissioned to execute the windows is Bro. Charles Evans, of 20, Warwick-street, Regent-street, W. The subjects are connected with Freemasonry, and the seal of the Grand Lodge, with that of the Crusaders, will be introduced.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham has been arranged by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Marquess of Londonderry, to be held at Darlington, early in October.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at Birkenhead this (Saturday) afternoon, the 1st July, when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., will lay the foundation-stone of the Wirral Children's Infirmary.

Bro. Thomas Whitehead was installed Worshipful Master of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool; and the banquet was served at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Lord Healdy, the officers and gentlemen of the Light Horse of the Hon. Artillery Company on Wednesday night last entertained at dinner, at the Albion, Lieutenant-Colonel his Grace the Duke of Portland. The following guests were invited: Viscount Baring, M.P., Lords Arthur and Henry Somerset, Lord Lurgan, and others.

Among those who have recently joined the Committee of the Volunteer Service Club are Bros. the Marquess of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham; the Earl of Wharncliffe, Lord Henniker, G.M.M.M.; Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; and Colonel Ridgway.

Among those injured in the accident which befel the express train from Newcastle to King's Cross, when it was within three or four miles of Peterborough, and traveling at the rate of some fifty miles an hour, was Bro. Dodds, M.P., who was bruised on the left shoulder and cut about the face and hands. He was an occupant of a first-class compartment, and asleep at the time, and the carriage in which he travelled being overturned, he had to be extricated through a broken window. Though severely shaken, Bro. Dodds was enabled to proceed on his way to London, which he reached shortly after midnight. We trust our respected brother will experience only a passing discomfort from his injuries, and congratulate him on having escaped so lightly, having regard to the terrible character of the accident.

The Beacon Court Lodge, No. 1967, was consecrated at New Brompton, on Wednesday last. Bro. W. J. Blakey was installed as W.M.

Bro. James Stevens will deliver his lecture on the First Degree at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction on the 11th inst.

Bro. W. H. Saunders invited a numerous company to be present at the ceremony of christening the first of the new roads on his estates, Warley Mount and Shenfield Park, yesterday (Friday).

The *Whitehall Review*, which is giving an exceptionally good series of portraits, last week depicted Lady Hanson, of whom the paper states—"Constance Hallett, daughter of Mr. C. Bentley Bingley, of Stanhope Park, Greenford, Middlesex, was married to Bro. R. Hanson, Alderman and Sheriff of London, in 1866. There are two sons and two daughters. Lady Hanson is deservedly a social favourite."

The Parkes Museum, which was first instituted in 1876 as a memorial to the late Dr. Edmund Parkes, and in order to promote the health of the community, for which Dr. Parkes so successfully devoted the best years of his life, was incorporated on Wednesday last. The museum has been temporarily located in University College, Gower-street, but negotiations are now being made for acquiring a building in a more central position. Since its establishment six years ago the total expenses have not amounted to £1000, and, owing to this economical management, the first Council of the incorporated institution commence their work with a fund of £1630, and a collection of apparatus and appliances valued at upwards of £1000. The first meeting of the Council was held on Thursday, Captain Douglas Galton, F.R.S., in the chair, when the following officers were elected unanimously: Treasurer, Professor Berkeley Hill, M.B.; Honorary Solicitor, Mr. Basil Field; and Secretary, Mr. Mark H. Judge, A.R.I.B.A. It was unanimously decided to remove the collection of articles at present housed in University College to premises more suited for the purposes of display and instruction; and a Building Committee was appointed to carry out this resolution.

Bros. Bedford Lemere, and Co., (Architectural Photographers to the Queen), 147, Strand, London, attend Masonic Gatherings, Wedding Parties and Social Reunions, and execute every description of Out-door Photography with promptitude, in first style and at moderate cost. A large collection of photographs on view and sale. Catalogues and printed terms free by post.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The infirmities of our nature almost necessitate disease. Impurity of the blood, functional disturbances and loose living constantly give rise to despondency, debility, or distempers. In the above-named remedies, the community can and do have, at a little cost, the safe and certain means of preventing or checking both outward ailments and inward maladies. Ample plain printed and very intelligible directions accompany every package of both Ointment and Pills, which only require attentive study to enable every invalid to be his own medical adviser. The earlier these powerful remedies are employed after discovery of the disease, the more rapid will be their action in expelling from the system all noxious matter and restoring health.—[ADVT.]

The eighth annual excursion to Hastings in aid of the Printing Machine Managers' Superannuation Fund is announced for this day (Saturday).

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths have made a donation of £20 (the second this year) to the funds of the City Orthopaedic Hospital, Hatton-garden.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held at the Town Hall, Hertford, on Thursday, the 13th inst, at 2.30 p.m.

The annual festival of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Royal Kentish Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, the 12th inst.

Bro. Alderman Knight and Mrs. Knight have issued invitations for an "at home," at their residence, Elms Side, Hampton, on Monday, the 10th inst.

The foundation stone of the new parish church for Hammersmith will be laid this day (Saturday) by Prince Leopold.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor presided at the annual meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, on Friday last, at the Guildhall, and was supported by the Earl of Shaftesbury, Cardinal Manning, Lord Algernon Percy, M.P.; Sir Arthur Otway, M.P.; Viscount Sidmouth, Lord Ashley, and Sir W. Charley (Common Sergeant).

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, will honour by their presence a garden party to be held at the British Home for Incurables, Clapham, on July 19th, to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the charity, which was founded July 20th, 1861. Her Royal Highness the Princess has kindly consented to receive purses for the benefit of the Institution on that occasion.

The Duchess of Teck will present the prizes at the British Orphan Asylum to-day (Saturday).

Mr. Spencer Walpole has been awarded a medal by the Society of Arts for his paper on "The Fish Supply of London."

At a Volunteer competition at Avonmouth, near Bristol, Corporal Lerway, of the local Engineer Volunteer Corps, made what is believed to be the highest score on record, namely 103 out of a possible 105. He had seven shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards, scoring 35 points at the first, and 34 at each of the other two.

The athletic sports of the Honourable Artillery Company take place to-day (Saturday), at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury.

The Great Eastern Railway Company will to-day (Saturday) open a garden and general farm produce depot at the Bishopsgate goods station.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Breadalbane had a dinner party on Tuesday evening last, at their house in Cavendish-square.

The Prime Minister has sent £50 to the Lord Mayor's fund for the Egyptian refugees.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the Military Fête in the grounds of the Royal Chelsea Hospital on Friday last, the proceeds of which will be devoted to erecting Army Coffee Taverns in garrisons and camps.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson and Mr. Sheriff Ogg visited Windsor Castle on Thursday last, when the honour of knighthood was conferred upon them by Her Majesty, in connection with the recent visit to Epping Forest.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M., as President of the Society of Antiquaries, had a conversazione at his house in Portman-square on Wednesday last, at which there was a numerous gathering of antiquarians and gentlemen belonging to different learned and scientific institutions in the metropolis.

Bro. J. R. Behenna was on Saturday last installed as W.M. of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531.

The anniversary meeting of the Young Men's Friendly Society was held on Thursday, in the library of Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop of Canterbury presiding.

The new offices of the *Daily Telegraph* were on Wednesday night opened in the presence of a number of distinguished persons, and among the company were their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Albany, the Prince of Leiningen, and Count Gleichen.

On Wednesday afternoon last the one hundred and twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Society of Arts took place at the rooms of the society, John-street, Adelphi, when Sir Frederick Bramwell, the chairman of the council, read his annual address. The chairman said that of all the subjects with which the public mind has been lately much exercised, perhaps none (of a non-political character) had given rise to so much controversy as the Channel Tunnel; and the importance of ready inter-communication of nations in its bearing upon art, manufactures and commerce will, the council believe, have amply justified their invitation to Sir Edward Watkin to open a discussion on the subject before the society. Electricity in all its forms, especially that of street lighting, had engaged the special attention of the society. The number of members of the society still continued to increase. During the year 273 members had been removed from their list by death or resignation. In the same period 373 had been elected. There was, therefore, an increase of 100. The total number of life and subscribing members and institutions in union which subscribe to the society from their own funds was 3429. A vote of thanks to the chairman for his able address brought the proceedings to a close.

Bro. George Thomas was on Monday last installed as W.M. of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36, Cardiff.

The Mansion House Fund for the relief of European refugees from Egypt, which was opened last week with a subscription from Earl Granville, is in progress. The committee held their first meeting at the Mansion House on Wednesday last.

Earl Granville, president of the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, Fitzroy-square, presided yesterday afternoon at a numerous attended meeting of its friends and supporters, held, by permission of the Duke of Westminster, at Grosvenor House. His lordship said that the system had made great progress, and was now generally admitted to be the best mode of teaching the deaf, but he regretted that the institution was much in need of funds, which he hoped would be supplied.

On Wednesday last Wak-bun-a-Kee, the second chief of the Indian tribe, the Munceys, who is now in this country, appeared among the distinguished strangers in the House of Commons. He had on the war and hunting dress of his tribe—a headress of eagle's feathers, with a tunic and mocassins of skins. Round his ankles hung the hoofs of deer, and in his belt he had the tomahawk of his ancestors. The Chief, in the course of the day, had an interview with Mr. Ashley at the Colonial Office, in reference to the restoration of the lands belonging to the tribe.

The Princess of Wales, as Patroness of the British Home for Incurables, Clapham-rise, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, will honour by her presence a garden party, to be held at the Institution on July the 19th, to celebrate the "coming of age" of the charity. Owing to the limited space, a certain number of tickets will be issued at half a guinea each. A guard of honour of the 7th Surrey Rifle Volunteers will attend with their band. The Bands of the Grenadier Guards and a choir will perform during the afternoon. The Princess of Wales having consented to receive purses of £5 ss. and upwards, ladies wishing to assist the charity in this manner will receive full information on application to the secretary, R. G. Salmond, 73, Cheapside.

The Earl of Morley presided on Wednesday last at a meeting, held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, to promote a scheme for training schoolmasters for middle-class schools. The attendance was representative in its character, and resolutions were passed affirming the need of a training college for teachers; that it should be under the inspection of the universities; and that support should be sought from the universities and from public schoolmasters.

The Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys acknowledges a contribution of one hundred and fifty guineas from a member of the Court of Common Council at the Anniversary Festival, presided over by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.

The Prince of Wales has appointed Mr. G. Watson, jun., of Rochester, Organising Secretary to the Royal College of Music. Mr. Watson is Honorary Secretary to the Rochester and Chatham Choral Society.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the anniversary banquet of the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge of Instruction, No. 898, will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at Bro. A. Brookson's, George the IV., Ida-street, Poplar. Bro. Thomas S. Finch, P.M. 898, &c., the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge, will preside, and the banquet will be served at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, three shillings and six-pence each, can be obtained of Bro. C. Scrutton, Hon. Sec., Preston's-road, Poplar.

The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., presided on Wednesday last at a meeting of the Governors of Wellington College, at Marlborough House. The other Governors present were Colonel the Hon. W. P. Talbot, Vice-President, his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Redesdale, Earl Cairns, Viscount Eversley, Viscount Cranbrook, the Bishop of Truro, Colonel F. Stanley, M.P., Mr. Walpole, M.P., Sir Lintorn Simmons, Sir Alfred Horsford, Lieut.-General Whitmore, C.B., Mr. J. Walter, M.P., and the Rev. Dr. Harper. Mr. J. F. Chance, Secretary, was in attendance.

The Queen received on Tuesday, with much thankfulness, the assurance that the Duke of Edinburgh was not the worse for his narrow escape from drowning near the Bayona Bridge, Santiago. While fishing, His Royal Highness's foot slipped, and he was carried into the weir, where he was nearly drowned, being carried under four times in sixteen feet of water. The Duke was altogether half-an-hour in the water before he was brought to shore. The Queen also received a telegram from His Royal Highness stating that he had suffered no ill effects from the accident.

A meeting of Langton Lodge, No. 1613, was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, when, considering the state of the weather, there was a very good muster of the brethren. The lodge was opened in the usual manner and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge then opened up to the Third Degree, resuming in the First, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. D. Langton acting as candidate. After a call off the W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Shaw was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and he announced that his work would be the Second Degree and Second and Third Sections of the Third Lectures; after which the W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge was closed until Thursday next.

"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.—[ADVT.]

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, July 8, 1882.

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

SAURDAY, JULY 1.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, Old Kent-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, JULY 3.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1024, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham-park.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.T.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
K. T. Precept. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
Strong Man; Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, JULY 4.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1310, Harrow, King's Head Hot., Harrow.
Chap. 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bgds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
K.T. Precept. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Dalston.
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, M.H., 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., 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.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ct., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st, Covent
Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
All Saints, Eagle Tav., East India Dock-rd., Poplar, at 7.30.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 7.

Lodge 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
K.T. Precept. 134, Blondel, F.M. Tav.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-
house, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanly, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern,
Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, JULY 8.

Quar. Gen. Court Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1626, Paxton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Brixton.
" 1929, Mozart, Harewood House, Croydon.
Chyp. 1423, Era, The Albany, Twickenham.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot.
**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-
CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE**
For the Week ending Saturday, July 8, 1882.
MONDAY, JULY 3.
Lodge 104, St. John's Ashton Hot., Stockport.
" 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
TUESDAY, JULY 4.
Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5.
Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, W.H., Liverpool.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
THURSDAY, JULY 6.
Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1565, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
FRIDAY, JULY 7.
Lodge 1375, Didsbury, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
" 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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NOTES.

(a) **Masonic Charity for Orphan Boys.**—To the establishment of this Charity, and one of a similar character by some "modern" brethren is traced the present **Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green**. At the outset of its career it mustered six pupils; it now has over 200, and arrangements are being made for the establishment, in connection with it, of a preparatory school for younger sons of deceased or indigent Craftsmen.

(b) **Duke Frederick of Brunswick**, born 1740, died 1805, distinguished himself in the Seven Years' War, and subsequently commanded in Holland. It is not known when he was made a Mason, but in 1769 he joined a chapter of the Strict Observance. He remained National Grand Master from 1772 to 1799. In 1773 he made an unsuccessful attempt to reconcile the Strict Observance and the Zinnendorf system. He is said to have devoted himself during the closing years of his life to the study of the occult sciences.

(c) **T. Smith Webb**, born 1771, died 1819, was Grand Master of Rhode Island in 1813, and one of the most prominent of our American brethren. He is best known by his work "The Freemason's Monitor, or Illustrations of Masonry," which was published in 1797, and has gone through many editions, retaining its popularity even to the present day.

(d) **Connecticut.**—There are, according to the latest returns we have seen, some 14,600 Masons in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which can also boast of having a Masonic Charity Foundation Fund, amounting to about 4500 dollars, and a Grand Lodge Fund of over 1000 dollars.

(e) **Louisiana.**—There are between 4800 and 4900 Masons in this jurisdiction. The net capital of the Grand Lodge on 1st January, 1881, was upwards of 102,900 dollars.

(f) **Inigo Jones**, who has been designated the "English Palladio," was born in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's, London, his father being a respectable cloth-worker. By his talent for drawing he attracted the notice of the Earl of Pembroke, who sent him abroad in order that he might prosecute his studies. About 1604 he was invited from Italy to Denmark, where he is said to have been commissioned by Christian IV. to prepare designs for part of the buildings of the royal chateau at Frederiksberg and the Palace of Rosenberg. To this, no doubt, he owes his introduction to our James I., Christian IV.'s brother-in-law. On his second return from Italy he set about erecting the Palace of Whitehall, of which the Banqueting Hall alone was completed and still exists. St. Paul's, Covent Garden, was also his work. He died about 1653.

(g) **Wilhelmsbad.** The object of this convention was to inquire generally into Freemasonry, and its relation to the Order of Knights Templar. The result was that the Order of the Strict Observance was nominally abolished. Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, born 1721, died 1792, who presided on the occasion, was a distinguished soldier of Frederick the Great's time, under whom he served through several campaigns. He was initiated in the Lodge of the Three Globes, at Berlin, in 1740, and received the Master's Degree, at Breslau, in 1743. In 1764 he became Protector of the Lodge St. Charles, in Brunswick, and, in 1770, P.G.M. Brunswick, under the Grand Lodge of England. In 1772, at Kohlo, he was declared G.

JULY † HISTORICAL CALENDAR. † 1882.

1	Sat.	Prince Cambacères elected S.G.C. of the Supreme Council of France, 1806.
2	Sun.	Charles, King of Naples, and Ferdinand VI. of Spain, forbid meetings of Freemasons in their respective States, 1751.
3	Mon.	Lord Alexander, Sir Anthony Alexander, and Sir Alexander Strachan, of Thornstown, admitted members of the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 (St. Mary's Chapel), 1634. A "Mot de Semestre" instituted by Grand Master of France, 1777. Establishment of a Masonic Charity for Orphan Boys (a) by Lodge No. 23 and others (Ancients), 1798.
4	Tu.	New Book of Laws accepted by Grand Lodge of France, 1755.
5	Wed.	Duke Frederick of Brunswick (b) nominated by Grand Lodge of the Three Globes Grand Master of all the Prussian Lodges, 1772.
6	Thur.	Masonic Congress at Brunswick closed, 1775. T. Smith Webb (c), Grand Master Rhode Island in 1813, and author of the "Freemasons' Monitor," died, 1819. Grand Lodge of Florida established, 1830.
7	Fri.	J. E. Marconis de Nègre elected G. Hierophant of the Rite of Memphis, 95°, 1838.
8	Sat.	G. Lodge of Connecticut (d) established, 1789.
9	Sun.	Establishment at Paris of a Grand Consistory of P.R.S., 32° (A. and A. Rite), 1805.
10	Mon.	Bro. Jonaust presented with a medal by the Grand Orient of France for his "Histoire du Grand Orient de France," 1869.
11	Tu.	G. Lodge of Louisiana (e) constituted, 1812.
12	Wed.	Act of Parliament against Secret Societies, from which, however, Freemasonry excepted, 1799.
13	Thur.	Declaration of G. Orient against the two Supreme Councils of France, Prado and Pompeii, 1819.
14	Fri.	M. Marconis de Nègre founds at Troy, New York, a <i>soi-disant</i> G. Lodge, "Les Disciples de Memphis," Bro. Durand, G. Master, 1860.
15	Sat.	Inigo Jones (f) celebrated English architect, born, 1573.
16	Sun.	Fred. II., the Great, of Prussia, accords his protection to Grand National Lodge of Germany, 1774. Convention at Wilhelmsbad (g) opened under presidency of Duke Ferdinand of Brunswick, 1782.
17	Mon.	William IV. invited at an especial G. Lodge to become G. Patron of the Craft, 1830.
18	Tu.	Inauguration by Lodge Royal York of Friendship of the portrait of Frederick the Great and fête thereafter, 1777.
19	Wed.	Board of Masonic Relief, Boston, Mass., established, 1819.
20	Thur.	Statutes of the Order of the Temple drawn up at Paris, 1811.
21	Fri.	The expression "Free Accepted Mason" first occurs in minutes of the York Lodge, 1725.
22	Sat.	Institution by the Grand Orient of France of a "Directory of Rites," 1805. The Archbishop of Avignon publishes Clement's Bull in his diocese, and denounces the Freemasons, 1751. Bro. Robert Burns died, 1796.
23	Sun.	Philip Charles Dagrain des Nubats elected G. Inspector of the Philosophic Scotch Rite, 1805.
24	Mon.	G. Lodge England provides for verification by means of certificates of the initiation of brethren, 1755.
25	Tues.	The Grand Orient of France announces appointment of Commissary Inspectors to examine documents relating to the revision of the General Statutes, 1844.
26	Wed.	Relief Lodge, No. 42, Bury, Lancashire, warranted, 1733.
27	Thur.	William Maxwell, "doctor of Fisk ordinare to his Maistic" received into Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1 (St. Mary's Chapel), 1647. G. Lodge of Mississippi (h) constituted, 1818.
28	Fri.	William Preston, author of the "Illustrations," born at Edinburgh, 1742, O.S.
29	Sat.	Gift of chairs to the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, by the Baroness Burdett Coutts (i), 1876.
30	Sun.	Prov. G. Lodge, Boston, Mass., opened by Bro. Henry Price (j) and officers appointed, 1733.
31	Mon.	G. Lodge of Maryland (k) constituted, 1783. Bro. G. Kloss, (l) German Masonic historian, born, 1787. Apollo Lodge, Alcester, constituted, 1794. Foundation-stone of the Sussex Wing of the Royal Free Hospital, (m) Gray's-Inn-road, laid by W. Bro. Alex. Dobie, as proxy for the Earl of Zetland, 1855.

NOTES—continued.

Master of the Scottish lodges, and at the Wilhelmsbad Convention, in 1782, General G. Master of the assembled lodges.

(h) **Mississippi.** On 1st April, 1881, there were 298 lodges on the roll of this G. Lodge, while the membership fell somewhat short of 9500.

(i) **Baroness Burdett Coutts**, daughter of the late Sir Francis Burdett, some time member of Parliament for the City of Westminster, and cousin of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx. On more than one occasion has this benevolent lady evinced her interest in the proceedings of the Craft generally, and of the lodge which bears her name in particular. At its consecration she presented it with a copy of the Bible; and, on the occasion here noted, the Grand Master having granted the necessary dispensation, the Baroness was personally present during the session of the lodge—though it will be understood no Masonic work was done—and the chairs were formally inaugurated.

(j) **Henry Price**, born in England in 1697, whence he emigrated to N. America. He was merchant tailor in Boston, and died at Townsend, Mass., in 1780. Though the Daniel Coxe deputation, granted by Grand Master the Duke of Norfolk, preceded by three years that issued by Grand Master Viscount Montague to Bro. Henry Price, and though contemporary journals show that brethren were in the habit of meeting at Philadelphia in 1732, yet our American brethren owe the first lodge which is known to have been established on their soil to the labours of Bro. Price. The petition for such lodge was approved at this very meeting, after the Prov. G. Lodge, as stated, had been constituted.

(k) **Maryland.**—There are in this jurisdiction, according to the latest returns we have seen, close on 4800 brethren. The Grand Lodge appears, from the same sources to be in debt to the extent of little short of 300,000 dollars.

(l) **G. Kloss**, born 1788, died 1854, was initiated into Freemasonry in 1805, and thenceforward devoted himself heart and soul to Masonic literature, and especially to that branch of it which comes under the head of Masonic bibliography. He is author of "Die Freimaurerei in ihre wahre Bedeutung, 1846," "Geschichte der Freimaurerei in England, Irland, and Schottland, 1847," and "Geschichte der Freimaurerei in Frankreich," 1852; but his principal work, and that by which he will be best remembered is, undoubtedly, "Die Bibliographie der Freimaurer," 1844, which, as is stated in Kenning's "Cyclopædia of Freemasonry," "is a most excellent work alike for research and correctness." The highest encomiums have been passed upon this most distinguished brother. He was repeatedly Chairman or W. Master of the lodge "zur Einigkeit," of Frankfurt-on-Maine. "His lectures," says Bro. Meisenger, "chiefly historical, were most attractive and enlivening; his deep reading, sagacious reasoning, and practical good sense pre-eminently qualified him to manage the administration, and to give laws." The same brother describes him as "worthy of great praise for the manner in which he reorganised the Eclectic Grand Lodge, of which he was at different times Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and this in periods of peculiar difficulty."

(m) **The Sussex Wing of Royal Free Hospital**, Gray's-inn-road, was erected at the cost of the Craft for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of Masons in England 1813-1843.

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