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MANY of our readers will have followed the doings of the English fleet off Alexandria with the very deepest interest. The account of the gallantry and services of Bro. Lord CHARLES BERESFORD will have gratified naturally many of his brethren and friends; and the one feeling of all our readers, we presume, will be one of pride and confidence in the distinguished Admiral, his officers and men, and also of satisfactory conviction that the iron may as much be relied on as the once wooden walls of Old England.

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THE Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday last was not without importance. Twenty girls were placed on the list for the October election, and seven vacancies were declared. Bro. TATTERSHALL brought forward his motion with reference to the election by purchase of a candidate having a sister in the School, declaring the ineligibility by purchase of such a candidate as well as by election. The motion was carried by twelve to nine; but, curiously enough, the battle will have to be fought over again in the General Committee, where the opinion of the GRAND REGISTRAR has to be read, when that opinion, as asked for by a resolution of that body, will come before it. It is known that the opinion of our learned brother is adverse to the view of Bro. TATTERSHALL and others. Thus the Quarterly Court had to come to a conclusion on confessedly imperfect data, and it was ruled by the CHAIRMAN to be out of order to refer to an opinion intended for the General Committee at a Quarterly Court; yet, as the Quarterly Court is the superior body to the other, we cannot see why, as an aid to the discussion, such an opinion might not have been read for information. Bro. TATTERSHALL, after some discussion, withdrew his resolution about compulsory Committee-retirement until the next Quarterly Court, when he will bring forward a fuller and clearer resolution. A further grant was properly and heartily accorded to our worthy Bro. WEBER.

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THE Quarterly Court of the Boys' School took place on the 10th inst., when sixty-two candidates and twelve vacancies were declared.

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A GOOD deal may be said on the two points raised on Saturday last in the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School. As regards the purchase of a candidate who has already a sister in the School, everything turns on the exact verbiage and meaning of the law. Abstractedly it would seem as if the election and purchase of candidates stood on a different footing; and practically, if any girls are admitted by purchase at all, it matters not to the Institution, supposing the amount paid be sufficient, whether the candidates be related or not. It is no doubt most desirable that as regards the election to the Charity, as a Charity, any appearances of favouritism, nepotism, or "family party" should be carefully avoided and forbidden, and therefore one of the same family can only be admitted; but when it becomes a case of purchase, we can easily realize a distressing case where the refusal would operate hardly if the same rule is to apply inexorably. We do not conceal from ourselves that probably the feeling of our brethren is against this purchase of a sister, but we are glad the question has been raised, and the sooner it is settled authoritatively and finally the better.

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As regards the compulsory retirement of Committeemen, there are two sides clearly to the question. Much may be said for the proposition, a good deal may be said against it; but we venture to think that the balance of convenience and benefit for the Institution lies against any change. At present, if we are dissatisfied with the House Committee, we can change them one and all. If we carry Bro. TATTERSHALL'S motion, we can only change three annually. On the whole, then, we are of opinion that it is one of those

cases where "quieta non movere" ought to be our motto; the more so as it is purely a problematical move, a leap in the dark. We are all satisfied with the present House Committee, and as, in truth, there is generally a change every year, we do not see that much will be gained by such an alteration in the laws. If Bro. TATTERSHALL'S motion be eventually carried, we shall have to redraft the whole law relating to the annual election of the House Committee afresh.

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WHAT a pity it is that our good brethren will not read and study the Book of Constitutions. Hardly a day passes but, alike in our columns and in numerous other ways, the most lamentable ignorance is displayed by members of our Order, even by W.M.'s and those higher in rank; and the stereotyped reply to appeal and oburgation is one and the same—"we had not read the Book of Constitutions." But why not? What is the reason? what the excuse? We can only then urge upon all our brethren the advisability of studying the Book of Constitutions, of giving a copy of it to every newly-initiated candidate, as is the wise custom in many lodges now, as well as to every new W.M. and to every Secretary and Treasurer amongst us, so that none may plead ignorance of provisions which are absolutely necessary, alike for the normal and abnormal life of Masonry to-day.

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WE once again repeat a friendly warning against personal correspondence. It would almost seem as if even the slightest matter cannot be commented upon or discussed in our columns without the evil genius of personality stepping in and marring and perverting the words of those who should be, who are bound to be, courteous, considerate, fair-dealing, kindly-speaking brother Masons.

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WITH reference to the question lately in our columns about a conspiracy to blackball, we beg to say that there have been several cases of appeal to the Board of General Purposes against exclusion for indiscriminate blackballing. The first was in 1825, when a brother had avowedly blackballed a candidate without being able to allege anything against his character, and had also expressed, in a private conversation, his intention of blackballing every future candidate. With respect to the first charge, the Board considered that in blackballing the candidate he had only exercised his undoubted right, at the same time they described his conduct as unbrotherly. As to the second charge, the Board were unwilling to believe that the brother would deliberately have carried out so unjust and highly unmasonic a purpose, and as it was only a threat they ruled that his exclusion was premature and unnecessary. There were two other cases; one in 1864 was an appeal against the exclusion of three brethren for blackballing indiscriminately all candidates proposed. In this case the appeal was dismissed and the exclusion upheld. There was another in the same year, in which the Board, after expressing their strong disapprobation of the practice, considered the evidence insufficient, otherwise they would no doubt have upheld the exclusion. We do not thin it would be right to publish the names of the lodges, but they can be found by referring to the Grand Lodge reports of 7th September, 1825, 2nd March and 1st June, 1864.

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THE procession in honour of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania took place on Saturday, June 24th. Every man in line was dressed in black and wore a white lambskin apron, bound with blue. The Past Masters and officers wore their jewels, pendent from a blue ribbon, on the left lappel of their coats. There were in line about five thousand men. During the formation of the procession, members of the Grand Lodge assembled in special communication, and celebrated the anniversary of the first grand communication of the Grand Lodge. Later in the day ceremonies were held in the Academy of Music, where an address of welcome was read by R.W. Grand Master DICK. Addresses were also made by other distinguished Masons, including Governor HOYT. There was both vocal and instrumental music. The festivities of the day were closed with a banquet by the Grand Lodge in Masonic Temple." We have received the above from an esteemed friend and brother visitor in the Masonic Pilgrimage, and to him, and many other good men and true, Publisher and Editor beg to hold out the right hand of true Masonic fellowship and regard, though across dividing waters. We refer to the matter again elsewhere.

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BEANS and bacon are a very good dish, which many of us have relished before, and, let us hope, many of us may relish again. But we hear they

are becoming fashionable at recreation banquets and even fish dinners, and that when all have well dined then appear the streaky bacon and the obese bean. We suppose that this is a development of æstheticism, of cunning menus, of new ideas; the more so, as some one proposed the other day to alter the whole arrangement of the customary dinner table, and to bring on "pieces de resistance" first, and the "entrées" and "hors d'œuvres" last. Whether it be a new menu, or an old bill of fare, we wish our worthy brethren all, as the friendly Germans say, "guten appetit" at these their summer gatherings; and we trust that they will survive, one and all, the effect both of beans and bacon, that mayonnaise of salmon, and those numerous other delicacies of the season which are so rife just now both at Recreation banquets and Greenwich expeditions.

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WE are living in a very sensational age. We hear of odd distorted lives every day, abnormal episodes, and strange conceits which the whirligig of time brings with it hour by hour for us and ours. Perhaps one of the queerest we have heard of for some time is that which is so markedly headed in every paper, "Elopement with a Mother-in-law." We know, all of us, the old old story, and the curious facts with respect to this respected relative of the married man,—and even Mr. TREVELYAN, the staid Chief Secretary for Ireland, could unbend in the House of Commons lately with a grim joke about a mother-in-law. But to elope with a mother-in-law, to leave a young and blooming wife behind to penury and suffering, does seem an act of outrageous cruelty, of vile unmanliness, of insane folly which deserves the severest retribution. We apprehend that the Nemesis of such domestic iniquity is not far behind, the more so as the prohibition to marry a grandmother has always appeared to us to stand on exactly the same footing as the prohibited degree of a mother-in-law. Of course there are mothers-in-law and mothers-in-law, we all know that; but we confess to have been severely moved by this startling and weird announcement.

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SAD among the sights and scenes of the green leaves and the fragrant flowers of pleasant summer is the sense of the inevitable flight of time, the irresistible decay of normal powers. We are many of us not so young as we were! Four decades have passed over some of us since first we saw the light of Masonry, and numerous are the friends we have made, the mates alas! we have lost. Memory goes back to-day, half-unconsciously, half-reluctantly, to other scenes and other days. We summon up before us clear and full-voiced the "cari loughi," the cheery comrades of "Auld lang Syne." That good lodge we knew so well, and loved so much, is full of life and animation, warm youth, cheerful maturity, complacent old age—all are there. But we can only wistfully, as it were, re-create for ourselves for a few passing moments the work and the workers of years gone by. For us those pleasant hours never can be again ours, in that they are but shadows of the past; and the laughing ghosts, who have long since paid their obolus to Charon, fade rapidly away, leaving us behind, old and wayworn, solitary and forlorn. Old age is here, and others are ready to fill the place we once filled with zest, and do the work we once did in honest intent, and the unceasing flow of the great river of time carries us on forward, "willy nilly," to land us on those distant banks from which there is no returning.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treas., in the chair.

There were also present Bros. Joshua Nunn, Frank Richardson, A. E. Gladwell, Henry Smith, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, E. H. Finney, C. J. Perceval, John Mason, E. Letchworth, A. H. Tattershall, Col. Peters, Walter Hopkirk, H. Phythian, F. Binckes, J. A. Rucker, George Brown, J. T. Halkin, J. H. Matthews, Robert Grey, A. D. Lowenstark, H. A. Dubois, Peter de Lande Long, H. Massey, *Freemason*.

The reading of the minutes of the Special Court, and of the subsequent General and House Committees, occupied a long time, and after this was concluded the Court placed the candidates for the October election on the list.

The next business was the consideration of Bro. A. H. Tattershall's motion 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."

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, asked whether any opinion had been received on the rule as it at present stood in the Institution.

Col. CREATON said such an opinion had been received from the Grand Registrar, but he did not think it was necessary to read it before the question was discussed. In reply to a further question by Bro. Woodford, Col. Creaton stated that the opinion of the Grand Registrar was that the rule did not exclude any one purchased into the Institution.

Bro. TATTERSHALL said he would not detain the brethren by making many remarks. The motion spoke for itself, and he brought it forward because some brethren were of opinion that a child who had a sister in the Institution could be admitted by purchase, although a child could not be elected into the Institution who had a sister there already. The addition of the present motion would render it perfectly plain.

Bro. A. D. LOEWENSTARK seconded the motion.

Bro. F. BINCKES said as this was a rule which affected the Institution with which he was more particularly connected, if it was necessary, he might be allowed to make an explanatory statement of the rule as it had

been observed in the Boys' School. If the present motion was adopted, as it had been considered prudent to assimilate the rules of the two Institutions, the Boys' School would have to adopt this motion also. Now in the Boys' School it had not been considered necessary. It was made as explicit as possible that no petition should be read for admission to the Girls' School if the girl had a sister there already. Nothing more than that was necessary. If no petition could be received under such circumstances, it seemed to follow that no girl could be purchased into the Institution. He had heard a question raised as to the reception of a petition for a purchase case. Now no girl could be received without an authorised form of petition. In his School no boy had been admitted, whether by election or purchase, without a petition, and the Boys' School and Girls' School had been working in unison. Still further to strengthen the position, the words "properly qualified" were inserted in the laws which gave people the right to purchase cases into the School if they would not go to the trouble and expense of an election. For 170 guineas they had the power to purchase a child into the Institution. Whatever was the meaning of the words "properly qualified" they were the governing words throughout those laws, and a petition could not be received if the child was not properly qualified. The proper qualifications were set out in the laws, and those were endorsed on every form of petition, and "properly qualified" must govern a case, whether for election or purchase. How it could be argued that in a purchase case a petition was not needed seemed to him incomprehensible, because unless the General Committee was certain that the case was properly qualified it could not be entertained. If these forms were not complied with, how were they to know that a girl was the daughter of a Mason? If no petition was necessary, a girl purchased into the Institution might be any girl taken out of the streets. It appeared to him that the addition of the proposed motion to the rules was quite unnecessary.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD thought the great difficulty that arose appeared to be from the fact that they were legislating in the dark. It was known there was an opinion of the Grand Registrar.

Bro. Col. CREATON said this subject could not be discussed in the Quarterly Court, when it had not yet come before the General Committee. The information was not refused, but the matter could not be discussed, though he should be glad, as a matter of courtesy, to give the information.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD said it was a pity then that the matter should have been brought forward at all. They knew that a brother very eminent in the law had said there was nothing in the laws of the Institution to prevent a child being presented for admission by purchase without a petition. It was a most important element in the question, but yet there was another brother also in the room who had expressed, as they had just heard, a different opinion. With the Grand Registrar, he (Bro. Woodford) held there was no necessity for a petition in a purchase case. He did not deny that there were some difficulties in the case, but whatever had been the understanding, whatever might be supposed to be implied, the matter now could solely be governed by the legal interpretation of the exact verbiage of the laws. Something might, he admitted, fairly be said on the other side, by those who took Bro. Binckes's view, as to the custom in like cases; but believing that the matter was purely a question of exact interpretation of the laws, and that, to a certain extent, the rights of the subscribers generally to purchase a scholastic presentation was involved in the discussion, he should, accepting the dictum of the Grand Registrar, as he understood it, vote against Bro. Tattershall's motion. It was one thing to exclude a second candidate from the same family into the Charity as a Charity; it was quite another thing to purchase an admission to the educational course. The former certainly did not seem to preclude the latter.

Bro. BINCKES said that even in the case of a perpetual presentation, for which £1000 was paid, a petition had to be presented and all the other forms had to be gone through.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN said that as a member of the Committee who framed those laws, he might inform the Court that it was distinctly understood by every member that there should not be two daughters of the same brother in the Girls' School, or two sons of a brother in the Boys' School at the same time. He thought that in supporting this motion of Bro. Tattershall's, they were only clearing up a difficulty as to the qualification for the admission of a girl. It appeared to him clear that no girl could be admitted unless all the qualifications were complied with.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON did not see why two children should not be in the Institution at the same time, one by election and one by purchase. If £175 was not sufficient let them make it higher, say £275.

Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK thought there should be no difference between election and purchase cases. The School was a Charity School, but if Bro. Woodford's opinion was correct it might soon become nothing more than a Masonic Boarding School, and 170 guineas would be a small sum to pay for its excellent benefits. Such a thing would be injurious to the Masonic Institution in particular, and Masonry in general.

Bro. PERCEVAL could not see why if the 170 guineas covered the expenses of one child the child should not be admitted.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH would like to ask when the 170 guineas covered the cost.

Bro. Col. CREATON said this was beside the question, but he might say that when the sum was fixed at 170 guineas the matter was thoroughly gone into, and it was found that 170 guineas would cover the cost of a girl.

Bro. TATTERSHALL, in reply, said that the Grand Registrar having expressed an opinion, that according to the rules there was nothing to preclude a purchase child being admitted who had a sister in the Institution, he thought it right to bring this motion forward.

The motion was then put and carried by twelve to nine votes.

Col. CREATON said if the votes had been equal on each side he should have given his casting vote in favour of the motion.

Bro. TATTERSHALL then moved to insert in Rule 37, after the word "Trustee," "that those members shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election until after an interval of twelve months," but after some discussion he withdrew the motion.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron moved "that a further gratuity of £25, in addition to the £25 voted at the Special Court held on 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.

Bro. TATTERSHALL seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. HEDGES said that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.W., who took the chair at the last festival of the Institution, intimated that Her

Most Gracious Majesty had authorised him to state that she would accept the position of Chief Patroness of the Institution. Her Majesty had since honoured the Institution by sending a donation of £50.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said that as this was the first opportunity that had offered itself after Her Majesty's kindness to acknowledge their gracious recognition, he would move "that this Court desires to record its grateful appreciation of the high honour conferred on the Institution by Her Majesty's gracious acceptance of the office of Chief Patroness."

Bro. WALTER HOPEKIRK seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. HEDGES read a letter from Dr. Hope, acknowledging the receipt of the communication from the Secretary, announcing his (Dr. Hope's) appointment as Honorary Surgeon of the Institution, and thanking the brethren for the honour conferred on him. Dr. Hope expressed the pleasure he had in accepting the appointment, and approving of what he had seen while a House Committeeman of the management of the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the Quarterly General Court of this Institution was held on Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Col. Creaton, in the chair, Bros. A. M. Bradley, L. Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, William Roebuck, Chas. John Perceval, Thos. Cubitt, F. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution, and E. C. Massey, *Freemason*.

The minutes of the General Court of 10th April were read and verified, and the minutes of the General Committee of 6th May, 3rd June, and 1st July were read for information.

Bro. BINCKES submitted the list of Candidates eligible for election, from which it appeared that, allowing for candidates withdrawn or rendered ineligible by lapse of time, there were now, with the names added through petitions received and approved since last election, 62 candidates eligible for election; and that the number to be elected was 12.

It was moved by Bro. ROEBUCK, seconded and carried, that the list as submitted be approved and closed.

This being the only business before the Court, a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE WALDECK LODGE, No. 1969.

The consecration of a new and important London lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under very favourable auspices, as will be seen from the following account of the transactions of the meeting. The ceremonies, both of consecration and installation, were conducted by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who, in the former, was assisted by the V.W. Bro. E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, as S.W.; the W. Bro. John Messent, Grand Swd. Br., as J.W.; the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, M.A., Grand Chap., as Chap.; the W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Dir. of Cer.; and the W. Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec., as I.G.

Everything that foresight could provide for appeared to have been done by the founders to secure a prosperous future for the lodge, and to render its inauguration memorable. Behind the Master's chair a handsome banner was displayed, bearing the arms of the House of Waldeck, which, as will be seen, they have by Royal favour been permitted to adopt. This was presented to the lodge by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Julius Quitmann, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Frederick H. Cozens, and as he was assisted by Bros. Lawler, Carter, and Ashton, it will be seen that the impressiveness of the ceremony in this respect had been well provided for.

The founders, named in the petition and warrant as the principal officers, were Bros. Julius Quitmann, P.M. 538, as W.M.; H. L. Wolters, P.M. 538, as S.W.; and Gustav Paul Wehlen, P.M. 511, as J.W.

Bro. Colonel CLERKE, as Consecrating Officer, having taken the chair, appointed the Wardens pro tem., and other assistant officers, and having opened the lodge in the Three Degrees proceeded to address the brethren present. He said that there were a very large number of brethren in London who had their birthplace in the great empire of Germany, where Masonry existed in its truest form, and, like Masonry in this country, had the protection of the Sovereign, and had the Heir to the Throne as Grand Master. In London there was only one German lodge where the German language was entirely used; but there were several other brethren of that nationality who had thought it desirable to petition for a warrant to be granted to them for a new German lodge in London, in which, however, the English language should be employed. He had often pointed out to brethren lately on occasions like the present that there was a great difficulty in obtaining warrants for new lodges in London; but there was no rule without exceptions, and H.R.H. the Grand Master had taken into favourable consideration the petition of the German brethren to whom he had alluded, and had decided to grant the warrant for a German lodge to be held under the name of the Waldeck Lodge—a name which had become endeared to Englishmen by the marriage of the Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire with a Princess of the house of Waldeck. Three old Past Masters had been designated to fill the three principal chairs of the new lodge, and there was, therefore, every warrant for believing that the lodge would be conducted according to the constitutions of the Order, and that no unworthy candidate would be admitted into it. They had now met to give effect to the construction of this lodge, which he would commence by asking the Grand Chaplain to give them the benefit of Masonic prayer.

After the Chaplain had offered up prayer, the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Richardson, addressed the Consecrating Officer, and by his command arranged the brethren of the new lodge before him, and then proceeded to read the petition and warrant. When the warrant had been read the Consecrating Officer inquired of the brethren of the new lodge whether they approved of the officers designated, and being answered in the affirmative, he called upon the Chaplain to deliver an oration.

The CHAPLAIN (the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, Grand Chap.), said: Worshipful Master and brethren, it is customary on the occasion of consecrating a new lodge—indeed, I may almost term it part of the ritual of con-

secration of a lodge receiving its patent from the Grand Master of England—that a minister of religion should address a few remarks to the brethren assembled for the purpose of consecrating it. I do trust that it will ever be, as it is now, an invariable custom that religion will hold its place as one of the tenets of our Order, as one of those vital landmarks which if you take it away I foresee the downfall of Freemasonry, at all events in its present flourishing condition. I propose, first of all, to say a few words on the history of Freemasonry, at least, not going into the history, but merely connecting it in England in some measure with Freemasonry in Germany. We, as English Freemasons, are naturally proud of the position which Freemasonry has attained in this country, for not only, as in Germany, is the heir to the throne in this kingdom an active and working Mason, but he is also Grand Master this day over 1069 lodges, and two of his Royal brothers take an active part in Freemasonry and in working our ceremonies; and we all know that the flower of the nobility, and the greatest excellence and genius amongst the commoners in the three United Kingdoms, belong to our Order. And I hope as an Englishman I may be permitted to remark that England has been the cradle of modern Masonry in its present powerful organisation and universal ramifications. I believe that I am correct in stating that no longer ago than 150 years, although there were many Freemasons in Germany, who wherever they went, whether in their travels or in watering places, were formed into lodges, there was no permanent lodge in Germany until the year 1733, when Bro. Lord Strathmore, the then Grand Master of England, granted permission to "eleven German gentlemen and good brethren" in Hamburg to found a permanent lodge, concerning which, however, we possess no further information, it being not till 1737 that a lodge, without name, first came into active operation in that town. In 1741 it assumed the title of "Absalom," after Bro. Lütman had in 1740 received his patent as Provincial Grand Master from England. This title it still bears. In the same year (1741), the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hamburg and Lower Saxony were opened. It was the most ancient mother lodge in Germany. I may add another fact, which, I suppose, you are equally well aware of, that Frederick the Great was initiated in Brunswick in 1738; but I think, as a minister of religion, I would rather draw your attention to the religious aspect of Freemasonry. Now, what is Freemasonry? I will not answer in the words of our ritual that it is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols, for that has always appeared to me a very imperfect definition of what Freemasonry as we practice it in England really is. Although Freemasonry is neutral ground for all political opinions and all religious creeds, and within its Fraternity all political and religious controversies, which so embitter life and set mankind at variance, are happily avoided, the aspect from which I would wish you to view Masonry is its religious aspect. It is founded on the basis of religious virtue; it is, indeed, the purest and most perfect exemplification of religious impulse, of goodness, of piety, and holiness. Freemasons should always aim to agree on this one point—that they do not seek their own selfish interests, but the general, and, above all, the spiritual good of all, so that each endeavour to mortify through life all selfish impulses, everything tending to disunion both in himself and all around him, so that the universal and intellectual advantage of all may prevail, and become the fountain whence each derives happiness. Freemasonry keeps aloof from all religious entanglements; all doctrinal tenets it makes it a rule to leave untouched; for it esteems and honours every form of faith, insisting, above all things, that its members should display toleration and charity in their daily life. The hostile position taken by one portion of the Church towards Freemasonry is not, nor ever will be, a proof of the mischievous tendency of the Institution, but only of unfounded misrepresentations, and inventions, and ignorance of the real nature and influence of Freemasonry. Freemasonry assumes a similar position towards the State as it does towards the Church. We are, at our initiation, enjoined to avoid in our lodges every topic of political, as well as religious, discussion. And thus Freemasonry educates its children to become good citizens, enjoining them to promote the general welfare, and fostering in them conformity to the law and the love of good order. Therefore, I should say, brethren, that it is the interest of every State as well as of the Church to favour Freemasonry; as a German writer on our Institution has correctly observed, "Wherever Freemasonry has appeared it has always been the sign of a healthy, vigorous government, and it is even now the token of a weak and timid one where it is not sanctioned." Genuine Masonry has to deal with man as man, and by making its followers good men it necessarily trains them to be good members of the religious communities to which they belong, and to become good citizens of whatever country they may happen to reside in, or which may afford them its protection. And, in conclusion, brethren, I will read you the remarks upon Freemasonry written by one of your most honoured writers, Bro. Findal, "Freemasonry being based upon eternal truth and the unchangeable requirements of our nature, it has in this country faithfully endeavoured to fulfil its pacific and exalted mission, inclining its members to love and charity, to moral courage and fortitude, to truth and the conscientious discharge of known duties; it has comforted the afflicted, brought back the erring to the path of virtue, dried the tears of widows and orphans, and is the parent of many an institution for benevolent purposes."

At the conclusion of this oration, which was delivered in a very impressive manner, and was listened to with profound attention, the anthem (133rd Psalm) was sung by the musical brethren, the Consecrating Officer offered the first part of the dedication prayer, and gave the invocation; the Chaplain read a portion of Scripture appropriate to the occasion, and a hymn was sung by the brethren. The lodge-board was then uncovered, and the solemn ceremony of dedication was performed by the Consecrating Officer, the Wardens and Chaplain, assisted by Bro. Richardson as Director of the Ceremony.

After another hymn had been sung, the Consecrating Officer constituted the lodge, and when the concluding anthem, "Glory be to God on high," had been sung, pronounced the final benediction, and the consecration and constitution of the Waldeck Lodge was complete.

Nothing now remained but for the Consecrating Officer to assume the position of Installing Master. The lodge was, therefore, resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Julius Quitmann, the W.M. designate, having been presented by the D.C., was addressed by the Presiding Officer, and having given his assent to the ancient charges, was duly obligated and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, was formally installed into the chair of K.S.

Bro. Quitmann, the newly-installed W.M., then proceeded to invest Bro. H. L. Wolters as S.W., and Bro. G. P. Wehlen as J.W. Bro. Walsler was elected Treasurer of the lodge, and invested, and Bro. Schlaffer was ap-

pointed Secretary, but being unavoidably absent on the Continent, his investiture had to be postponed. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers of the lodge: Bros. Schott, S.D.; Carl Quitmann, J.D.; and Bro. Fister, I.G. Upon a show of hands, Bro. Church was elected Tyler, and was thereupon summoned and invested.

The Installing Master, Col. CLERKE, delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and the ceremony of installation was complete.

The W.M., addressing the lodge, said he was quite sure that all present would be pleased to learn that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, the Prov. Grand Master for Oxford, had conferred a great honour on the lodge, he having signified his willingness to be enrolled as an honorary member of the Waldeck Lodge. H.R.H. had also been graciously pleased to allow the lodge to adopt the arms of the House of Waldeck as the arms of the lodge; and a letter from H.R.H.'s secretary intimating these facts was read to the lodge and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

It was then proposed by the W.M., seconded by the J.W., and carried by acclamation, that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany be elected an honorary member of the lodge.

Bro. QUITMANN: Brethren, I now have the honour of presenting to the lodge this banner bearing the Waldeck Arms, which, as you have heard, we are authorised to use as the arms of the Waldeck Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. WENDEL, J.W., proposed a vote of thanks to Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and to the other Grand Officers who had assisted him in performing the ceremonies of consecration and installation. He was sure that the impressive nature of the consecration ceremony as that day performed would be of service to the W.M. in the working of his lodge, while the brotherly love with which Col. Clerke had installed him could not fail to cheer him during the performance of the most arduous duties. This proposal having been seconded by the S. Warden was carried unanimously.

The W.M., having informed Col. Clerke and his assistant Grand Officers of the foregoing vote, then turned to the lodge and informed them that Col. Clerke had consented to be an honorary member of the lodge, and accordingly proposed that he be enrolled as such on the lodge books. The proposition was seconded by the S.D. and carried by acclamation. In informing the Grand Secretary of the fact, the W.M. said that he had also the pleasure of presenting him with a lodge jewel, bearing the Waldeck Arms, and having inscribed at the back of it these words: "Presented to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, by the founders of the Waldeck Lodge, 1969, as a token of their great esteem and gratitude, July 10th, 1882." The founders felt deeply indebted to Col. Clerke for his services on that day, and they asked him to accept that jewel as a small *souvenir* of their regard, and hoped he would live to wear it for many years to come in their lodge.

COL. CLERKE: Worshipful Sir, I was aware that I was about to have the honour conferred upon me of an honorary membership, but this is entirely unexpected. I quite re-echo the wish that for many years to come I may have the gratification of occasionally wearing this jewel at the meetings of the Waldeck Lodge.

The S.W. proposed that the Grand Officers who had assisted Bro. Col. Clerke should also be enrolled honorary members of the lodge, viz., Bros. Dr. Wendt, John Messent, the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, Frank Richardson, and H. G. Buss; and the proposition being seconded by the J.W., was carried unanimously.

Bro. WENDT returned thanks for himself and the other Grand Officers upon whom this honour had been conferred.

The W.M. informed the brethren that since their arrangements for the evening were made they had discovered that the dining-room at Freemasons' Tavern was engaged, and that, therefore, a dispensation had been solicited from the Grand Master that the dinner might be held at the Holborn Restaurant, and that the brethren might be allowed to dine in Masonic clothing. The required dispensation had been granted on condition that none of the brethren should wear their Masonic clothing out of the banquet-room.

There were a large number of initiates and joining members proposed, and then the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

At the conclusion of the dinner, which followed the holding of the lodge, the customary Masonic toasts were proposed.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that the Queen had no more loyal and devoted subjects than the Freemasons, and he might say that the present lodge was especially so, connected as they were by name with one who had recently, through marriage with the Duke of Albany, become dear to Her Majesty. The Queen, as the brethren were aware, was the daughter of a Mason, a patron of our Order, the mother of three Masons, and a Queen of matchless virtue. (Applause.)

In proposing the next toast, the W.M. said that it was unnecessary for him to sing the praises of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales. It was well-known that H.R.H. took a deep interest in Freemasonry, and the speaker was sure that he would be echoing the feeling of all present in saying that they were very proud to have such a ruler of the Craft. He would take this opportunity to acknowledge the debt of gratitude which the Waldeck Lodge was under to the Grand Master, who had granted a warrant upon their petition, and he would ask Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as Grand Secretary, to convey their grateful feelings to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the honour he had done them.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," with which he should associate that of "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." This toast was always well received, but he was sure it was never received more cordially than it would be that evening in the Waldeck Lodge, when they were favoured with the visit of many Grand Officers—many distinguished Grand Officers. He would not specify the different ranks held by them, nor enumerate the grand services rendered by them to the Craft in general, but would confine himself to saying that there never were more efficient Grand Officers than those at present holding office. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Bevan, District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand.

Bro. BEVAN, in reply, said that he was somewhat diffident about responding for so important a toast. He supposed his name had been coupled with it as being the greatest stranger, but he thought there were even greater strangers who had been mentioned in connection with that toast. He had had the privilege of meeting Lord Lathom at Grand Lodge, and he took him to be a fair sample of the Grand Officers, and he must say that Masonry had achieved a great deal in securing such men as Grand Officers. Lord Carnarvon's name was known to the end of the earth in connection with Modern Freemasonry, and no encomiums from him were necessary. Bro. Bevan said he could not understand why he, the junior officer of Grand

Lodge, should be called upon to respond to that important toast. The more he knew of Freemasonry, the more essentially he loved it, because it was one of those institutions which united men together. It seemed to him when travelling that they were all members of the same great family. It gave him great pleasure to be present on that occasion, and he assured the W.M. that in the Colonies some of the most zealous brethren of the Craft were Germans. He considered it a great honour to be called upon to respond for the Grand Officers, though he thought that his friend, Bro. Giddy, would have been better qualified for the task. They would both be shortly returning to the Colonies, and for his part he would say that his pleasant recollections of his visit home would ever be associated with his visit to witness the consecration of the Waldeck Lodge.

The W.M. said that the toast he was now about bring to the notice of the brethren was one not usually submitted to Masonic gatherings, but was one which he thought they would agree with him should become a permanent one with the Waldeck Lodge, associated as it was with the happiness of one of Her Majesty's sons, who had become a member of their lodge, the Provincial Grand Master, Oxon. He might add that it was the intention of the lodge to present His Royal Highness with a jewel somewhat like that which had been presented to Col. Clerke. (Cheers.) He called upon them to drink "The Health of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany."

The W.M. said the toast which he had now to propose was a very important one, and one to which he was sure the members of the lodge had been looking forward most anxiously; it was that of "The Consecrating Officer, Col. Clerke." He assured them that it gave him a special pleasure to propose that toast, as in doing so he had again an opportunity of expressing to Col. Clerke his thanks for all the great assistance he had given to the founders in connection with the formation of this lodge. It was unnecessary for him (the W.M.) to call their attention to the very able manner in which the consecration ceremony was conducted; they were present and witnessed it themselves, and he was sure they all appreciated, besides, the great services rendered by their Grand Secretary to Freemasonry in general. He was sure he need not add another word, and called upon them at once to drink "The Health of Col. Clerke."

In replying, Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, said, that it was a very great pleasure and a very great gratification to him to be allowed to return thanks on that occasion for the very fraternal way in which they had acknowledged the assistance he had been able to give them. He should not inflict a long speech upon them for he was sure that after hearing his voice so much that day they did not want to hear much more. It had been a very great pleasure to take the small part he had taken in ushering this lodge into existence. During the last month or so, he had had various interviews with the founders of the lodge, and had been very greatly impressed with the very earnest spirit with which they wished to start the lodge. It had given him sincere pleasure to forward their wishes, and he sincerely congratulated them on the events of the day, and upon the success that had attended their efforts. The Waldeck Lodge had been started under very good auspices; all the arrangements made by the lodge were without a single blemish, and had not been marred in any way, and the brethren present had now ended the proceedings of the day by attending this evening a magnificent banquet. He really thought that the visitors of the lodge had rather the best of it. For himself, he was quite proud and equally honored in being permitted to take a part in the formation of the Waldeck Lodge. He would take that opportunity of thanking the founders of the Lodge for the handsome jewel with which they had presented him: It was the first jewel he had ever been presented with as consecrating officer—he did not say that as a hint, but merely mentioned it as a fact. He was exceedingly obliged by the kind thought which permitted such a recognition of his small services. And now he would proceed to the toast of the evening. They had been labouring to build up a kind of Masonic kingdom, and the King of that kingdom was the brother who was now to be specially honoured and toasted to-night. They were very fortunate to have so good a brother in that position; one who had done service in the order and had served as W.M. in La Tolerance lodge, and who gave what in diplomatic circles were called material guarantees by bringing a brother into the lodge as an officer, and two other brothers as initiates: that showed that the W.M. was earnest in his work, and the lodge that had so earnest a brother at its head must be considered fortunate. His wardens and other officers were brethren in whom he had the highest confidence. Col. Clarke said it therefore gave him very great pleasure to ask those present to drink to "The Prosperity of the Waldeck Lodge, started as it was under the auspices of the Duke of Albany, and to the health of the first Master, Bro. Quitmann."

Bro. QUITMANN, in reply, said he rose with feelings of gratitude to the last speaker for the kind and very flattering words in which the toast had been proposed, and to the brethren for the kind way in which they had received it. When he looked round and saw so many distinguished Masons present he could not help saying that he thought this was the brightest day in his Masonic career. The events of the day had made on his mind so deep an impression that they never would be washed from his memory; the confidence which His Royal Highness had placed in him by appointing him the first Master of that lodge would ever be a bright feature in the speaker's history. Realising the duties which he had undertaken, it should ever be his study to promote the welfare and uphold the dignity of the Waldeck Lodge.

Several other toasts were proposed, including one to "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. ATKINSON, of the Provincial Grand Masters' Lodge Derry and Donegal, G.S.W. Antrim; Rev. RAVENSHAW, P.G. Chaplain; LAMBERT, HUMPHREYS, WILSON, and others.

The list of Grand Officers and other eminent Masons present included: V.W. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Dr. Wendt, Grand Secretary of German Correspondence; W. Bro. J. Messent, G. Swd. Br.; V.W. Bro. Rev. T. Cochrane, M.A., Grand Chap.; W. Bros. F. Richardson, P.G.D.; G. H. Buss, Assist. Grand Sec.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; R. W. Hoskins Giddy, District G.M. Griqualand; J. Bevan, District G.M. Westland, New Zealand; R. Atkinson, Prov. Grand Master's Lodge Derry and Donegal, G.S.W. Antrim; W. Wilson, P.G. Purs.; Rev. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap.; L. Knoblauch, 392; W. Braby, 1541; J. Kench, 538; R. Odenham, 11; J. J. Goode, 1510; S. P. Catterton, 1892; J. W. Humphrey, 538; T. Goode, 1677; H. Erakly, 208; F. H. Cozens, 907; H. Ashton, Mozart Lodge; A. Moore, Whittington Lodge; C. J. Bennett, 1305; A. Barfield, 35; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; C. Kupferschmidt, 208; E. Horne, 1677; Thos. Bicknell, 538; C. Verrer, 208; G. Lambert, 198, P.G.S.B.; C. Chellen, 3; E. Wilson, 538; J. W. Simmonds, 1288; Frank Rothschild, Finsbury Park Lodge; H. T. Wood, 1260; G. T. Carter, 382; L. Smyth, 498; Dr. Harrer, 208; E. Eschwege, 208; C. Challen, 3; and E. C. Massey, 1297 (*Freemason*.)

Letters of regret were received from Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Horace Jones, Sir John B. Monckton, and Capt. Montagu, who were unable to be present.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, at four o'clock. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton in the chair; W. J. Murlis, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, James Willing, jun., John I. Berry, W. H. Goodall, Raynham W. Stewart, J. H. Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, William Clarke, Jabez Hogg, Edgar Bowyer, Wm. Hilton, Thomas Cubitt, James Brett, George L. Moore, Fredk. Adlard, J. Terry, Sec., and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the meeting of the 14th June were read and confirmed.

The SECRETARY reported the deaths since last meeting of four annuitants, viz.: Bros. W. H. Owen, on the 19th June, who had received from the Fund an aggregate of £673; Bro. J. Woodhouse, who died on the same day, and had received £10; Bro. Turner, who died on the 29th June, and had received an aggregate of £321; and Bro. W. J. H. Jones, who died on the 7th inst., and who having been only elected in May last had not received anything from the Fund at the date of his death.

The SECRETARY inquired if the Committee would follow the practice hitherto adopted in such a case, and immediately place on the list of annuitants the "next highest" unsuccessful candidate at the last election?

This it was resolved to do, and accordingly Bro. Caff's name was ordered to be placed on the list of annuities payable in September next.

The SECRETARY reported that a box containing a donation of sugar and tea to the inmates of the Institution had been received from the Supreme Council; also that the coats contracted for had been delivered; and, further, that Bro. Matthew Cooke and his wife had entered the Institution.

The SECRETARY submitted the Finance Committee's report of their examination of the accounts from 1st April to 30th June, both inclusive, which had been duly vouched and found to be correct. The report showed:

Financial tables for the Institution, including Widows' Fund and Sustainment Fund, with columns for Balance, Receipts, Expenditure, and Deposited.

The SECRETARY read a letter which he had received from the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, suggesting that the Committee of the Institution should direct that for the future the voting papers to which donors and subscribers in the province are entitled should be sent in one or more parcels to the Grand Secretary of the province, in order that he might distribute them for signature, in the expectation that if that course were adopted fewer votes would be lost than under the present management.

The question was fully considered upon its merits, and it was considered both impracticable and undesirable to adopt the practice suggested; thereupon it was proposed by Bro. Raynham Stewart, seconded, and carried unanimously, "That the Secretary be instructed to write and inform the Prov. Grand Master for West Yorkshire that the Committee do not see their way to complying with his suggestion."

Four petitions were considered, of which two were approved, one was deferred for further inquiry and one for the attendance of the applicant.

The SECRETARY reported that tenders for the repairs of the stone-work and other alterations at the Institutions had been received; one being for £450, a second for £102, and a third for £149. The last mentioned had been accepted.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held on Friday afternoon, at Stowmarket, under the banner of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 516, of which Bro. Frederick Long is W.M. The name of Bro. Long is sufficient to convey to all the knowledge that the reception accorded to the Provincial Grand Lodge was of a character not to be surpassed.

The lodge was held in the Assembly-room, and the banquet in the Corn Hall, and both rooms had been very chaste decorated with pot plants and bannerets, and presented a charming appearance. The band of the 6th Suffolk Rifle Volunteers was enlisted and met the 12.10 p.m. express train, by which the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Lord Waveney travelled, and during lodge, was stationed outside the room, and discoursed lively music during intervals.

Lodge was opened by the R.W.P.G.M., who was supported by Bros. W. P. Mills, P.P.G.S.W., 376; H. C. Casley, P.P.G.J.W., 114; W. H. Lucia, P.G. Sec, 1008; W. Clark, P.G.P.; W. Boby, P.P.G.S.W., 114; Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory, P.P.G. Chap.; J. H. Staddon, P.P. G.S.W., 376; F. A. Mann, P.G. Org., 1452; F. C. Atkinson, P.G.O. Norfolk; S. H. Wright, P.P.G.J.W., 516; Frederick Long, P.P.G.D.C., 516; J. Terry, P.P. G.S.W.; W. A. Bowler, P.Z. 51; G. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B., 225; J. W. Shepherd, P.G.S.W., 1592; T. F. Lucia, P.P. G.J.W., 1008; J. Napier, P.G.S., 225; G. Stevens, P.P.G.S.D., 52; William Dodds, P.G.J.W.; B. W. Syer, P.G.T., 376; W. W. Walesby, P.P.G.S. of W., 929; C. Bacon, P.G. Stwd. Norfolk; P. Soman, P.G.S. Norfolk; G. H. Grimwood, P.G.S. of W., 1224; R. W. Saul, P.G.S.D., 71; C. F. Brown, P.P.G.S.B., 81; W. B. Jeffries, P.P.G.S. of W., 376; W. Hart, P.P.G. J.D., 332; W. Wilmshurst, P.P.G.S.B., 81; F. Whistock, P.G.R., 81; N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W., 376; John Franklin, P.P.G.P., 100; G. Cook, P.G.J.D., 1823; J. R. Thompson, P.P.G.S.B., 1008; W. J. Nunn, P.P.G.S.D., 1592; A. Cracknell, P.P.G.S.B., 1663; W. Armstrong, P.P.G.D., 1592; J. M. Harvey, P.P.G.P., 936; G. Thompson, P.M. 1008; R. Stevens, P.P.G.D.C. Norfolk; H. J. Wright, P.G.P., 936; H. Sydney, P.G.A.D.C., 376; G. J. Paine, P.G.S.W., 1008; Horace Lucia, P.G.S., 1592; R. Woodward, S.W. 516; E. M. Beveridge, P.M. 516; C. H. Peddar, P.M. 516; F. R. Betts, P.M. 516; W. Simmonds, S.D. 516; M. Bloomfield T. 516; G. Thurlow, A. Tillett, E. Bridges, John Mills, W. T. Reed, and O. Andrews, 616; W. B. Cooper, W.M. 71; J. Tennant, I.P.M. 71; T. Hodgson, S.W. 71; J. Wright, Tyler 71; and R. Crack, Stwd. 71; F. G. Horsey, I.G. 81; G. Hall, T. 81; J. Stidolph, Org. 81; F. Grimwood, 114; J. Talbot, W.M. 225; W. Daking, P.M. 225; A. Barber, P.M. 225; P. Whitehead, P.M. 225; J. L. Brook, J.W. 225; W. Buckingham, I.G. 225; R. Senton, 225; W. Leathers, Steward 225; A. W. Cook, J.D. 225; E. Symonds, 225; A. J. Waterman, 225; S. J. Morley, 225; F. Senton, 225; T. Turner, 225; W. Eaves, 225; J. J. Wild, 225; J. Thornton, 225; W. Hart, P.M. 332; J. Whittle, T. 332; A. Cannon, W.M. 376; S. R. Anness, I.P.M. 376; T. R. Elkington, 376; W. H. Warren, 376; B. Stanford, W.M. 388; J. O. Green, 388; James Miller, 388; W. Minter, W.M. 555; J. Marjoram, P.M. 555; T. W. Read, S.W. 555; W. Cocks, J.W. 555; W. G. L. Sewell, 555; H. J. Hartcup, W.M. 929; C. J. Watson, 936; L. J. Woodward, W.M. 936; H. J. Wright, I.P.M. 936; W. Pearson, S.W. 936; G. J. Beart, J.W. 936; W. H. Berry, S.D. 936; E. J. Brown, I.P.M. 959; A. Raphael, S.W. 959; J. White, J.D. 959; W. B. Hanson, I.G. 959; P. J. Jolly, 959; James King, 959; A. R. Trew, 959; G. Gould, 959; J. G. Oliver, W.M. 1008; Rev. E. J. Griffiths, Chap. 1008; H. Thompson, J.W. 1008; T. B. Corfield, 1008; C. C. Gooch, 1008; T. B. Ardley, S.W. 1224; J. C. Baines, W.M. 1452; H. W. H. Elwes, J.W. 1452; W. Chapman, S.W. 1592; G. C. Carliell, Steward, 1592; H. Gedny, W.M. 1663; F. Woolnough, P.M. 1663; H. J. Barnes, S.D. 1663; S. K. Woodward, D.C. 1663; James Martin, J.D. 1663; H. W. Cullum, I.G. 1663; John Gill, 1663; Hugh Bright, 373; and C. L. Holden, 93.

After the assembling of the brethren, the R.W.P.G.M. expressed his regret at the sad loss sustained by the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and stated he would be unable to attend lodge, and requested Bro. W. Boby to act as his Deputy.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. W. H. Lucia read the minutes of a special Prov. Grand Lodge held in April, when an address of congratulation to Her Majesty was passed, and the reply thereto read. Satisfactory reports of the progress of Freemasonry in the various lodges in the province were made by representatives.

Bro. BOBY proposed Bro. E. P. Youell as Treasurer, and said he regretted that Bro. Huddlestone had felt himself bound to give up the office in consequence of ill-health.

The motion was seconded by Bro. W. CLARKE, and carried unanimously.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded with the investiture of his officers as follows:

- Bro. F. Long, 516 ... Prov. S.G.W.
F. Woolnough, 1663 ... Prov. J.G.W.
E. J. Brown, 959 ... Prov. S.G.D.
S. R. Anness, 376 ... Prov. J.G.D.
Rev. E. Griffiths, 1008 ... Prov. G. Chap.
J. Tennant, 71 ... Prov. G. S. of W.
W. Daking, 225 ... Prov. G. Reg.
H. J. Hartcup, 929 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
A. Barber, 225 ... Prov. G. Svd. B.
J. Baines, 1452 ... Prov. G. Purs.
W. H. Lucia, 1008 ... Prov. G. Sec.
W. Clarke, 117 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
F. A. Mann, 71 ... Prov. G. Org.
R. Woodward, 516 ... }
Chapman, 1592 ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
Ecclestone, 395 ... }
B. W. Syer, 376 ... } Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren then marched in procession to the parish church, where a most impressive and appropriate sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain, from I. Peter ii., 5, the Rev. W. Wright and Bro. the Rev. A. Tighe-Gregory also taking part in the service, which was choral and well performed. The P.G. Organist presided at the organ. The collection amounted to £6 10s. 2d., which was awarded to the Stowmarket schools.

After returning to the lodge-room a resolution was carried that for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all members of lodges in the province should pay ninepence per quarter to the fund, instead of sixpence.

A report was read from the Suffolk Charity Association, showing the result of the working of the charity scheme during the past year, by which the cases brought forward had been elected.

Bro. W. CLARKE, after an impressive speech, expressing the brotherly regret felt in the bereavement recently sus-

tained by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, in the loss of his wife, proposed that the following resolution be entered upon the minutes, and also forwarded to the Deputy P.G.M.:—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge having heard with feelings of deep regret of the loss which the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain and Deputy P.G.M. of this Province, has sustained by the death of his amiable wife, desires to tender to him the expression of its unfeigned grief at his sad bereavement, and to express the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will in His infinite goodness vouchsafe him strength to support him in this bitter hour of trial, and to assure him that every member in the province sympathises and shares with him in his loss."

The P.G.M. expressed his entire concurrence with the resolution, and eulogised the services given by the Rev. brother in matters pertaining to the Craft, and touched on the noble virtues possessed by the deceased lady. The motion was adopted in solemn silence.

The P.G.M. having reviewed the progress of the Craft in the province, lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The toast of evening, "The Health Bro. Lord Waveney P.G.M.," was proposed by the acting D.P.G.M., Bro. Boby, and was most enthusiastically received, his Lordship being exceedingly popular with all the Masons in the Province.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Under the presidency of Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., a numerous-attended Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The recommendations made by the general committee as to the election of ten children on the foundation of the charity were unanimously adopted; and during the proceedings Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182, one of the honorary secretaries, made the gratifying announcement that a boy receiving the benefits of the "West Lancashire" had taken special honours in connection with the Cambridge local examinations. Before the meeting closed, the chairman in the name of a large number of subscribers, presented Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, with an artistically illuminated address, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him as master of ceremonies for more than a quarter of a century at the balls which are held annually at the Town-hall in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The address, executed by Bro. J. O. Marples, bore testimony to the value and courtesy of the services rendered by Bro. Molyneux, and the chairman also spoke of the pleasure which he experienced in having the opportunity of making the presentation to a worthy brother. Bro. Molyneux suitably acknowledged the gift, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to brother Salter, P.G.J.D., who had taken great interest in the testimonial arrangements, and to the chairman for presiding.

DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

The second annual meeting of the General Committee of the above newly formed charity, was held in the lodge room, Blandford, on Tuesday last, Bro. H. C. Burt in the chair, and the D.P.G.M. of Dorset, Bro. Hambro, in the vice-chair.

The accounts of the charity were presented and passed, and the second annual report to the P.G. Lodge prepared by the Hon. Sec., Bro. E. T. Budden, read and adopted. The funded capital, which a year ago was £880, is now £1300, yielding a revenue of nearly £60 for purposes of relief.

Three petitions have been assisted to the amount of £35. The Dorset Masonic Charity was constituted a Provincial organisation eighteen months ago, and the contributions collected and invested with the least possible delay. A year ago we had raised just £6 10s. in interest. By Christmas we had raised £25, and by Midsummer last, £50. So that it is only during the last six months that we have enjoyed the luxury of giving relief and assistance, for, until the funded capital reaches £2000, all contributions whether donations or subscription are reserved for investment.

As soon as this is reached the annual subscriptions will be treated as revenue, and joined to the interest of the invested capital will produce a relief and assistance fund, large enough we hope, to meet all claims of education, infirmity or other distress, which may arise in the province, but which, though deserving of help, may not be of sufficient intensity to place on the large central charities. In short the Dorset Masonic Charity is intended as a "supplement" in its own province, to the three great institutions, and to the Lodge of Benevolence.

India.

A very gratifying sign of Masonic progress has been intimated to us from Calcutta. Very recently the brethren of "the palatial city" have organized a lodge in the rooms of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in London, and members of the Calcutta lodges have united together in forming the new lodge, under the Preceptorship of W. Bro. Thomas Jones, P.M. of Lodge Star in the East, No. 67, and P.S.G.W. of Bengal. The warrant has been granted in accordance with the Constitutions, by Lodge True Friendship, No. 218, one of the oldest lodges in India. Three meetings have already been held, the work of each of the Craft Degrees having been taken up in regular succession. The Sections also have in each instance been worked for the first time in Calcutta. Lectures on the philosophy and traditions of the various degrees have been given by the Preceptor, and the deepest interest is evinced in the utility and progress of the new lodge, brethren of every creed, native and European, working together with a spirit which bids fair to achieve a high reputation for the Calcutta Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

On Wednesday evening the Duke of Albany was entertained at a private dinner given in honour of his recent marriage by the Fellows of the Royal Society of Literature, of which body H.R.H. is President.

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W. T. EVANS, Secretary.

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SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

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

CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Did I not deem it utterly unworthy of a Freemason to indulge in or retort personal remarks or insinuations, I might take up a good deal of the space of your valuable paper in animadverting on the tone and temper, and the expressed and implied animus of your correspondent, an "L.G.," or a "T.G." I do not know quite which. I have not, as you know, any personal interest to serve, as he so kindly insinuates; I am not influenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, as he so Masonically implies, in advocating the cause of our great Charities, or attending to the work of our Charity Elections. It is a pure labour of love, as far as I am myself concerned, demanding the sacrifice of much valuable time and many gifts of money to help the cases of those I am interested in.

Not being an idle man, and having my hours daily taken up with heavy work of one kind or another, I cannot, like "L.G.," afford time for lengthened epistles or elaborate essays, more or less, too, about nothing; but in what I do write I try to write plainly, shortly, crisply, and succinctly, so that my readers may truly grasp the fact that I mean what I say and say what I mean.

On a good deal of "L.G.'s" letter, (which might have been fairly excised editorially, without any possible loss of sense or connection, or any deprivation of meaning or value), I need make no comment. Suffice it to say that during some recent elections my attention has been turned perforce towards some anomalies in our election voting, which, it seems to me, tend to abuses serious and many. I am not quite sure that it is a right thing, for instance, to collect, say 1000 votes, and hand them over to some one else, either in exchange or as a loan, while of the use of them you know absolutely nothing.

The vote is a personal vote (paid for no doubt, and so in such sense your own chattel), but the possession of the vote pre-supposes in itself, and by its use, a certain amount of responsibility, that it really is given to a distressing case. But what if it be given to a notoriously weak case, a case which, strictly speaking, ought not to be on the list at all, and which has got there by suppression of what are either the true facts of the case, or by a suggestion of what is not really the fact at all? I have met with such cases, which ought never to have troubled our voters, which subsequent knowledge, as is admitted, has shown us that the reception of such a case [has kept off a really needy and absolutely destitute orphan. And seeing this, I have often said to myself, is it right thus promiscuously and at hap-hazard, so to speak, on the mere ground of actual purchase or personal property, to give up a large number of invaluable votes, in a lump, without further interest in their appropriation, or further inquiry as to their usage?

But I do not deny that there are great difficulties in the application, in the concrete, of any such sentimental feelings. It does seem hard if a province, or Committee, or an individual, with no case this election, and yet knowing that by duplicating the voting powers, with the increment of purchased votes added in the interim, the next election may be secured, may not exchange votes this half year to make the election safe next half year.

And, therefore, I suppose, that after all there is more in the idea than anything else; and as it never does to be too fault-finding or too fidgetty, too uneasy or too strait-laced, matters can only be left where they are. I might allude to other topics, such as persons who are not Masons or subscribers obtaining votes for special cases, and the great fear that too often the cases of the friendless and helpless are sacrificed to the gain of those who have many friends. But, as I said before, the tone and temper displayed by "L. G." are not such as to induce me to prolong the discussion.

I am not one of those who at all sympathize with the attacks on the Charity system generally. As a rule, the Charities that I know of are well conducted, with great care and fairness, and the one fear of all these spick and span cast-iron reforms is, that leaving the petty ills we wot of, we shall fall into greater that we now know not of at all; and that, while amid perhaps a few anomalies, there is an entire absence of anything like nepotism or jobbing, we, in a new select Committee system and private elections, only afford the temptation and pave the way for a state of things of which now there is, happily, no trace amongst us, and which would, in truth, render our Charities little close boroughs, only amenable to the dictates and direction of one or two ruling spirits, and the private arrangements of a practically irresponsible Committee.

Yours fraternally, ALIQUIS.
P.S.—I may add, that though "L. G." may not like to believe it, my silence has proceeded from some matters of paramount importance to myself and others, to which I had to give all my time and attention, so that I could not indulge in the luxury even of a correspondence in the *Freemason*.

BLACKBALLING CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I shall be glad if you, or any of your readers, can inform me if a lodge has power to exclude a member on such a charge as our Bro. H. H. mentioned in your last issue.

I was always given to understand that the ballot is absolutely secret, and which no one has a right to challenge.

Yours faithfully and fraternally, T. R.
[It depends, as will be seen by our leaderette, on the "animus" displayed.—ED. F.M.]

WHAT IS A TEST OF POVERTY?

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
A recent decision of the Committee of the Boys' School seems to call for a few remarks in your columns, always open to reasonable complaints and proper subjects of discussion. Only the other day, a poor widow's son was excluded from the benefits of that great Charity, the Boys' School, by a majority of one, on the ground that the income of the widow was too large to enable her to claim the benefits of the Charity. It seems that this relic of a brother is in receipt of something like £70 per annum, and has two children to educate; her husband having originally held a position in India, I believe, bringing in £60 a month. This, to my mind, is a clear case of "altered circumstances;" and just now £70 per annum will not go far to pay for house rent, food, clothing, and give two children a proper education.

I venture to think too, that a view which is often put forth amongst us at the present moment, that an income of £60 or £70 per annum disqualifies applicants for relief is a most misleading one, and, to say the truth, a most un-masonic one.

Whether in this case or others the income accruing be the result of saving or a pension, it does not really affect the question. There is no safe test of true poverty, in my humble opinion, but what the special circumstances of the case disclose, for what is poverty to one is not poverty to another, and vice versa. But my great objection to all such mistaken and unsafe definition of a poverty test is, that it seems to run counter to the genius and dictates of true Freemasonry.

We give, because it is our duty to give, to a poor distressed brother who makes a fair claim upon our charity; we help a widow because she is the widow of a brother who had a legitimate right to receive our aid; we educate the child because it is the child of a deceased or decayed brother, and is one also otherwise to be properly educated.

But we nowhere lay down a test of poverty; least of all do we give because Bro. A. B. has subscribed to this Charity, or wished for that. We do not profess to offer a return for value received. We in no wise imitate the £ s. d. condition of a benefit society. Many brethren seem determined to make English Freemasonry a pure benefit Order, and give because Bro. A. B. has given so largely, or Bro. C. D. has done so much, and to refuse help because by some arbitrary test of their own inventing they decide that such and such an amount of money is a bar to Masonic charity and help.

With due submission to all such worthy brethren, their views appear to me out of place in our genuinely charitable Order, which is not, and let us fervently hope, never will be, a benefit society; and really and truly they more properly appear to belong to the members of the Society of Associated Odd Fellows, or energetic Buffaloes, or the gentle and sucking doves of the Friendly Order of the Ark.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
A LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.



THE COOK'S GUIDE. By C. E. FRANCATELLI. Fiftieth Thousand. R. M. Bentley and Son, New Burlington-street.

The fame of Francatelli has survived so far, many normal and abnormal contingencies, in regard of the useful and needful culinary art, and he is still regarded, and justly regarded, as an "authority" alike on its disputed points and its matters of fact. As a practitioner and as a professor he is, as far as we know, "second to none," and his words come to us with a clearness and simplicity of expression which leave nothing to be desired, and are, indeed, most highly to be commended. We know of no more useful present to a good housewife, no better offering to a young lady entering upon the serious duties and responsibilities of matrimony than this well printed and thoroughly practical work. The time has passed away, happily, never, let us hope, to return, when those fair creatures who form the ornament and delight of so many happy homes could afford to be ignorant of the great and important science of the kitchen. Say what we will, let us be as ascetic, and as "St. Simeon-Stylish" as we like, a good dinner is a great ingredient in human contentment, a wonderful preservative of health, a marked expression of thoughtful care on the part of many a gentle "provedore." Many a household, we make bold to say, would run smoother in all respects if its female head would bear in mind the vast importance of *thinking* about her husband's dinner. It too often happens that when men retire from the City or the Stock Exchange, from the lawyer's office or the editor's sanctum, they find a bad dinner awaiting them,—uncooked, uncare for; and then the little machine of matrimonial arrangement breaks down, and the man goes to his club to find a better meal and more sympathetic companions. Nothing can be worse for domestic life and happiness. The proper place for the married man is at his own family table, where with the wife of his bosom, and his little olive branches round about him, he may travel on the remainder of his allotted journey serene and satisfied. And then, again, there is all the difference for health in a well-cooked and badly-cooked dinner. Many of us are suffering from almost irreparable dyspepsia, from constant indigestion, by having been compelled, through carelessness, indifference, or want of skill, to pasture for weeks and months on tough meat. Hence, then, both for domestic comfort and bodily health a well-cooked dinner is a necessity. We may be told that such matters are beneath our thoughtful consideration, and that it betrays a material or a sensual mind to occupy itself with what we eat. But that, like other paradoxes of pure fanaticism, is just now happily yielding to the truer regime of common sense. We have outlived the old and childish teaching which made religion a fetish, and which declared that either want of cleanliness, or unconcern for the needful care of human life were proofs of high religious culture. And, therefore, to-day, our better educated public are welcoming heartily all works which have a tendency to improve the simple science of cookery, to promote personal health, and render our home associations and gatherings cheerful, welcome, and contented. We again commend Francatelli's useful "vade mecum" to numerous good and thoughtful housewives amongst us. We need not allude to any of the receipts and directions—they will speak for themselves if duly and carefully studied. But as just now boating parties, and tennis meetings, and lawn assemblies are to the fore, we give a very simple instruction for making a cyder cup, which may not be without interest to some promoters of pleasant little assemblies. Pay attention. Cyder cup.—One quart of cyder, one pint of German seltzer water (or soda, or Apollinaris, or Wilhelm's Quelle), a small glass of brandy, a bunch of balm, ditto of burrage, a sliced orange, and one ounce of bruised sugar candy. Place the ingredients in a covered jug, embedded in ice for an hour and a quarter, and then decanter the cup, free from herbs.

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Curiously enough, while we were considering Francatelli's larger work, a worthy Confere of ours, to whose communications we always pay attention, sent us the little work which heads this review. We have looked over it carefully, and can commend it to the notice of many amongst us. For the very modest price of sixpence, it sets before us 105 dishes, all of which are easily manufactured. The friendly little work is indeed a helpmeet for people of limited means, for those whose work keeps them late at the office and necessitates an early dinner, and who often wend their way home jaded and faint, and wondering what pleasant little supper their "ain gude wife" has in store for them. Lord Monboddoo, the famous Scottish judge and humourist, used, as Dr. Johnson tells us, to say, he liked nothing so well as the "supper," the "cæna," as he termed it, of the ancients; and just now, with the change of times and usages of society, supper seems coming in again. It is in vain that our good medical friends shake their heads; we do not think that a light supper can harm any one. Practically, the dinner of the "upper ten thousand" is a supper, as it very often does not begin until 5.30, the ladies and the gentlemen having in the meantime sustained exhausted nature with a good breakfast, a hot luncheon, and a comfortable tea, with one or two little glasses of bitters, &c., in the interstices of time. Many of us who work hard in the daytime, eat an early lunch-dinner at 1 or 1.30, and go home in the evening to the family supper, which becomes the rallying point for the various members of our domestic circle.

But as we are not all millionaires, and cannot afford to give £6000 for a Marie Antionette table, or £3000 for two China vases, or £4000 for a picture, £9500 for a cabinet, it is important for us that our suppers should be both inexpensive as well as easily made, and, above all, of facile digestion. These points the writer of this little useful and well-intentioned pamphlet has carefully attended to; and we call special attention to so seasonable a publication, for its obvious utility and on its own merits. We give four of the supper dishes out of the 105 for the information of our readers, and recommend them to get the little work themselves, and con it over carefully for the improvement of their own suppers. Here are the dishes:

STEWED POTATOES.—Put in a saucepan over the fire a piece of butter or dripping the size of an egg, a teaspoonful of chopped onion, two ditto of parsley, quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, pepper, and celery seed, a small piece of mace. Cut half a pound of potatoes into pieces, put them into the saucepan with three tablespoonfuls of water. When tender add quarter of a pint of milk, a tablespoonful of vinegar and flour; stir, and boil up.

OYSTERS AND TOAST.—Put into a small saucepan a piece of butter the size of a walnut, one tablespoonful of flour, a teacup of milk, the liquor out of a small tin of American oysters, two teaspoonfuls of anchovy sauce, one of vinegar, and half one of pepper; stir it over the fire till it thickens; then add the oysters, boil for half a minute; have ready two or three rounds of buttered toast on a dish, pour the oysters over, and put into the oven for five minutes. Good lard or beef fat may be used instead of butter.

BEEF STEAK AND SAVOURY BATTER.—Make one pint of French fritter batter, pour half of it into a well-greased baking dish, now lay about one pound of beefsteak in the dish, and pour over it the rest of the batter. Cook in the oven for an hour. This dish can be cooked in a frying pan, thus—first put in the steak and then the batter.

And as the question may be asked, What is French fritter batter? we also give the recipe for that.

FRENCH BATTER FOR FRITTERS, &c.—Four tablespoonfuls of flour put in a basin with the yolk of one egg, a teaspoonful of vinegar, ditto sugar, a tablespoonful of very finely-chopped suet (if the batter is to be used with meat, fish, or vegetables, add a little pepper and salt), add slowly half a pint of cold water, beating all up quite smoothly. Beat the white of the egg to a stiff snow, mix it with the batter very quickly the last thing before using it.

May all our good friends enjoy their family meal.

THE GRAPHIC SUMMER NUMBER, 1882.

This is certainly one of the most remarkable issues which has ever appeared. Whether we regard the intense power of the illustrations, alike in gracefulness of design, thoroughness of effect, and, brilliancy of outcome, we can only feel how many with ourselves must be gratified and delighted with this "Summer Number of the *Graphic*." The letterpress is also very good, and most enjoyable reading. We especially commend "Mountain Mysteries" and "Aunt and Niece." In the latter story, Nooney is so fascinating a young lady that we could wish to make her personal acquaintance. If the fair writer uses her own name or a pseudonym it matters nothing. She gives in her most laughter-provoking tale tokens of undoubted power and "geist," which deserve encouragement and notice.

THE LAST PUNIC WAR. By Bro. A. W. BROADLEY, Wm. Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh and London.

By a most amusing and innocent use of words, we are taken away by the able writer of these two volumes, in the current of electric thought and prevailing memory to old classic times, and pleasant hours of school and college reality. We are again in the spirit with Hamilcar and Hannibal, with the two Scipios, with numerous other figures and shadows like Flaminius and Servilius, Cornelius Paulus and Varro, which come and go on the shifting scene. We hear famous "Mots" like "Punica Fides," and "Delendam Esse Carthaginem," though we think as the story of poor Carthage of old has only been told by enemies and conquerors, much may be said in favour of their struggle with Rome. But our esteemed Bro. Broadley places us in the greatest difficulty. With all our desire carefully to review, and fitly to commend, these two full volumes, admirably and curiously illustrated as they are, we find ourselves estopped "in limine" by the imperious and unchanging laws of our Craft. Bro. Broadley, who played a not undistinguished "rôle" in some recent proceedings at Tunis, plunges nothing loath "in medias res," takes us at once to that debateable land, where, alas! we cannot in any wise follow the interesting and exciting topics of actual political difficulties and delicate international questions. It would be impossible for the *Freemason* to give a "præcis" of a most ably written and exhaustive statement, which treats in lucid style and animated tone of grave matters of dispute, affecting high matters of State, and, therefore, though regretfully we must halt, and carefully measure the outcome of our pen, otherwise before we know where we are we shall have forfeited our Masonic neutrality altogether. The account of Kairwan is most interesting, and, as we said before, the illustrations are most effective. To many of our readers outside their Masonic connections, (but we write only for Freemasons), the work will have great and abiding importance, inasmuch as a chronicle of remarkable events, a record of strange episodes, it has in its two volumes everything to call for attention and crave perusal.

Mark Masonry.

HAYWARD'S HEATH.—Southdown Lodge (No. 164).—The installation banquet in conjunction with the annual garden party, is arranged to take place at the regular lodge meeting house, Station Hotel, on Friday, the 28th inst. The future of this lodge promises well under the able mastership of W. Bro. C. W. Hudson, G.M. Steward, who is very popular with the brethren of the province. The banquet and garden arrangements are placed in the hands of the worthy host, Bro. C. Jolding, Sec., whose previous catering has gained for him a name in which every pleasure and comfort is considered to be associated.



MASONIC SERMONS.

24] I have stumbled upon some old Masonic sermons lately which may have an interest for the book collector. One is a sermon preached by the Rev. Daniel Turner, in 1788, on St. John's Day, before the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the lodges at Woolwich. Bro. Turner was the author of that very effective "Ode to Masonry," written by him for the dedication of Freemasons' Hall, 1776, and sung on that occasion, beginning "What sacred sounds on Zion's tops were heard!" He is the "member of the Alfred Lodge, Oxford," alluded to in Noorthoick's 1787 Constitutions. The music was by Dr. Fisher. The other sermon is by Bro. John Penn, LL.D., vicar of Broughton, Norfolk, and was preached by him in the parish church of Beccles, Suffolk, June 29, 1794, on the constitution of the Apollo Lodge. The sermon is dedicated to the then Prince of Wales. Both sermons are based on the purely Johannite or Christian view of Freemasonry.

BOOKWORM.

PIO NONO.

25] The question, Was Wren a Freemason or not? is a very pretty quarrel as it stands; but it seems to me we have a similar and less remote one on hand, which should stand a better chance of being cleared up, viz., Was the late Pope a Freemason or not? In a contemporary of the 18th inst. I find a cutting from the "Exchange," which sets forth—First, that Mastai Ferretti (*i.e.*, Pius IX.) was made at Palermo; secondly, that in consequence of his proceedings he was summoned to attend said lodge in 1865, and defend his conduct, but vouchsafed neither reply nor attendance; thirdly, that thereafter, on the 27th March, 1865, Grand Lodge of Italy, sitting at Palermo, expelled him for perjury; fourthly, that Victor Emanuel, King and Grand Master of Italy, signed the decree of expulsion; and, fifthly, that said decree was published in the "official Masonic paper at Cologne," preceded by the minutes of the lodge in which he was initiated. If we admit that No. 3 is true (and unless it really did occur we can hardly imagine any paper having the hardihood to insert the above account), Nos. 4 and 5 follow as matters of course; and even No. 2 becomes possible of belief; although we can with difficulty conceive the sublime fact that a private lodge actually summoned the Pope to its bar. Granting any one of these four statements, we are bound to admit that in 1865 a belief existed in Italy that the Pope was a Mason, and that this belief was so strong as to almost justify the subsequent proceedings. I say almost, because, in my opinion, nothing short of actual proof of membership could justify the action of Italian Grand Lodge. Statement No. 1 asserts, as a fact, that he was made at Palermo, but brings forward no proof, not even the name or number of the lodge. Now, I am anxious to know—does such a proof exist? was it produced in Grand Lodge? is or was the late Pope's name on the register of Grand Lodge? If so, what was the date and all particulars of his initiation? Surely these things exist or they do not—if they do not, then Grand Lodge merely acted on common report and belief; if they do exist, let us have them in black and white. I venture to assert that such a paragraph as that of the F.C. is enough to inspire a firm belief in every reader that Pio Nono was a Freemason; and yet I have seen it stated (I forget where) with equal positiveness, that he never was made, but that in his youth the late Pope had, indeed, joined the Carbonari, which fact gave rise to the belief in his Masonic status. Now do let us have this matter settled once for all before it is too late. If not, and we let it drift, like the Wren question, for a couple of centuries, we shall have Lord Macaulay's New Zealanders in hot controversy over the point, and adding their brains to discover the rights of it. As a first step, I venture to ask—What is the title of the Cologne paper of 1865; what the date of this particular number; and what is the text of the Palermo minutes referred to in statement 5? Can Bro. Breitling, who is now in Germany, settle this? or is this particular paper in the British Museum? Perhaps the Pilgrim Lodge possesses a copy? I want to get at the printed copy of this minute to begin with.

G. WM. SPETH.

[The initiation of Pio Nono is not an admitted fact at all. The alleged evidences, so far, are all "pious frauds." He was probably a Carbonari.—Ed. F.M.]

LEON OF MODENA.

26] Leo, or Leon, of Modena, whose name is also termed Jacob Jehudah, and also named in the English Picart "the learned Rabbi," seems also to be termed Judah Arieih. He appears to have been an Italian rabbi, or Spanish, more probably, one of the "Sephardim," and is said to have been born in 1571, and to have died about 1654. But this latter date seems very uncertain. He is credited with the following works: "Biblia Hebraica Rabbinica," 1610; "Dittionario Heb. et Ital.," 1612; "Historia degli Piti Hebraici," 1637, and which appears to be incorporated in Gaffarelli's "Curiosities," &c. He also wrote in Spanish two tractates on the Tabernacle, 1653 1654; then, curiously, a Dutch work on the Tabernacle, and then seemingly an English translation, though perhaps an original work as published in 1647, and an English translation in 1675, which synchronises with his alleged visit to London about that date with his model of the Temple. Another English work, apparently a translation, is of date 1724-25.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. BOWER'S LIBRARY.

27] Can Bro. Hughan tell me and your readers anything about the probable sale of this remarkable collection?

BOOKWORM.

THE ALPHA LODGE, No. 15.

In our report last week of the Alpha Lodge and the subsequent banquet, at which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present, we omitted the names of Bros. Captain Philips, P.G.D., and also Captain Stanley Clarke, in attendance on His Royal Highness, who were both present at the lodge and banquet. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, was not present, in consequence of a domestic bereavement.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE BEDFORD LODGE, No. 157.

On Friday, the 7th inst, there assembled at Liverpool-street Station a goodly number of gentlemen, with the intention of journeying to Broxbourne in specially reserved first-class carriages, to enjoy the scenery of the district and the catering of Bro. Benningfield, at the well-known Crown Hotel. The party arrived about 4 p.m., and spent a very pleasant hour wandering through the beautiful gardens and grounds, now in their summer beauty; a few arrived earlier in the day and a few drove down.

At five precisely the party sat down to one of those spreads, so well-known and appreciated by the members of the "old Bedford." Bro. John Cox, W.M. of the lodge occupied the chair, supported by his Wardens, and on his right hand by Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.W. Herts; Fredk. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Dickinson, C.C.; Mr. Herman C. Merivale; and on his left hand he was supported by Bros. Joseph Lavender, father of the lodge; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; Samuel Millis, and several other Past Masters of the lodge, the number of members and friends reaching the goodly number of thirty-three.

After ample justice had been done to the splendid repast, the CHAIRMAN rose, and gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen and Devotion to the Craft," to which a hearty response was given.

The CHAIRMAN then gave in a very feeling manner "The Visitors," when many responded in very kindly terms. We cannot in this short notice do full justice to the eloquent speech delivered by Bro. F. Binckes in his reply to this toast. The high eulogium he paid to the character and writings of one of the non-brethren, Herman C. Merivale, Esq., will never be forgotten by those present, the speech being much applauded.

Upon Mr. MERIVALE rising to respond, it was evident that he was quite taken aback by the great compliment paid him; and in a few well-chosen sentences, delivered with much emotion, he thanked his dear friend, W. Liddall, as being the means of spending so very pleasant an afternoon, and the pleasure was greatly enhanced by the flattering speech of Mr. Binckes (who up to this afternoon was a total stranger to him) and the hearty applause of those present.

Bro. JOSEPH LAFENDER then gave "The Bedford Lodge," coupling it with the name of the Worshipful Master, who replied in one of his happiest speeches.

After a quiet cigar in the grounds the party returned to town, arriving before 10 o'clock at Liverpool-street, having enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant reunion of old acquaintances.

Nothing now remains to add save that the weather was all that could be desired. Host Bro. Benningfield gave his personal attention, and was highly complimented on the excellence of the dinner in every respect; and the thanks of all were warmly given to Bro. W. Liddall, the Secretary, for attending to their creature comforts.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE TEMPERANCE IN THE EAST LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 898.

One of those agreeable gatherings, which diversify, in so pleasant a manner, the sober yet useful character of Lodge of Instruction meetings, was celebrated on the 5th inst., under the able presidency of Bro. S. T. Finch, P.M., 898, and the esteemed Preceptor of the above flourishing Lodge of Instruction. Our brother was ably supported by the following members of the mother lodge: Bros. Chapman, W.M., Gravely, S.W., Pulsford, J.W., C. Scrutton, P.M. (the indefatigable Secretary), Butcher, S. D. Byford, Past Masters, Newell, Cooper, Stewart and Wilson and many others. The neighbouring lodges were well represented by Bros. W. Millington, W.M., 1382; Carnaby, P.M., and Treasurer, 1382; Turquand, P.M., 781; J. Charlton, 1259; and others.

The banquet having been disposed of and given great satisfaction, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and enthusiastically received. Bro. CHAPMAN, W.M., 898, proposed the health of the presiding Master, and spoke in high terms of Bro. P. Master Finch's proficiency as a worker and a teacher. The latter being abundantly testified to by the great number of the brethren, who had received that sound knowledge at his hands to enable them to arrive at and acquit themselves of the highest honours to be gained in the lodge.

After a suitable reply in response to the health of the visitors (most cordially given and received) Bro. TURQUAND, P.M., impressed upon all the brethren, especially the younger brethren, the necessity and importance of a regular attendance at Lodges of Instruction whenever time would admit.

The remarks of Bro. Turquand were especially well received, speaking as he does as an old and experienced Preceptor.

The proceedings were enlivened by song and mirth, Bros. Butcher, Stewart, and Dixon giving a good account of their vocal abilities, and a highly successful evening was passed.

SUMMER OUTING OF THE UPTON LODGE, No. 1227.

The annual summer banquet and ladies' day of the above lodge was celebrated on the 5th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Halliford. A perfectly elaborated programme for the whole of the time at the disposal of the party was arranged. The banquet was served in a comfortable *salle à manger*, pleasantly overlooking a most delightful expanse of verdant landscape.

At the conclusion of the repast (which gave general satisfaction) the W.M., Bro. ADOLPHUS CLARK, gave, in brief and telling words, the usual loyal toasts, which were severally received in the manner usual in an assemblage of English ladies and gentlemen.

Bro. LYON, as I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M. in appropriate terms, a toast which was received in a manner bespeaking that brother's popularity, and was fittingly coupled with "Prosperity to the Upton Lodge, No. 1227."

Bro. CLARK indulged the brethren with one of his characteristic brief replies, pledging himself to do in the future as in the past—his utmost for the good of the mother lodge of which they were all so proud.

The W.M. next gave the important toast of "The Ladies," on whose behalf the days' proceedings were mainly undertaken.

Bro. FORD, a visitor, gave a humorous verbal response, concluding with a capital song.

"The Visitors" were then honoured, Bro. CLARK saying that although few in number they were those who had been well known at the mother lodge, and were especially so at the summer banquet, where he trusted all present had enjoyed themselves. The W.M. requested a hearty response to the toast of "The Visitors," and coupled the name of Bro. Stephens to reply.

Bro. STEPHENS in replying to the above toast expressed the gratification which the visitors felt at the hearty and kind manner in which Bro. Clark had given the toast and with which it had been received. Having been present at many similar gatherings, he was particularly struck with the handsomeness and completeness of the arrangements which had been made by their esteemed W.M., Bro. Clark, assisted by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Rowe, and the Banquet Committee. On behalf of the Visitors he wished the Secretary every success, and had no doubt but what these annual visits to some sylvan resort would have a strong tendency to render it so, and cause the ladies to take a greater interest in the lodge to which their spouses belonged. (Cheers.)

"The Past Masters" were next honoured. In noticing that only two of that body were present, Bro. CLARK announced that Bro. A. W. Fenner, I.P.M., was prevented attending in consequence of ill health, and Bro. Picking, P.M., had met with a serious accident. Bro. Clark claimed for the P.M.'s of the Upton that they were as good as could be found. Bro. Lyons was not very often able to be present at the lodge of late, but was constantly with them at their summer outings. The W.M. coupled the toast with the name of Bro. P.M. J. Andrews.

Bro. ANDREWS expressed the pleasure he had derived in being present that day, he had been to seven or eight summer outings and he could not remember having enjoyed himself more upon any similar occasion.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" were then honoured. Bro. Wayland, the W.M. said, was an old and tried officer of the lodge ever since its formation, and had been honored with the confidence of the brethren as their Treasurer for many years. Bro. Clark had no doubt but what, so long as Bro. Wayland was pleased to continue to discharge his duties so efficiently, the brethren would be glad to have the benefit of his services, and re-elect him to the responsible and honorable position of Treasurer of the Upton Lodge. As to Bro. Rowe, their Secretary, although comparatively new to the duties, the brethren would all agree Bro. Rowe had brought a large amount of zeal to bear upon his work, and had performed his duties in an eminently satisfactory manner, and thereby won their appreciation of his labors.

Bro. WAYLAND expressed himself deeply sensible of the kind manner in which his name had been mentioned and received.

Bro. ROWE sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren also. Whatever of praise had fallen from the W.M. and Bro. Stephens he assured them his desire had been to do his duty and serve the lodge in the best possible manner.

"The Officers" were next honoured, Bro. CLARK saying he should have been pleased to see more of them present. However, in Bro. Pearcey, S.W., they had a brother well up to his work and capable of taking the position he (Bro. Clark) would shortly vacate. Bro. Giesecke, S.D., was also a hardworking officer, and was by attending their Lodge of Instruction, fitting himself for the discharge of higher duties.

Bro. PEARCEY, in reply, regretted more of his brother officers were unable to be present. He felt very pleased the W.M. had expressed himself satisfied with the officers of the Upton Lodge, all of whom he was sure were resolved to do their duty to the lodge.

The W.M. next gave, in appreciative terms, the toast of "The Press," coupled with the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens, of the *Freemason*.

Bro. STEPHENS, in view of the swiftly passing time, briefly returned thanks for the appreciative remarks of the W.M. As Bro. Clark had said so many kind things of the *Freemason* paper, he would be content to say a few words suggested by the presence of the ladies, and which he (Bro. Stephens) thought a great feature in the history of the lodge. In recognising the toast of the Press, the brethren were honouring one of the greatest agencies by which the condition of mankind had been and was being improved. Their present gathering that day, graced as it was by the presence of ladies, was an evidence of the vast improvement in thought and habit upon those of ages ago. And to what was the present improved appreciation of woman's proper place in society as a partner and helpmeet to man due if not to the humanising influence of civilisation? a result of the spread of education by the instrumentality of the printing press. (Cheers.)

The party then adjourned from the banquetting-room to enjoy the pleasures of the surrounding country. On their return the room had been cleared for dancing, all necessary details being arranged by the Stewards, Bros. Clark, W.M., Pearcey, S.W., and G. W. Rowe, Sec. Bro. Sherwin, Organist, provided the music, and dancing was heartily indulged in, Bro. G. H. Stephens acting, by request, as Director of Ceremonies. During an interval for vocal music, Miss Clark and Miss Dagleish favoured the company with some excellent pianoforte selections.

The company left by the last train to town, where they all arrived safely, having spent a memorable and highly-enjoyable day.

Among those present were Bro. A. Clark, W.M., and Mrs. and Miss Clark, Miss Dagleish, Mr. A. C. Clark, Bro. R. W. Pearcey, S.W., Bro. Ford, Bro. Pratt, Mr. Overy, Bro. J. Wayland, Treas., Bro. G. W. Rowe, Sec., and Mrs. Rowe, Bro. B. Lyons, P.M., Bro. J. Andrews, P.M., and Mrs. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Andrews, Bro. C. Giesecke, S.D., and Mrs. Giesecke, Bro. Jones and Miss Poole, Bro. and Mrs. Lane, Bro. and Mrs. Hambach, Bro. Patrick, Bro. Doerr, Bro. Sherwin, Organist, Bro. G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*), and others.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice has forwarded, through General Sir Henry Ponsonby, K.C.B., a handsome present to the Free Library, London-street, Bethnal Green, E. The University of Oxford and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have made large grants of their publications to the above institution, which is supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were submitted and confirmed. Bro. Marks was questioned, and subsequently was candidate while the ceremony of passing was worked. Bro. Haslip was next interrogated, and lodge was advanced. The ceremony of raising was next worked. Lodge was closed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Stephens worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Marks was unanimously admitted a member of the lodge, and Bro. W. Fraser was elected W.M. for next Monday evening, the 17th inst., until which date the lodge was closed and adjourned.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—The usual meetings were continued at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. Bro. J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. H. Forss, S.W.; D. Moss, J.W.; J. Taylor, Deacon; H. Mark, I.G.; W. Yetton, P.M., Treas.; A. Peterkin, W.M. 1349; G. H. Stevens; and others. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were submitted and confirmed. Bro. Peterken was tested as a candidate for the F.C. Degree and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony ably rendered. Bro. Taylor worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down, whereupon Bro. Taylor also worked the Fourth Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Forss was elected to perform the duties of the chair for the ensuing lodge meeting, and all business being at an end lodge was closed.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—This flourishing old lodge met as usual on Tuesday last at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, when there were present Bros. A. W. Ellingford, W.M.; W. Evans, S.W.; Harper J. Andrews, P.M., Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, acting Sec.; J. R. Shingfield, Deacon; Gower, I.G.; J. L. Anderson, A. Walter, G. Price, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Price was tested, and on lodge being advanced, was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Price was rehearsed in the questions required for the Sublime Degree, and lodge was closed down. The ceremony of initiation was most ably worked, Bro. Price being the candidate. On the motion of Bro. Stephens, acting Sec., Bro. A. Walter was accorded a vote of thanks for the able discharge of the duties of W.M. on the last lodge meeting held. Bro. Evans, W.M. 1260, was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening, and lodge was closed in harmony.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—This lodge continued its regular meetings on Friday, the 7th inst., at Bro. Moore's, the Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse. Bro. Chapman, W.M. 898, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. L. Ettling, S.W.; Hancock, J.W.; Charlton, Treas.; Saunders, S.D.; Rolfe, J.D.; Moore, I.G.; Atkins, P.M., Preceptor; Waller, P.M.; Dixon, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened in the regular manner and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was opened up and closed down, when the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Rolfe being the candidate. The working of the ceremony gave great satisfaction to all present.

Lodge was called off, and on the resumption of labour, Bro. Atkins gave an explanation of the First Tracing Board. A vote of thanks was next accorded to Bro. Chapman, Bro. Waller, and Bro. Saunders, for their kindness in visiting the lodge and giving the brethren an exemplification of their working. Bro. Ettling was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday, and lodge was closed in harmony.

WEST SMITHFIELD (No. 1623).—At the regular meeting of the above successful lodge, on Monday last, the 10th inst., at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., Bro. H. K. Clisby was W.M., being well supported by Bros. Edwin Moss, S.W.; P. H. Clisby, J.W.; J. Lawrence, Hon. Sec.; W. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor; Rumball, S.D.; J. Young, J.D.; H. Duncker, I.G.; C. F. Goodenough, and others.

The evening was devoted, after the observances of the necessary formalities, to the working of the second ceremony, and which was really well done, considering that Bro. Clisby, W.M., is but a young Mason (which remark applies also to several others of the brethren present) his and their progress cannot but be gratifying to Bro. Pennefather, the Preceptor. Bro. Lawrence, the energetic Secretary worked the Second, and Bro. Pennefather the Third and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. E. Moss was elected W.M. for the 17th inst.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—The last meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday last, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, when there were present Bros. A. G. Clements, W.M.; C. Kendall, P.M., S.W.; Hancock, W.M. 1259, J.W.; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; T. J. Barnes, Preceptor, as S.D.; Job, W.M. 1076, J.D.; Oxley, I.G.; C. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and after the usual preliminaries, Bro. Stewart was tested, and afterwards duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Oxley was next questioned and lodge advanced, when the ceremony of raising was also carefully worked. The ceremony of closing the lodge down was next practised, and on the usual rising Bro. C. Kendall was elected to perform the duties of W.M. in the lodge on the following Monday. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—This lodge met, as usual, on the 6th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, East India Dock-road. The chair was occupied by Bro. Young, the Preceptor of the lodge and W.M. 1716, who was well supported by Bros. A. W. Ellingford, W.M. 834, as S.W.; Pittam, J.W.; Witherston, S.D.; Potts, P.M., as I.P.M. and J.D.; Knowles, I.G.; Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stephens, as a candidate for the Second Degree, was tested and entrusted, and, on lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Stephens being the candidate. Lodge was closed down, and a letter having been read from Bro. Kennett (who was to have occupied the chair), explaining his unavoidable absence, in consequence of a severe domestic affliction, it was unanimously resolved to send Bro. Kennett a letter of condolence from the lodge. Bro.

Ellingford was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge, and an instructive meeting was brought to a close.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual meeting was held at Bro. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, on Tuesday evening last. Present: Bros. R. R. Johnstone, W.M.; H. Hooper, S.W.; E. M. Money, J.W.; F. A. Francis, Preceptor; H. M. Williams, Sec.; T. C. Edmunds, S.D.; G. Monk, J.D.; A. W. S. Hoare, Org.; R. Poore, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Francis as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Williams as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed down to the First Degree.

It was proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the Secretary, and resolved, that Bro. A. W. S. Hoare, 1765, be elected a member.

Bro. Hoare thanked the brethren, and trusted he should be able to attend very regularly, and thereby benefit by the excellent working of the lodge.

It was proposed by Bro. Williams, seconded by Bro. Hooper, and resolved, that the thanks of the brethren be accorded to the W.M. for the admirable manner in which he had that evening worked the ceremonies, especially on occupying the chair for the first time in his Masonic career.

It was resolved unanimously that Bro. H. Hooper be elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Bro. Hooper thanked the brethren and appointed his officers in rotation.

The lodge was closed in due form and the meeting adjourned, after passing a most enjoyable and profitable evening.

Royal Arch.

HYDE.—Chapter of Industry (No. 361).—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Norfolk Arms, on Wednesday, the 21st ult. Present: Comps. W. Dutton, M.E.Z.; Frederick Drinkwater, H.; F. Broadsmith, J.; Mark Stafford, P.S.; John Beech, S.E.; Henry Booth, S.N.; William Smith, Treas.; Jos. Wild, Org.; H. Heap, Janitor; Franklin Wright, P.Z.; Jos. H. Wolven, P.Z.; Jas. Hall, P.Z., P.P. 1st. A. Soj.; H. Drinkwater, P.P.S.; Dennis Barton, Joshua Owen, Jas. Wilde, Alfred Broadley, Aaron Houghton, Mark Billinge, Thos. Eyre Mason, John Higginbottom, — Fox, and Elias Ashworth. Visitors: Comps. Jas. Walker, 268; S. H. Smith, P.Z.; A. Siddall, 268; Wm. Dumville; and Wm. Towle, P.Z. 815, H. 163, P.P.G.P.S.

The companions opened the chapter in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation soon afterwards commenced. The three elected Principals, Comps. Frederic Drinkwater, Z.; Frederick Broadsmith, H.; and Thomas Drinkwater, J.; were presented to the Installing Officer, Comp. W. H. Dutton, assisted by Bro. James Hall, P.Z., and with all due rite and ceremony placed in their respective chairs. The three Principals were duly proclaimed and saluted, after which Bro. James Hall, P.Z., invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Mark Stafford, P.S.; William Smith, Treas.; John Beech, P.Z., S.E.; Henry Booth, S.N.; Joseph Wild, Org.; Henry Heap, Janitor.

The Installing Master delivered the addresses and the ceremony concluded. It would be an act of discourtesy to Comp. Dutton, were we to remain silent on the admirable manner in which he performed the various duties allotted to him as Installing Master. Everything was admirably arranged and carried out, and he is *sans doute* deserving of the highest praise. Previous to closing the chapter a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. George Kenning, by Comp. John Beech, P.Z., seconded by Comp. W. Dutton, P.Z., for his kindness in presenting the chapter with a very handsome veil for the pedestal; and after "Hearty Good Wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the chapter was closed in the usual manner.

The companions afterwards sat down to a banquet, which was well served by the host, and at the conclusion of which, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very enjoyable evening terminated.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—Palatine Chapter (No. 7).—This very flourishing chapter met on Wednesday the 10th inst., at the Palatine Hotel, and was opened by Bro. R. H. Hutchison, M.W.S., assisted by his officers. Bro. I. H. P. Leresche, and Bro. W. L. Chaw, were perfected by Bro. Gibb Smith, P.M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie was presented by the M.W.S., to Ill. Bro. Chas. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, who performed the ceremony with great care and solemnity.

The chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren, to the number of thirty-three, assembled in the dining hall, to partake of a most sumptuous banquet, presided over by the M.W.S., who in felicitous terms proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister responded to the toast of "The Supreme Council and members of the 33°"

Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank for "The 32°;" Ill. Bro. Duffield for "The 31°;" and Ill. Bro. Bennett for "The 30°."

Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°, in proposing "The Health of the M.W.S." alluded to the time when he was present at the initiation of Ill. Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, and had watched him through most of the Degrees until he had that day installed him head of this beautiful, Christian Masonic Degree, and he hoped in due time to see him still higher.

Ill. Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.W.S., on rising to respond was received with rounds of applause. He thanked one and all for their kindness, finishing an elaborate speech by proposing "The Health of the P.M.W.S.'s" which was admirably responded to by Bro. Hutchison, P.M.W.S. The meeting and banquet were brought to a close.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—The chapter was opened at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, on the 30th ult., by Bro. Robert Allan Luck, M.W.S., assisted by his officers. Three candidates, Bros. Thomas John Armstrong, Robert Lamb Armstrong, and Luke Armstrong, brothers, were perfected by the M.W.S. (assisted by Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°) with great care and solemnity. The business of the chapter being over, the brethren spent a very happy and social hour before separating.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY.—This old and distinguished preceptory held a meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square, on the 23rd ult. Among those present were Sir Knights Alfred Williams, E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C.; W. Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., Recorder; F. Driver, Expert; Gravely, acting C. of L.; Stohwasser, Herald; and Lardner, D.C.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the E.C. vacated the chair in favour of Sir Knt. Walls, who then duly installed Comp. Wood as a Knight of the Order. Many apologies for non-attendance having been read, it was unanimously resolved that in future the conclaves should be held at the Masonic Hall, S., Red Lion-square.

The preceptory having been formally closed, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Albany Hotel, Theobald's-road, and partook of refreshment. There were no toasts.

On the following day the summer festival, in connection with the Mount Calvary Preceptory, was held under very favourable circumstances, at Westerham. The success of the outing was entirely due to the exertions and liberality of the E.C., whose health was most warmly received at the banquet by the members of the preceptory and their numerous guests. The weather was all that could be desired.

Obituary.

BRO. BENJAMIN WEBSTER, P.G.D.

On Thursday, in Brompton Cemetery, there were consigned to their last resting place the mortal remains of a worthy and worshipful brother, who had, in his day, achieved some distinction in Freemasonry, while, professionally, he had for years been recognised by the public as one of our ablest actors, as well as one of the most energetic of theatrical managers. Few men have done more to encourage a taste for the drama than the late Bro. Benjamin Webster, who for a period of fully forty years had guided the destinies first of the Haymarket and then of the Adelphi Theatre. As an actor, perhaps, the present generation of theatre-goers may not be so familiar with his style, though they cannot but have heard of his prominence and the exceptional ability he displayed in the delineation of pathetic characters, and especially in that class of pathetic character to which his *Robert Laundry* in the "Dead Heart" belonged. As a manager, however, there have been but few equal to him, and that is not saying too much, if we bear in mind that, at the time of his ripest experience, there was a host of actors and actresses of rare talent in the different branches of the dramatic art, and that he succeeded in securing the services of most of them at one or other of the above theatres. Thus during his lesseeship of the Haymarket, the late Mr. Macready gave his series of farewell performances, though he made his last appearance on the stage at Old Drury. The late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean also served under his banner. At the Adelphi were collected such stars as Madame Celeste, the late Messrs. Wright and Paul Bedford, and a host of others. The Keeleys, again, of whom Mrs. Keeley still survives, played with or under him, as also did Miss Helen Faucit, now Lady Theodore Martin, and Mr. Howe, the only one of the Haymarket troupe who is still on the stage, unless, indeed, we may include Mrs. Stirling, who was with him but a short time only. In fact, we must enumerate pretty well all the theatrical luminaries, who shone between 1835 and 1875, if we would form a just conception of the range and variety of his experiences in his managerial capacity. Be it added that our late Bro. Benjamin Webster was born in the year 1798, and had attained, therefore, the ripe age of eighty-four. Only a few years since he married a young lady, by whom, who survives him, he leaves a child, and there also survive a son and daughter, children of a former marriage. In Masonry he had at one time played an active part, and among other claims upon the respect of the Fraternity may be mentioned that he was one of the founders and first W. Master of the Maybury Lodge, 999, a Past Grand Deacon of England, and a Life Governor of the Masonic Schools, as well as of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. His family and friends, in this moment of their sorrow, have the consolation of feeling that our brother has passed away full of years, and after a life that was conspicuous for its ability and usefulness. Nevertheless, they have our respectful sympathy.

BRO. JOHN GALE.

We regret to record the death of Bro. John Gale, which took place on Tuesday evening at his residence, Norfolk-road, Dalston. Bro. Gale was formerly in business for many years (Messrs. Toulmin and Gale) in Size-lane, and afterwards in Cheapside. He was a member of the Court of Common Council for several years for Cordwainer Ward, and at the time of his death was a Guardian of the Poor for the City of London Union; and his kindness of manner and geniality made him very popular. His health had been failing for some time, but it was not till about two months ago that he became seriously ill. He rallied a little, but three or four weeks ago he had a relapse, and for several days before his death he was in a sinking state. He passed away at last quite peacefully. He was in the sixty-fourth year of his age. The funeral took place on Monday last at Highgate Cemetery. Bro. Gale was initiated in 1867, in the Panmure Lodge, No. 715, passed the several offices, and became W.M. in 1877. He was also a member of the Royal Arch, having been exalted in the Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22, in 1868.



On Saturday morning last the Vaudeville was filled in every part to witness the performance of "The Road to Ruin." The occasion was the benefit of Bro. Thomas Thorne, an actor whose ability and popularity are sufficient to account for the triumph that was obtained. The cast with which this amusing old comedy was presented was no less strong than that Bro. Thorne has accustomed us to expect. Mr. Farren played in unsurpassable style the character of *Dornton*, which has now passed into his repertory. Bro. Charles Warner gave with his well-known brightness, force, energy, and animal spirits the character of *Young Dornton*, one of the most popular of his assumptions, and was better in the stronger situations. A fine piece of character acting, polished and effective as it can be, and rising to the depth of genuine earnestness and power was exhibited by Bro. Thomas Thorne, as *Silky*. Against this was opposed the imperturbable *Silky* of Mr. Horace Wigan. Miss Alma Murray played with tenderness and grace *Sophia*, Miss Kate Phillips was delightfully bright as *Fenny*, Mrs. Maltby was a satisfactory *Mrs. Ledger*, and Mrs. Sydney clever, but rather forcible as *Widow Warren*. With Mr. Crauford as *Milford*, Mr. Howe as *First Tradesman*, Mr. F. Thorn as *Goldfinch*, Mr. Maclean as *Hosier*, and Mr. Lestocq as *Jacob*, an interpretation containing every element of popularity is provided. No immediate intention of transferring "The Road to Ruin" to the evening is entertained. There is every probability that at some period not far remote an entertainment containing so many elements of popularity will find its way again to the boards. In the evening, "Money" was given with the well-known cast, the performance being once more for the benefit of Bro. Thorn.

Bro. Henry Irving brings his season to a close on the 29th inst., on which occasion he will take his annual benefit, when he may be expected to deliver the accustomed speech. Bro. Irving subsequently proceeds to America.

Bro. Walter Pelham, at the request of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, had the honour of giving his drawing room entertainment at Marlborough House on Thursday afternoon, the 6th inst.

A new comedy in three acts by Mr. Brandon, of the St. James's, has been accepted at the Court Theatre.



Lenepveu's opera of "Velleda," to the production of which, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., we briefly referred last week, was played for the second time on Friday last, with, of course, the same cast, the reception which it experienced being similarly cordial. It is by no means an impressive work, though there is more than one dramatic situation, which gives Madame Patti the opportunity of displaying to great advantage her powers in this respect. The music is not marked by any extraordinary originality, much of it being clearly traceable to inspiration derived from a study of Verdi, Wagner, Meyerbeer, and other well-known composers. We can hardly, therefore, anticipate that it will retain its place permanently in the repertory of Covent Garden. The story may be briefly described. *Calius*, the Roman commander in Gaul, falls in love with *Velleda*, a high priestess of the Druids, and the latter reciprocates the feeling. He has, however, a rival in the person of *Tenter*, a Gallic warrior, who, with the assistance of *Ina*, another priestess, delivers *Calius* into the hands of his foes, and the latter must have perished but for *Velleda*, by whom his life is saved. The Romans overcome their enemies, and *Calius* in turn has an opportunity of showing mercy to the Gauls. Meanwhile, *Velleda* has gone with her father to some remote village. *Calius* follows, and overtakes her, and declares himself ready to make any and every sacrifice if the maiden is united to him. *Velleda* has just consented, when the Gauls again appear on the scene, and the girl, finding she has nothing to look forward to beyond a solitary life of misery, stabs herself, and *Calius*, following her example, the lovers die in each other's arms. It will be easily gathered from this brief description that, dramatically, the part of *Velleda* afforded Madame Patti several opportunities of exhibiting her great declamatory powers to advantage; and, it is needless to say, she turned them to the best account. The music also suited her well, so that her performance was a veritable triumph. She was most ably assisted by the other members of the cast, and notably by Madame Valleria, as *Ina*; Signor Nicolini, *Calius*; Signor Cotogni, as *Tenter*; and Signor De Reszke, as *Senon*. The chorus and orchestra did admirably, the "Hymn of War," in the second act, being especially noticeable. M. Dupont conducted with his wonted ease, so that it is hardly to be wondered at that the opera achieved the success it did.

"Mignon" was played on Saturday last, with Madame Albani as the heroine, and on Monday "La Traviata," with Madame Patti in the like capacity. On Tuesday Boito's "Mefistofele" was produced, a second performance having been fixed for yesterday (Friday). As in the case of "Velleda," and for the same reason, we shall defer a more extended notice till next week. The cast was as follows: *Margherita* and *Helena* were played by Madame Albani; *Martha* and *Pantalis* by Mdlle. Tremelli. M. Gailhard was *Mefistofele*; Signor Igenio Corsi, *Wagner*; and Signor Mierzwinsky, *Faust*. Signor Bevinani conducted. Be it added that on Tuesday the Prince and Princess of Wales were present.

Thursday witnessed the performance of "Faust and Margherita," Madame Patti being the heroine. To-

night (Saturday) "Le Prophète" will be given for the last time this season.

When next week is passed we shall have seen the last of Italian Opera for the present year. There will be five performances, as usual, though Friday will be a blank night. On Monday "Don Giovanni" will be given, with Madame Patti as *Zerlina*. For Tuesday "Mefistofele" is announced, and Wednesday is set apart as a gala night for Madame Patti, who will appear as *Violetta* in "La Traviata;" her final appearance being fixed for Saturday, in "Il Barbiere di Siviglia." On Thursday Madame Albani takes her gala night, when she will appear for the fourth time in "Mefistofele."

Mr. and Mrs. Reay-Mackey had a most successful concert at the Marlborough Rooms on Wednesday last. The programme was well-chosen and well-carried out by the beneficiaries and the many well-known artistes who assisted them.

On Friday last, by permission of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lewis, the distinguished lady violinist, Mdlle. Thérèse Castellan, gave a concert at 1, Lancaster-gate. There was a numerous attendance, the programme was well assorted, and the vocalists, male and female, included several that are well-known to, and highly appreciated by, the public. Among them must be mentioned Miss de Fontblanque, Mdlle. Le Brun, and Miss Elliott; Mr. I. de Lara, Signor Campobello, and Signor Gilberti; Signor Tito Mattel being the solo pianist. Mr. George Grossmith provoked much amusement by his humorous lecture on "What is Music?"

The second grand operatic concert of the season took place at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last. Among the artistes were Madame Fursch-Madi, who made her first appearance at the Palace on this occasion, Mdlle. Tremelli, and Signori Marini, Frapolli, and De Reszke. The audience was a numerous one, and, under the conduct of M. Dupont, the concert proved highly successful. To-day (Saturday) is fixed for the Sunday School Choir Festival, when there will be a concert in which 5000 voices will take part, with Mr. W. R. Bourke as conductor.

Next week the series of Saturday evening concerts will commence; another musical feature, being Miss Jennie Young's concert lecture, which has been postponed till then.

The programme of the London Conservatoire Garden Party, which was held at Lillie Bridge Grounds on Saturday last, included a concert in the large hall, when Sir Henry Bishop's glees and choruses were given by a choir of seventy voices. There was also a strong array of musical talent, both vocal and instrumental.

On Monday Mr. Edward Holmes's grand evening concert took place at the Royal Academy of Music, Mesdames Liebhart and Edith Wynne, Signori Ria and Isidore de Lara, and Mr. Thurley Beale being among the principal artistes who took part in it, with Mdlle. Carstellan as violinist, Mr. Hollman, violoncellist, and Mr. Edward Holmes, himself as pianist.

Bro. Wilhelm Ganz's Matinée Musicale was held at the Marlborough Rooms on Tuesday, the attendance being such as might have been expected on such an occasion, though, doubtless, but for the wretched weather, it would have been still more numerous. Madame Antoinette Sterling, Miss Santley, Mr. Barrington Foote, and Bro. M. Maybrick were the principal vocalists, with Signor Papini, violin, Mr. Libotton, violoncello, and Bro. Ganz piano.

This day (Saturday), the Grand Operatic Concert, of which we made announcement last week, will come off at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington.

There will be a performance in English this (Saturday) afternoon, in the concert room of the Royal Academy of Music, Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, of Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte," in which the principal parts will be taken by Miss Cockburn, Mrs. Irene Ware, Miss Kate Hardy, and Messrs. Hulbert, Jarvatt, Fulkerson, R. Cummings.

On Monday next, by the kind permission of the Earl and Countess of Dudley, there will be an amateur concert, at 3.30 p.m.; in aid of the funds for the Hospital for Women, Soho-square. It will be given under the special patronage of the Queen, the Princess of Wales, the Princess Christian, and the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck.



One of the most interesting meetings it has been our privilege to notice took place last Wednesday, at the Vestry Hall, Kensington, when, in the interest of the Society for Training Teachers of the Deaf, Miss Hull, who keeps a private school in Holland-road, and was introduced by the Rev. Dr. Forrest, rector of St. Jude's, South Kensington, gave an explanation and illustration of her system of instruction, by which children who are born deaf, and, of course, therefore, completely dumb, can have speech bestowed upon them. At the close of the remarks made by the Chairman, Dr. Forrest, several boys and girls, ranging in age from five to thirteen years of age were introduced. Miss Hull spoke to them, and they, by carefully watching the motion of her lips, and the indications of the signs she uttered, were enabled, not only to repeat in intelligible tones, and write them in fair round-hand on a black board, but also to return intelligible answers. The

exhibition or demonstration was singularly touching, owing to the evident pleasure shown by the children in being able to understand what was said to them and be understood in turn. At the close of these tests the Chairman of the Committee of the Society, Major-General Cotton, made a strong appeal for funds in aid of the College that has been established to carry out the new system, and the appeal was warmly supported by the Rev. H. Pearson, Chairman of the Committee for teaching deaf mutes in the London School Board schools, the Rev. M. Stainer, and Miss Hull.

Some 600 representative working men visited the South Kensington Museum on the evening of Friday last, under the auspices of the "Working Men's Club and Institute Union," of which Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., is President. The presidents, secretaries, and delegates of the several clubs forming the Union, who were distinguishable by the orange ribbons worn in their coats, were presented to Lady Brassey. Music was the chief attraction of the evening, the performances of the Hungarian Band being received, one after the other, with hearty applause. There were also present as contributories the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers and Glee Singers. At the same time, the principal attractions of the Museum itself were by no means overlooked, the new Danish and Norwegian treasures proving very interesting.

Five lady students of the Crystal Palace School of Art, namely, the Misses Edith Banbury, M. A. Lyle, A. L. Manby, and M. Sheffield, and Mrs. A. Howse, have had awarded to them severally the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge's certificate, testifying not only to their success in the examination, but also to their having completed a three years' course of study under the professors appointed by the University in the Palace School.

On Wednesday last, about a hundred and twenty members of the Society of Engineers, taking boat from London Bridge in the early morning, made an excursion to Chatham for the purpose of inspecting the building sheds, the dockyard, and the ships fitting out or in course of construction. They were received on their arrival, about half-past three o'clock, by favour of the Admiral Superintendent, J. G. Watsin, R.N., by some of the officials, and they were conducted on their tour of inspection, the chief vessels visited being the *Warspite*, 7300 tons, 8000 horse power; the *Calypso*, steel corvette, 2705 tons, 3000 horse power; the *Rodney*, the *Conqueror*, the *Ajax*, and *Agamemnon*, in course of fitting for service, and the torpedo ship, *Polphemus*. Among the visitors were the President of the Society, Mr. Jabez Church, Mr. C. Horsley, Mr. Berridge, Mr. Spice, Bro. James Glaisher, &c.

The council of the Institution of Civil Engineers have announced their award of premiums for original communications, presented to the Society during the session 1881-2. For papers read at the ordinary meetings there were made eight awards, consisting of Watt medals and Telford premiums in three cases, a George Stephenson medal and Telford premium in one case, Telford premiums in three cases, and a Manby premium in one. Other medals and premiums were adjudged for papers printed on the proceedings, but not discussed to at the meetings, and also for papers read at the supplemental meetings of students.

The death of Mr. Hablot Knight Browne, best known to the world as "Phiz," took place on Saturday last, at Hove, Brighton. Mr. Browne was born in 1815, and in 1835 succeeded the late Mr. Seymour in the task of illustrating "Pickwick." He subsequently illustrated most of the works of the late Charles Dickens.

We already have a theatre which for some time past has been successfully lighted by electricity, and now the Royal Music Hall, formerly Weston's, Holborn, which has been rebuilt and redecored by its proprietor, Mr. W. T. Purkiss, is to be similarly illuminated on the Brush system, the current being distributed from a central station. The resultant advantages will be the reduction of heat to the extent of 25 per cent., and a steadier and more subdued light.

On Saturday last the President and one of the members of the Balloon Society left the Lillie Bridge Grounds in a balloon which was purposely kept at a very low altitude, with a view to photographing London. The route taken was across Hyde Park, along Oxford-street and Holborn, over St. Paul's and the Mansion House to White-chapel, the descent being made about six miles from Romford, in the grounds of Sir Cunliffe Smith. Several very successful views were taken, which will be added to the collection already possessed by the Society.

The forty boys of Christ's Hospital on King Charles the Second's foundation of the Royal Mathematical School visited Windsor Castle on Saturday last, for the purpose of submitting to Her Majesty, according to annual custom, their charts and drawings. They were accompanied, as usual, by sundry of the officers of the School, and the head mathematical drawing masters. The Lord Chamberlain was in attendance upon Her Majesty.

It was decided on Monday afternoon, at a meeting of the Guild Committee of the Preston Corporation, to invite the Duke and Duchess of Albany, who will be present at the Guild festivities in September, to lay the foundation-stone of the proposed Free Library and Museum.

Thursday was fixed for the first of a series of three lectures at the Crystal Palace, to be delivered by Dr. G. G. Zerffi in the lecture-room of the Crystal Palace School of Art, Science, and Literature. The subject of that given on the day mentioned was "Egypt of the Pharaohs; origin of influences." Those to follow on the 20th and 27th inst. will treat of "Egypt of the Caliphs; progression of influences;" and "Egypt now; further progression," respectively.



Bro. Carrington was, on Tuesday last, installed as W.M. of the Acacia Lodge, No. 1314, at Bromley.

An amateur concert will be held on Monday next at Dudley House, Park-lane, in aid of the funds of the Hospital for Women, Soho-square.

Bro. G. A. Sala will preside at the annual dinner of the General Theatrical Fund at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, the 31st inst., supported by Bro. Irving and Bro. Toole.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., on behalf of his son, has presented to the Orphan Working School, Haverstock-hill, nineteen stained glass windows, representing a series of scripture subjects illustrating youthful piety, from the Old and New Testaments. These have been placed in the new chapel attached to the Institution (of which Sir James Tyler is the donor), built from designs by Mr. C. Bell, architect, New Broad-street. The windows were executed by Messrs. Ward and Hughes, at a cost of £7000.

The plans of Bro. T. Searancke Archer, of 2, Gresham Buildings, E.C., architect and surveyor, Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, and Felix Lodge, No. 1494, have been selected for the swimming bath to be built at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Henry W. Green, Secretary of the Infant Orphan Asylum at Wanstead, has presented a most interesting and satisfactory report of the working of this excellent Charity during the past year. The asylum contains upwards of 600 children.

Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Knight gave an "at home" on Monday at Elms Side, Hampton, when, notwithstanding the unpropitious weather, which was not so bad as in town, slight showers only falling, about 500 ladies and gentlemen partook of their hospitality.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriff's will attend Divine service at the Parish Church of St. Ann and St. Agnes, Aldersgate, on Sunday, when a sermon will be preached by the Bishop of Bedford on behalf of the Royal General Dispensary.

A dreadful accident occurred in Monte Video at the Masonic obsequies in memory of General Garibaldi. It appears that in consequence of an alarm of fire the 300 people who were present at the celebration were seized with panic. A rush was immediately made for a narrow staircase by a number of women and children, with the result that twenty were trampled to death, and ten others received severe injuries. Great consternation prevailed in the city in consequence of the catastrophe, and a public funeral of the victims was held on the following day. The fire originated in an oil lamp falling upon the catafalque.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent Boys' School Festival will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 24th inst.

It is proposed to form a new Journalists' Club, of which Bro. G. A. Sala has consented to become the President. The Honorary Secretaries, pro tem., are Mr. R. S. Chant and Mr. H. Wright.

The boys of Christ's Hospital of the foundation of King Charles II. went on Saturday last to exhibit their drawings and charts to Her Majesty. Luncheon was served in the dining-room for the gentlemen and boys of the school. The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and the Duke and Duchess of Albany, and attended by the Earl of Kenmare, K.P., Lord Chamberlain, Viscount Torrington, Lord in Waiting, Admiral Lord Frederick Kerr, Groom in Waiting, General the Right Hon. Sir H. Ponsonby, K.C.B., Colonel the Hon. H. Byng and Captain Digge, R.A., Equerries in Waiting, and Major-General Sir John Cowell, K.C.B., Master of the Household, entered the corridor at three o'clock, when his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., President, presented to Her Majesty the following gentlemen: Bro. John D. Allcroft, Treasurer; Mr. William C. Dalrymple and Mr. Jesse Nickinson, Governors; Mr. James Barnard, Head Master of the Mathematical School; Mr. H. Watts Mason, Art Master, and forty boys. After this the Queen inspected the drawings and charts, which were laid before Her Majesty by each boy separately. The Queen was pleased to select from the drawings exhibited those drawn by the following boys: W. C. Piers, R. F. Sheen, and W. J. H. Krabbe.

Even "the largest circulation in the world" does not always serve to ensure consistency in the announcements of the *Daily Telegraph*. The court news of Wednesday, the 5th, under date "Windsor Castle, July 4th," stated that "the Princess Beatrice, and the Princess Elizabeth and Jane of Hesse, visited the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, at Bagshot, yesterday afternoon, that is, July 3. The same day "our correspondent" telegraphing from "Madrid July 4th," announced that "The Duke of Connaught arrives here in the supposed strictest incognito to-morrow" (Thursday) "morning en route for England." In this case Bro. the Duke of Connaught must be well nigh as ubiquitous as Sir Boyle Roche's famous bird. As a matter of fact, however, the Duke of Connaught was all the time in Spain, and even, as the crow flies, several hundreds of miles from Bagshot, so that his sister and nieces could not have seen him on Monday as stated by the D.T.'s Court news agent. As a further matter of fact His Royal Highness did reach Madrid on Thursday, en route for England, and was met at the railway station by the King of Spain. Thus "our correspondent" at Madrid was better posted in the Duke's movements than the aforesaid Court news agent at home.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasures of pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the springs of life.—[ADVT.]

The next meeting of the Duke of Albany Lodge, No. 1963, will take place on Thursday next, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Shaftesbury Park Estate, S.W., at 5.30 p.m.

The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., visited the Royal Agricultural Show at Reading on Wednesday last, and were entertained at luncheon by the President and Council of the Society. The Prince next proceeded to the Reading School, the foundation-stone of which His Royal Highness laid some twelve years ago, and the biscuit factory of Messrs. Huntley and Palmer, returning to town by the four o'clock train.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, 453, which is held at the Princes' Hall, at Buckhurst Hill (G.E.R.), on Friday, the 21st inst., by the members of the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, 1158. Bro. C. Wise, P.M. 1158, will preside, and will be supported by Bros. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, as J.W., and W. Beavis, S.D. 879, as S.W. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Wells, D.C. 1158; Second, Bro. Darch, P.M. 72; Third, Bro. Hartley, 72; Fourth, Bro. Holloway, W.M. 1158; Fifth, Bro. Pulsford, P.M. 1158; Sixth, Bro. Martin, J.D. 879; and Seventh, Bro. Beavis, S.D. 879. Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Wood, S.W. 193; Second, Bro. Smith, P.M. 1158; Third, Bro. Leaper, S.W. 1275; Fourth, Bro. Stewart, P.M. 1158; and Fifth, Bro. Block, J.W. 1158. Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Millard, Org. 1158; Second, Bro. Morley, 1744; and Third, Bro. Austin, S.D. 1158. Bro. J. W. Davies, 1021 and 1457, Hon. Sec. Brethren are cordially invited; to commence at 6.30 p.m. prompt.

The Rusthall House Estate, at Tunbridge-Wells, about ninety-four acres, for many years the residence of the late Sir John Musgrove, who was Lord Mayor in 1851, was sold at the Mart on Wednesday last for £27,400.

A Committee of the House of Commons has passed a Bill for widening the South-Eastern Railway between Charing-cross and Cannon-street. The execution of this scheme will involve the widening both of the Charing-cross and Cannon-street railway bridges.

Princess Beatrice on Wednesday last distributed the prizes bestowed annually by the Prince Consort's Windsor Association to deserving artisans and labourers and their wives.

The Princess Christian has graciously signified her intention of being present at the concert to be held at Dudley House on Monday next, for the Hospital for Women, Soho-square.

The establishment of a Parcels Post may be regarded as settled, and there are good hopes that Parliament will sanction the new system during the present session. The arrangements with the railway companies have been concluded, although they have not yet been put in legal form.

The twentieth annual reunion of the employés of Madame Tussaud and Sons' exhibition was celebrated by a dinner last week, at the Crown Hotel, Shepperton. The day was exceptionally fine, and the general arrangements, carried out by Mr. G. Mathias, left nothing to be desired.

Mr. Harry Tipper, Conductor of the Criterion Hand-Bell Ringers and Glee Singers, had the honour of performing selections on the hand bells and rendering some part songs on Thursday afternoon last at a garden party given by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House, to meet Her Majesty the Queen.

Arrangements are being made by Her Majesty's Government for calling out and despatching 5000 Militia to the Mediterranean stations, to take the place of the troops ordered from Malta, Gibraltar, and Cyprus to Egypt.

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P. for Cheltenham, has announced his intention to resign his seat at the next general election through failing health.

Bro. Carl Rosa has engaged Drury-lane Theatre for a spring season of English opera, which will commence on Easter Monday next year, and will be, as heretofore, under his sole management.

Two new works have been added to the Doré Gallery—an oil painting of some size and pretension and in Doré's characteristic manner, entitled "A Day Dream," and an elaborate drawing in pen and ink representing a head of Christ "Mocked by the Jews." They are worth seeing.

The Lord Mayor will preside at a meeting at the Guildhall on Wednesday, the 19th inst., to further the movement which has for its object the erection of a tercentenary memorial to Sir Francis Drake on the Hoe.

The proudest man in the United States the other night was a new "star" actor who had his horses taken from his carriage to enable a crowd of enthusiastic admirers to draw him to his hotel. He was not so happy the next morning when informed by the livery-man that the ovation was brought about by a horse-thief, and that neither of the valuable animals had been recovered. Damages six hundred dollars.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser has appointed the Rev. Prebendary Marshall, vicar of St. Bride, Fleet-street, to be his Chaplain during his shrievalty.

The recent Mansion House Rose Show was one of the largest and most successful that has ever been held in London. So agreeable a variation of the Mansion House events has it proved that we hope, and we are sure all who visited the display will agree with us, that it will become an annual "institution" at the Mansion House.—*City Press*.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire is postponed until the 26th inst., on account of the illness of the Provincial Grand Master.

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.]

Bro. Julius Quitmann was installed Worshipful Master of the Waldeck Lodge, which was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last.

Bro. Alderman de Keyser will proceed next week to the Continent for a short period of rest. After the recent contest and consequent excitement through which he has passed during the last three months, and with a view to the arduous duties in store for him in connexion with the Shrievalty, his many friends will be glad to hear that the Alderman has taken these precautionary measures, and they will rejoice to see him return with increased strength and vigour.

Bro. Colonel Joseph Burroughs, believed to be the oldest Mason in the United States, died at his residence, No. 254, Bank-street, recently. Bro. Burroughs was born in Newtown, Long Island, October 30th, 1799. He was made a Mason in Hohenlinden Lodge in 1822, and a Royal Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter, No. 109, in 1827. He was one of the charter members of Clinton Commandery, No. 14, K.T., of Brooklyn, and as Eminent Commander raised some of the most distinguished men in the United States—among them Commodore Rogers. During a period of forty years he was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, F. and A.M., of Newark, and was also a member of Union Chapter, R.A.M., of Newark.

The anniversary summer banquet of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306, was celebrated on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at Broxbourne, under the genial presidency of Bro. T. Wooding, W.M. of the lodge. We hope to give an account of the proceedings in our next.

We notice that Bro. T. A. Woodbridge, I.P.M. St. Dunstan's Lodge, 1589, has been elected Common Councillor for Farringdon Without, in the room of Bro. Polydore De Keyser, elected Alderman.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have arrived at Buckingham Palace from the continent.

The representatives of the Ward of Billingsgate will give a complimentary dinner on Monday at the Albion to Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Sir R. Hanson. Mr. Joseph Causton will preside.

The Clothworkers' Company has recently made a grant of £105 towards the extension of the Home Hospital, Fitzroy-square.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Prince and Princess Christian visited Ealing on Tuesday, the object being to open the Princess Helena College for Orphans. The place was gaily decorated, but, unfortunately, the weather was most unpropitious. Among those present in the marquee erected outside the college were the Bishop of Oxford, Professor Huxley, and others. Princess Christian read a short report as to the objects of the college, which is for the orphan children of fathers who have belonged to the service of the church. The Prince of Wales fulfilled his post, and in doing so, congratulated those present on the admirable character of the institution. The proceedings having been brought to a close, the Royal party left amid the heartiest demonstrations of loyalty.

The Freemasons of High Wycombe have presented ten guineas towards the Endowment Fund of the Free Library, maintained by Mr. J. O. Griffiths for some time, and now presented to the town on condition of its being endowed within seven years. A Fancy Fair will be held in the grounds of Wycombe Abbey, and opened by Lady Carrington on Tuesday, the 18th inst., in aid of the fund; a great many attractions are offered, and the Railway Company will issue tickets at reduced fares from London, Oxford, and intermediate stations. A concert will be given in the dining-room at the Abbey, at four o'clock p.m., by Lady Carrington, assisted by Viscountess Folkestone, Viscountess Downe, the Countess Cowper, the Countess of Antrim, the Countess of Clarendon, Lord William Compton, Mr. Henry Leslie, Signor F. P. Jost, &c. The Countess Howe, Colonel Carrington, Sir Philip and Lady Rose, Sir Samuel and Lady Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lawson, are expected to be present. We sincerely hope that the fête, which lasts three days, will bring in a considerable sum towards the Free Library Endowment.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, at a meeting held on Wednesday last at Alford House, Princes-gate, for the purpose of considering the Rev. W. L. Blackley's scheme of compulsory national insurance, in moving a resolution that the system of national insurance was expedient and practical, said he desired to recommend public attention to the question. He said he thought most of those present would endorse the remarks of Mr. Buckley, namely, that the system of Poor Law in England was one that no one who was conversant with it could look on with satisfaction. It had a tendency to create a certain amount of imprudence in young men who spend their money in drink and dress. No less than £2,500,000 was spent in outdoor relief, and his experience was that that relief was very often harshly given and thanklessly received, and that in many of its consequences it was demoralising. There was a sound principle in living operation to meet them, and that was embodied in the action of some of the Friendly Societies. The benefits a good Friendly Society conferred were inculcable; and whilst much good had been done in working men's clubs and savings banks much more remained to be done, and amongst them was the inculcation of thrifty habits. He concluded by giving a general support to Mr. Blackley's proposals.

SUMMER EPIDEMICS.—Medical officers of health as hot weather approaches should remind the public that if they desire to be free from such infectious diseases as scarlet fever, small pox, and measles, they should wash only with WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. Purchase only the genuine "WRIGHT'S," which is branded (as the medical profession prescribe) "Sapo Carbonis Detergens."—[ADVT.]

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 15. Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arm's Hot., Wood-green. 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton. 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell. 1494, Felix, Clarence Hot., Teddington. 1556, Addiscombe, M.H., 105, High-st., Croydon. 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines. Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct. Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow. 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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 17. 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, S. 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 18. Board of General Purposes, at 4. Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot. 452, Frederick of Unity, 105, High-st., Croydon. 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. 837, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd. 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg. Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30. Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. 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 Bdg., 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. 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 19. Lodge of Benevolence, at 6. General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4. Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich. 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich. 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow. 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E. 1638, Brownrigg, Swan Hot., Kingston-on-Thames. 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

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. Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30. Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 20.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex. 1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park. 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath. 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington. 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton. 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell (Emergency). 1623, West Smithfield, F.M.H. 1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's Sc., Surbiton. Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton Court. Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30. Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30. Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd. Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-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-crt., 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. All Saints, Eagle Tav., East India Dock-rd., Poplar, 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 21. House Com. Boys' School, at 4. Lodge 1118, University, F.M.H. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6. Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8. Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8. Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7. Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7. St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood. Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8. United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7. Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8. St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30. Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30. Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8. Ranclagh, 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 22. Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court. 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham. 1541, Alexander Palace, Alexander Pal., Muswell-hl. 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Mason's Avenue. 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham. 1871, Gosling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE For the Week ending Saturday, July 22, 1882. MONDAY, JULY 17. Lodge 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston. 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley. Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool. 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston. Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 18. Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool. 830, Endeavour Queen's Arms, Dukinfield. 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow. 1276, Warren, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead. 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So, N. Hill-st., I'pool. Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. Boote L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19. Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan. 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool. 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles. 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster. Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk. Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool. Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 20. Lodge 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston. 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester. 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby. 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool. Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool. Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 21. Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool. Mark Lodge 195, Egerton, M.R., Birkenhead.

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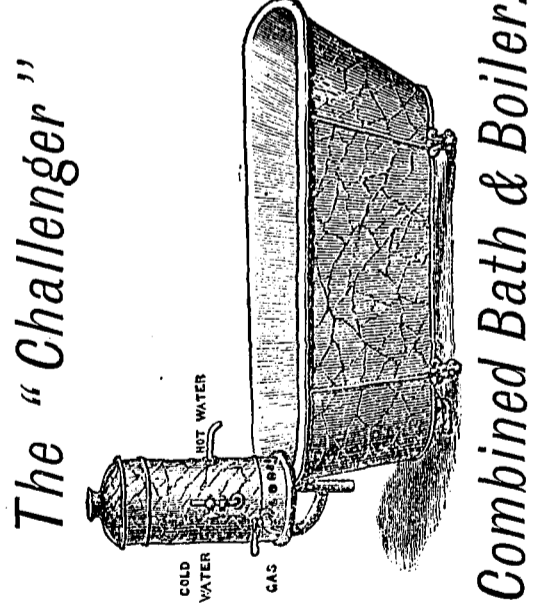
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