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ACCORDING to the *Chaine d'Union*, persecution for Freemasonry sake, even under the Ministry of SAGASTA, himself a Freemason, has not altogether ceased in Spain. A Spanish brother of good repute has recently, according to our worthy Bro. HUBERT, been imprisoned in Spain for six days for giving a dinner to eight persons, all of whom were Freemasons. But "COSAS D'ESPANA," whoever has understood them? Who understands them even to-day?

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THE movement for the fusion of the various Rites in France is not likely we think to make much progress. To say nothing of absurd stipulations and unconscionable claims, there are difficulties just now, many and serious, in the way of any such arrangement. As we always ventured to point out, though our words were unheeded or contemned, the abnormal position of the Grand Orient itself creates obstacles all but insuperable, in respect of an unification of the French Rites. What the Grand Orient has always had to fear, and more reason now than ever to apprehend, is isolation. We are, as we said before, if certain rocks ahead can be safely avoided, friends entirely to a proper scheme of unification. But, in our opinion, as some pre-requisites are necessary to be conceded and arranged, which the combatant parties are not likely to submit to, and, therefore, on the whole, we are inclined to believe that this proposed fusion is postponed to the "Greek Kalends." There are these necessary steps to be taken, without which any such unification would only amount to a hollow truce, and clearly would not last long. The one is the entire disappearance of the so-called Grand Lodge Symbolique from the scene. Instead of affecting to deal with the Grand Orient on an equality, this most irregular and abnormal Masonic body must bury alike its high-sounding titles and its inordinate pretension "dans le sien" of the Grand Orient. The lodges must take out new charters from the Grand Orient to make them regular lodges, for as the old saying runs "ex nihilo nihil fit," nothing comes of nothing, so the Grand Lodge Symbolique being itself an irregular and clandestine body Masonically, its lodges have no legal Masonic existence. Then, as regards the symbolic lodges under the Ancient and Accepted Rite, they have now certain usages which, if they join the Grand Orient, they must give up. It is, therefore, needful that if they do join that body they do so "without prejudice" and existing customs and usages, so long as the lodges think fit to retain them. The ultimate grouping of all lodges up to the Third Degree under the Grand Orient, and all the grades from No. 4 to 33 under the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, is much to be desired. But troublous has been the past history of French Freemasonry as to rival bodies and conflicting claims, and we apprehend that the good brethren in France have much to learn, perhaps no little bitter experience to realize, before they will have apprehended to value the great blessings of unity, and the peaceful and fraternal outcome of true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. An union between the Grand Orient and so-called Grand Lodge Symbolique would amount to nothing.

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A GENERAL dispersion of our good brethren has to a great extent taken place. The recess has begun, and metropolitan Freemasonry is for the present in abeyance; its work is done for the season, its lodge-rooms are deserted; and though Londoners are late, as a rule, in taking their normal holiday, yet a large number of those who adorn Metropolitan Freemasonry are already on the wing. And wherever they go, wherever they are, may all of good attend them, and may they enjoy their well-earned holiday thoroughly, and come back to "the little village" and lodge labours and lodge symposia smiling and serene.

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THE Dutch Freemasons have got also a movement party among them, and are in the throes of a so-called era of enlightenment and

progress. Though they have elected H.R.H. PRINCE ALEXANDER of the Netherlands G.M., they have elected Bro. VAN DIGGELEN, his opponent for the Grand Mastership, and an avowed "Progressist," (whatever that term may really mean in Holland), the D.G.M., and the Governing Body, our Bro. HUBERT tells us with exultation, is composed of an "ecclavante majorite" also of "Progressists." There has been for some time a tendency in Dutch Freemasonry to imitate the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, and we would earnestly and fraternally warn our old good Dutch friends to hesitate, and to be cautious. Let their habitual Dutch phlegm and prudence induce them to weigh well the inevitable consequences of a departure from that true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry which they have practised now for 150 years, and let them firmly adhere to their ancient principles of Masonic thought and Masonic action.

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SINCE HANS BREITMANN wrote his famous ballads we have all felt how sentimental and how touching are those reminiscences of unforgettable episodes and persons, and scenes and enjoyments which pass away into "de ewigkeit." Yes, as CAMPBELL has sung of old,

"And memory conjures feelings up,  
Which wine nor music need not swell,"

when to-day we recall pleasant hours and enjoyable gatherings. But all things must have an end here, even Masonic festive hours; and, therefore, it is that some of us may all but regrettably recall now the close of another Masonic season, the cessation of countless friendly hospitalities. If of some meeting in old times, and even still, it might be said, as the French critic has it, "en a toasté beaucoup, et en a bu plus," yet to how many agreeable assemblies do we recur now mentally often still. Now, especially, when the "dulces cœtus" of friendship are closed, and the attentions of hospitality are over for the nonce, we shall all be affected with grateful recollections of that Masonic amiability which has cheered our long career, and that charming inner circle of Masonic sociality from which all that is unfriendly, unworthy, or unbecoming is rigorously excluded, and where all that is elevating, exhilarating, and excellent upholds its pleasant regime

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It is sometimes an amusing fact to realize the complete pause which takes place year by year in our lodge assemblies and social aggregations. A few weeks back many were the calls on London Freemasons for work and for sociality. Night after night full meetings for labour and pleasant assemblies for refreshment,—a necessary complement to toil,—attested the vitality, and geniality, and good digestions of Metropolitan Freemasonry. And as during the past season the efforts of the London Freemasons in the greater cause of charity have been both marked and commendable, we feel that this season of 1882 has not been altogether in vain. Indeed, it is wonderful to realize, especially when we remember the amount which other charitable festivals for the most part produce, what the zeal of English Freemasons in the Metropolis and in the provinces can do to prove to others that Freemasonry means something—is a reality, nota sham, of goodly and veritable life, not a mere "wordy pretence," without energy, meaning, or utility. And, therefore, as in Nature, so in all other things, rest is sometimes needed to develop new energies and educe fresh powers, when we all meet again in the closing autumn, if we do all meet again, let us trust that our good old Craft will still be in all respects to the fore, going on its way in unity, concord, and activity, and demonstrating its lasting good and its living utility by its honest labours, its social virtues, and its charitable results.

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SOME one has said that Freemasons "spend too much money on their banquets." This allegation is supposed to apply almost entirely to London Freemasons. But it is a very difficult and delicate question in itself, which requires cautious handling, for it is one on which is somewhat unadvisable, we venture to think, to dilate too much. It is undoubtedly true that many lodges, by wise and careful arrangements, not only are very reasonable in their expenditure, but find a large margin for Charity; though it is unfortunately also the case that many lodges expend a large portion of their funds on the social circle, and have but a small balance for Charity. But all this arises from the habits and hours of London. In the country, for the most part, the lodges meet later than they do in London. In the metropolis it is no uncommon thing for lodges to meet at 3.30 and 4.30 in the afternoon, when there is very full work, and hence the late hours of London necessitate a dinner. In the extremely fashionable circles the dinner hour is often 8.30, and, as a rule, our brethren in Masonry, following the habits of London, dine late, and not early. Despite this inevitable expenditure, and we

doubt if any other system would suit the meridian of London, how many of our lodges, both out of their lodge funds and by private donations of their members, make up really noble charitable lists for all our Charities; but, we would press on all young and new lodges the absolute necessity of making and fixing the amount of their fees in proportion to their needful claims and wants. One of our great errors in the past has been making Freemasonry too cheap and easy of admittance, and, therefore, we trust that in the future we shall bear in mind that a lodge to be really prosperous must be good alike for work, for hospitality, and for charity.

#### MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday, at the Crystal Palace, in Bertram and Roberts' dining-rooms. The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, R.W.D.G.M., presided, and he was supported by

Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.; Rev. R. P. Bent; P. A. Homfray, P.G.M. of Monmouthshire; A. L. Emanuel, of the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight; R. J. Emmerson, of the Province of Kent; J. S. Cumberland, of the Province of N.E. Yorks; George Cooper, Bon Accord; Henry Venn, Old Kent; R. P. Spice, 3; J. Inglis, 7; Dr. E. Schiemann, 8; G. J. Cosburn, 27; F. A. Huet, 32; J. Arenberg, 34; A. F. Godson, 40; T. J. Pulley, 54; M. Mildred, 104; Chas. W. Hudson, 162; Chas. H. Driver, 176; J. T. Thorp, 194; H. J. Lardner, 223; J. T. Morland, 225; H. Lovegrove, 234; W. H. Glasspool, 235; J. Hobbs, 236; Geo. R. Ousey, 239; J. J. Hughes, 247; C. F. Goodenough, 255; H. H. Hodges, 257; Henry George, 265; Richard White, 266; T. L. Lewis, 271; W. J. Meek, 284; Robt. Berridge; J. Manwaring; J. Ramsey; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Ladies, as usual, sat down with the brethren to banquet.

After the banquet, which was admirably supplied, and at which all the delicacies of the season, with a beautiful supply of fruit, were arranged, grace was said, and the toasts of the evening were proposed.

The Earl of KINTORE, in giving the toast of "The Queen," referred to Her Majesty's favourable consideration of Masonry, more especially as exhibited by her recent reception of a deputation from Grand Lodge, which attended to congratulate her on her escape from a would-be assassin.

In giving the toast of "Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M." the Earl of KINTORE said that when the time of his lordship vacating the Grand Master's chair arrived, all Mark Masons would be able to look back on his period of office with gratitude and thanks for the day when he was installed Grand Master of this Degree. His lordship had entered into his office with a singleness of heart and a devotion which all of them would appreciate at its true worth. Personally, he (the Earl of Kintore) thanked him very much for his absence on this occasion, as it gave him an opportunity of presiding at this banquet. But, apart from his own interests, he felt that the loss was the company's; the gain was great to him, but to them was the loss. When he should see Lord Henniker he would be able to tell him that the reception given to the toast of his health was second to none.

Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES, in giving "The Health of the M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Masons—H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., the Right Hon. the Earl of Percy, M.P., the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, and the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom," said Mark Masons might congratulate themselves on having secured the services of men of such renown, whose names would be handed down to posterity. Among so many worthy names it would be invidious to make a selection, but there were circumstances connected with the accession of the Duke of Albany to their ranks which deserved mention. Those Mark Masons who had the pleasure of seeing him installed as a Past Grand Master, and the way in which he joined their ranks, must have felt very much flattered. There was another matter which enlisted their cordial sympathies—that Mark Masons were collecting subscriptions for the purpose of presenting H.R.H. with a wedding gift—somewhat after date, perhaps—but it would be not the less graciously received. If ladies liked to swell the amount, the Treasurer would be ready to receive their contributions. Baron de Ferrieres then went through the list of Past Grand Masters, and, in reference to Bro. Portal, said that he had returned in much better health to this country.

Bro. C. F. MATIER proposed "The R.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason, the Earl of Kintore, the Chairman of the Day." He said that having known the noble earl a very long time, and having traced his career almost from his initiation into Masonry, he might say there was no one to whom Grand Mark Lodge owed a deeper debt of gratitude. Many years ago Grand Chapter of Scotland was not exactly on terms of friendship with Grand Mark Lodge of England, and some of the brethren who should be nameless carried on a paper war, with more or less effect, and more or less politeness on either side. Thank goodness, all that was over, and they had obtained between G. Chapter of Scotland and G. Mark Lodge of England a happy peace, a glorious peace, a peace with honour, and as a sign of the peace they saw the Earl of Kintore now occupying the chair of Deputy Grand Master in Grand Mark Lodge. But he held a very high position in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and it was his (Bro. Matier's) sincere aspiration and hope to find him not only occupying the Grand Mastership in the Grand Mark Lodge of England, but the highest positions in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. Of the way in which he had presided that evening the ladies were able to judge, but for himself he (Bro. Matier) would say that the Earl of Kintore had filled the position of Chairman second to none of those who had filled the position before.

The Earl of KINTORE said, in reply, he did not know where he should begin if he were to attempt to follow in all its branches the kind speech of Bro. Matier. He and Bro. Matier had been friends, and were well acquainted for a considerable time. He was bound to say that, as far as his fortunes in Grand Mark Lodge went, he had a very great deal to thank Bro. Matier for. He was also bound to say, and in this Bro. Matier was right, that he had always done his very best to assimilate the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, of which he was a Principal, and the Grand Mark Lodge of England. As he found himself now Deputy Grand Master of the Mark Degree in England, and Second Grand Principal of Grand Chapter of Scotland, he felt that his wishes were almost gratified, and he thought he might say they had a peace, and a noble peace. He had only one fault, if he might be permitted to say so, to find, not with the brother who proposed the toast, but with the arrangement of the toast list, for he found immediately after his toast was the ominous word "Absence," the name of the song which was to follow. He hoped if he were absent their hearts would go with him cordially, but as he was present, and he had come some distance to be present, he would say there was nothing more uppermost in his feelings than that Grand Mark Lodge and every member of it should succeed in every undertaking, and "flourish as a green bay tree."

Bro. SPICE proposed "The Present and Past Grand Officers." As he

had a regard for the fitness of things, he was disposed to cavil at the Present being put before the Past Grand Officers in this toast. He held that they were indebted to the Past Grand Officers—a grand phalanx who had in the past handed down to the present those traditions of which they were all most justly proud. The word "past" covered a multitude of centuries. He had heard a brother say he had seen in the *Keystone* of arches which were existing for centuries in the old City of Carthage, which had become a scene of ruin—those emblems which Mark Masons venerated, and which were perpetuated in their jewels. And here the brethren were, at the Crystal Palace, surrounded by sylvan scenery, at the end of untold centuries, meeting to celebrate and perpetuate the glories, if he might call them so, of the Craft, its sacred symbols and its sentiments, which would never die while Englishmen and Scotchmen lived. He could not emulate the eloquence of Bro. Matier, who had done so much to establish an "esprit de corps" among the brethren; but he could appreciate as highly as he the works of Grand Officers who had in their day and generation contributed to the consolidation, the furtherance of the prosperity, and the increased glory of Mark Masonry. He was sure there was not a heart beating under any waistcoat, or any other garment, but would be proud and delighted to join heartily and cordially, warmly and affectionately in honouring the toast of "The Present and Past Grand Officers. But there was a future world, a universe of which they spoke devotionally and emotionally when they mentioned T.G.A.O.T.U. When they went to some other orb, perhaps they might find some Mark Masons there, and he hoped when they saw there the tokens of Masonry their hearts would warm towards each other.

The Rev. R. P. BENT, Grand Chaplain, said that after what he had heard he was sure that nature intended him for a very humble individual, but Mark Masonry had made him very proud. In the sphere in which he moved there could be no prouder honour given to a man than to be called upon to return thanks for this toast. The present Grand Officers in Mark Masonry had the interests of that degree at heart and would do all they could to promote them. They were, without doubt, flourishing and increasing, day by day. No one could see the growth of Masonry in general, and of Mark Masonry in particular, without confessing the great good it was doing, and for this reason he was glad to be a Grand Officer. He had held the office of Grand Chaplain in the United Grand Lodge, which was a very high and proud position, but the additional post of Grand Chaplain in the Mark degree was somewhat more, and he was justly proud of it. He trusted and prayed that the order would increase day by day. Bro. Spice had referred to the past, the present, and the future, but he should confine himself to the present; and he had had such pleasant gatherings in Mark Masonry, that he was capable of saying that whether in the Craft or in the Mark he had never had such a pleasant gathering as on this occasion. Because in Craft festivals he only met those of his own sex; whereas at these Mark festivals they were surrounded by the fair sex. They had with them such a galaxy of fair looks and pleasant faces and forms, accompanied by sparkling conversation, and everything that was an ornament to social gatherings, that he thought while these conditions were complied with, Mark festivals could never fail.

The Earl of KINTORE, in proposing "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund," said: I, personally, and I think few others, have any reason to propose what is usually termed the toast of the evening without—especially if the occasion on which the assemblage be gathered together is one for the promotion of some benevolent or charitable object—rising with a feeling of very considerable anxiety lest one's powers of speech and powers of pleading would fail to reach the hearts and the purses of those to whom we speak. But on this occasion and for the first time—and it is a proud moment—for the first time I may say that I have no anxiety whatever. Of course I don't mean to say that my powers of oratory or of stringing words together in any way can influence the Benevolent Fund of this Grand Mark Lodge, but when I remember, and when I see a most satisfactory long paper in the hands of my worthy friend opposite (Bro. Dewar) I feel it a great advantage; the work is already done by the brethren, whose health I hope shortly to propose; and, moreover, I feel if I tried hard, I should be able to obtain the most powerful factor in the management of men—the ladies. I should like to say to them that, before this time next year they will have the opportunity of finding the soft side of the brethren near them; and I am very sure—at least I am not very sure—but I hope to persuade them to use all their means, and those charms which we know they possess, to induce them to add to that list to make it still a stronger one when this celebration comes round next year. I can only say if they do not so succeed, and if the brethren do not add to that list and lengthen it in a way I should like to have it lengthened, I can only say that the refusal would be like that great peace, of which Mark Twain says, it passeth all understanding. I have only further to say, when I come to figures, in the last fourteen years—the fund was established in 1868—there has been no less a sum subscribed than £3180. Of that sum £700 has been invested in the Education Fund; £850 has been given to the cause of education; £1500 has been invested in the Benevolent Fund itself. At the present moment seven boys are being educated and brought up at an expense of from £67 to £70 a year. Grants have been made to worthy and necessitous Mark Masons and to theirs, amounting at least to £750; and last, but not least, in my opinion, in all these fourteen years the total cost of management and collection and distribution of this Fund has amounted only to 70 sovereigns. I think that reflects the greatest credit upon those who have given their time to the management of the Fund. And I am very sure the boys educated, and the recipients of Charity will also reflect credit on the Fund. I have little more to say. Would that I could say what I have to say better than I am able to do; but I do hope that our list to-day, and our list next festival, will show that this Grand Lodge will never allow the Benevolent Fund to wane or to lag for want of support, or that the boys who are educated and the recipients of our Charity will ever decrease—that Charity which is one of the cardinal virtues we profess to keep alive and exhibit may never fail; and, finally, that all here listening to me at this moment will be able at the end of a long life to look back upon Grand Mark Lodge, and the Benevolent Fund may from this day forward increase in its usefulness, utility, and power, and doing that, they will never regret the day when on the 19th July, 1882, they listened to my unworthy words. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. F. BINCKES, Grand Secretary, had hoped that some other brother would have been found to relieve him of the stereotyped duty that had devolved on him so many years of returning thanks for this toast. Although he found it difficult to find new words, he said from his heart how deeply he appreciated the services of the Stewards and those who had exerted themselves on behalf of the fund, and he hoped they would continue to use their efforts to promote the practical success of the fund. He was glad that the noble Earl had not forgotten the other Institutions in Freemasonry. It had been said

he had done something to minimise the great services done to the Craft. But on the contrary the prosecution of the best interests of the charitable institutions in connection with Mark Masonry had done something more than would have been done. It had by no means interfered with that support. Statistics showed that the Mark Degree, by its organisation and its subsidiary branches and private lodges, had done, and was doing an enormous amount of work in supporting the Institutions. This had been Mark Masons' pride from first to last. They were not organising a new degree in connection with Freemasonry; they were conserving the old. The Degree was as authentic and important as any other in connection with Freemasonry; and being so, its first guiding star and leading principle was that of Charity. The Craft taught that it was a primary object to do all the good it possibly could to relieve distress and mitigate the effects of human misery. Grand Mark Lodge moved in parallel lines, if not in the same groove, and very successfully too. Instead of detracting from the support rendered to the great Institutions of the Craft, the Mark were handmaids and helpmeets, and while it did what it could for members of its own Order, it did not interfere in any way with the Craft. It rather subsidised what had been done by the Craft. This was the fifteenth anniversary of the Fund, and he thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for what had been done in the way of supplement to the efforts of the Craft, by coming forward and assisting in the cause of education by paying for the education of brethren's children in their own neighbourhood. When the brethren who were not overburdened with wealth, but not in poverty, applied to the G. Lodge to educate their children, it was a charm of the Order that it educated them. The President had made a few apologetic observations, but he (Bro. Binckes) could not help thinking that what was said by Bro. Matier in reference to the position of Lord Kintore was right. There was a time when the Grand Mark Lodge of England was struggling to obtain a recognition of its legitimate position. The Grand Lodge of Scotland felt that their interests were not identical, but negotiations took place, and interviews were had, and everything terminated in a friendly manner. He blessed the meeting of this evening, for it was nothing short of a blessing to have the Earl of Kintore presiding over the meeting. The Mark Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, even when they had rival jurisdictions, really had the same object at heart, only they had pursued it from different points of view. Now Scotland, England, and Wales were thoroughly united, and there was nothing in store for them but continued and increased prosperity.

Bro. DEWAR then read the following list of subscriptions:

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
The Chairman	25 0 0	Bro. C. W. Hudson, 164
Bro. P. A. Homfray, P.G.M. Monmouthshire	64 5 0	C. H. Driver, 176
" A. L. Emanuel, Province of Hants and I. of W.	15 15 0	J. T. Thorp, 194
" R. J. Emmerson, Province of Kent	38 17 0	H. J. Lardner, 223
" J. S. Cumberland, Province of N.E. Yorks	15 15 0	J. T. Morland, 225
" Geo. Cooper, Bon Accord	12 17 0	H. Lovegrove, 234
" Henry Venn, Old Kent	31 10 0	W. H. Glasspool, 235
" R. P. Spice, 3	5 5 0	J. Hobbs, 236
" James Inglis, 7	13 13 0	G. R. Ousey, 239
" Dr. E. Schiemann, 8	15 15 0	J. J. Hughes, 247
" G. J. Cosburn, 27	9 5 6	C. F. Goodenough, 255
" F. A. Huet, 32	10 10 0	H. H. Hodges, 257
" J. Arenberg, 34	6 10 0	H. George, 265
" A. F. Godson, 40	10 10 0	Richard White, 266
" T. J. Pulley, 54	10 10 0	T. L. Lewis, 271
" M. Mildred, 104	23 2 0	W. J. Meek, 284
		Rev. R. P. Bent
		R. Berridge
		J. Manwaring
		J. Ramsey

The Earl of KINTORE next proposed "The Stewards." He considered the length of the list that had just been read, and the amount which had been mentioned demanded from him an expression of thanks to the Board of Stewards. Those brethren had worked hard and well, and if the efforts of the brethren in future succeeded as well as the efforts of the stewards this year had succeeded, the brethren might feel assured that they would not have to regret the day they became Mark Masons.

BRO. H. VENN, in replying, said the Stewards all appreciated the kindness of the recognition of their efforts by the ladies and brethren present. He was, of course, very pleased that he had been able to do something towards the success of this grand Charity. He was very pleased to think he was among those who were present, and he appreciated the remarks of Bro. Spice with regard to the past. Still he hoped the humble efforts of the present were appreciated, and he hoped that the efforts of those who were to follow would also be appreciated still more. There could be nothing more gratifying than to help those who needed help; and further, he believed that if there were any objects thoroughly entitled to the efforts of Mark Masons, it was the children of brother Masons. He felt that every Steward that had done anything towards contributing to the success of the evening must be highly gratified. The assembly and the amount that had been brought together must be very gratifying to all concerned.

BRO. BINCKS proposed "The Ladies," to which toast

BRO. GOODALL replied, and the company shortly afterwards separated.

During the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist, by Bros. Edward Collins, Arthur Thompson, James, Kift, and Egbert Roberts.

#### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. James Brette, Junior Vice-President occupied the chair; Bro. S. Rawson, District G.M. China, held the chair of the Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodsford, P.G.C., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. H. Garrod, W. Mann, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Charles Atkins, Wm. Stephens, G. P. Britten, Charles Davis, Thos. Cull, C. F. Hogard, C. H. Webb, Thos. Hutton, H. T. Cheesman, C. J. Edwards, C. F. Barham, L. Stean, Walter Spencer, W. H. Perryman, J. L. Jones, Jas. Green, D. Skinner, S. C. Haslip, J. Farmer, G. H. Goldschmidt, W. H. S. Humphries, E. J. Thomas, W. H. Dean, Chas. Gottschalk, Frank Green, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed the recommendations made at the June meeting to the amount of £270. There were thirty on the new list, of which twenty-five were country cases, and five London. Four cases were deferred for further enquiry. The remaining twenty-six were relieved with a total sum of £750. This sum was composed as follows: One sum of £100 (£100); one of £75 (£75); one of £60 (£60); two of £50 (£100); three of £40 (£120); three of £30 (£90); five of £20 (£100); one of £15 (£15); and nine of £10 (£90).

The lodge sat for four hours, and on the conclusion of the business was formally closed.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The annual treat for the children took place on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Crystal Palace, part of the funds being provided by the Stewards of the last festival, and the balance made up by the House Committee. All the children were able to attend, with the whole of the staff. The weather was all that possibly could have been wished, and it occurred to some whether the children themselves communicated with the clerk of the weather, or whether he was a Mason, or at one time had had any children there. At all events, considering how wet it was on the Thursday and on Saturday, our children were unusually favoured. Bro. Frank Richardson, senior member of the House Committee presided at dinner, supported by Bros. Hamerton and Grey, as well as by Bro. Faulkner, the Honorary Dentist, and Bro. Hedges, the indefatigable Secretary. The children got back safely about ten o'clock, after having had a most enjoyable day's outing.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Assembly Rooms, Bell Hotel, Sandwich, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when there was a gathering of over two hundred brethren from all parts of the province, to support the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, who presided.

The following P.G. Officers were appointed by the Prov. Grand Master, who invested them and handed to each his warrant of appointment:

Bro. Hammond, P.M. No. 1692	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Richard Harrison, P.M. 1246	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" The Rev. William Taylor Jones	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" The Rev. Canon Baynes	...	Prov. G. Chap.
who (being unavoidably absent) was invested by deputy.		

" Alfred Spencer

" E. B. Smith

who, being in attendance on the judges at the assizes, was unable to be present, and whose collar and warrant were therefore handed to Bro. Spencer in charge for him.

Bro. Charles Edward Hatton,

E. G. Sears	...	Prov. G. S. D.
" Robert Stone, P.M. 1613	...	Prov. G. J. D.
" John Edward Apps,	...	Prov. G. J. D.
" J. E. Wiltshire, P.M.	...	Prov. G. Supt. Works
" John Carter, P.M. 20	...	Prov. Dir. of Cer.
" John F. Searle, P.M.	...	Prov. G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
" Edward Kirby, P.M.	...	Prov. G. Swd. Bearer
" W. H. Drake	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. F. Stralford	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Rankin	...	Prov. G. Asst. Purst.

It was proposed by the Deputy P.G.M., and seconded and carried, that Bro. Easty be re-elected P.G. Tyler, whereupon Bro. Easty was summoned and invested, and the following brethren were appointed Prov. Grand Stewards:—Bros. John Brett, N. Williams, Edwin Beer, F. Butler, John Scera, and Hedley Shaw.

[We are unable to find room for an account of the proceedings which we have in type, but a full report will appear next week.]

#### THE NEW PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

##### INSTALLATION OF SIR HENRY BROMLEY, BART., HIGH SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY, AS GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

Royal Arch Masonry has lately been making rapid progress in this county; whereas for nearly forty years the ancient Abbey Chapter, No. 47, was the only one in the province, there are now four chapters in a flourishing condition. Petitions having been sent from each to the Supreme Grand Chapter, a patent was granted, and on Thursday, the 13th inst., the Prov. Grand Chapter for Nottinghamshire was constituted at the Masonic Hall, by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England, assisted by Comp. Major W. H. Smythe, Grand Superintendent of Lincolnshire, and Comp. Capt. Montague, D.L., Grand Supt. of Dorsetshire, when Comp. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., Z. of the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 402, was installed Grand Supt.

There were also present Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips, Past Grand S.N.; Thos. W. Tew, P.P.G.H. W. Yorks; W. Naylor, Prov. G.J. Derbyshire; Rev. G. W. Lowe, Prov. G.J. Lincolnshire; F. Pepper, Prov. G.J. Staffordshire; Thos. Cox, P.P.G.J. Derbyshire; F. Campion, P.P.G.J. Derbyshire; Thos. Horsley, P.P.G.J. Derbyshire; Henry Smith, Prov. G.S.E. W. Yorks; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.G.S.N. Derbyshire, Joseph Young, P.Z. 270; G. G. Birkett, P.Z. 712; W. C. Moore, J. 1235; and other distinguished companions to the number of about sixty.

Previous to the formation of the Provincial Grand Chapter a meeting of the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 402 was held, at which Sir Henry Bromley was duly installed as Z. of the Chapter by Col. Clerke. The Past Grand Chapter was then opened in due form, and Sir Henry Bromley was installed as Grand Superintendent, and appointed the following officers:

Comp. John Watson, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Matthew Vowles, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" Arthur Stubbs, Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" John Comyn, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Rev. F. V. Bussell, Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" R. Fitzhugh, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" C. G. Wragg, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" John Hack, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. C. Treas.
" F. W. Parsons, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" C. B. Truman, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" R. Morris, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. R. Hatherly, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Joseph Thompson, P.Z.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Henry Glover	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After luncheon the usual toast list was duly honoured, and the Grand Superintendent received the hearty congratulations of the companions present.

The GRAND SCRIBE E. congratulated the companions upon having a provincial Grand Chapter, and spoke in high terms of the progress of Masonry in the province.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
OF  
MARK MASTER MASON OF MIDDLESEX  
AND SURREY.**

The R.W. Bro. Sir. FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.,  
Prov. Grand Master.  
The V.W. Bro. FREDERIC DAVISON,  
Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

**THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE**  
Mark Master Masons of the Province of Middlesex  
and Surrey, will be held at the  
**CHARENCE HOTEL, TEDDINGTON,**  
*On Wednesday, 26th July, 1882,*

When all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock.

Brethren to appear in full Masonic Costume of the Mark Degree, and Provincial Grand Officers in the clothing of their respective rank, (Morning Dress).

By command of the R.W.P.G.M.M.

J. M. KLENCK, PM., P.Z., &c.  
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary.  
25 & 26, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C.,  
11th July, 1882.

**BUSINESS.**

To read and (if approved) confirm the Minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on the 2nd July, 1881.

To call over the roll of lodges, and report thereon.  
To nominate the R.W. the Provincial Grand Mark Master for the ensuing period.

To appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

To receive the Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer.

To receive Propositions, and consider any other Business.

Banquet at 6 o'clock. Tickets One Guinea each, including Wine.

Brethren intending to be present should notify their intention to the Provincial Grand Secretary on or before the 22nd July.

**ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1882.**

TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

Your Vote and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of  
**R H O D A W H I T E,**

*Aged 39, a Candidate for the Pension,*

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

\*The Case is strongly recommended by

Lady BLACKFORD, Blackford, Cornwall, Devon.  
A. CHAMPERNOWNE, Esq., Dartington Hall, Totnes.  
Miss COVILLE, Beaumont, Bridgetown, Totnes.  
JEFFERY MICHELMORE, Esq., Berry House, Totnes.  
Rev. A. J. EVERETT, Berry Pomeroy Vicarage, Totnes.  
T. H. EDMONDS, Esq., Solicitor, Bridgetown Totnes.  
\*Miss BUNYER, 123, Holborn, London.  
\*W. H. ROBERTS, Esq., Stock Exchange, and Boyne House, Notting Hill, London.  
W. M. TOLLIT, Esq., C.E., Highlands, Totnes.  
Rev. W. WATKINS, Bridgetown Parsonage, Totnes.

Proxies will be gratefully received by those against whose names there is an asterisk (\*).

And by RHODA WHITE, Bridgetown, Totnes.

Votes for this or any other Charity will be thankfully received by

BRO. R. P. TATE, P.M. No. 862,  
31, Holborn, E.C.

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ESTABLISHED 1791.

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JOHN M. CLABON, Esq., HON. SECRETARY.

This Hospital requires aid. An extra liberal diet table is of necessity required on account of the exhausting nature of this terrible disease.

Donors of £10 10s., Annual Subscribers of £1 1s., can recommend patients. 250 beds. Average number of Inpatients per year, 750, and of applicants over 1000.

Bankers, the Bank of England; Coutts and Co.; and Cobb and Co., Margate.

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JOHN THOMAS WALKER, Secretary

**To Correspondents.**

23 C. has not conformed to our invariable rule by sending his name.

J. GETH SMITH.—Letter and extract received. It shall appear in our next.

The following reports stand over until next week for want of space:—  
Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.  
Camden Lodge, No. 704.  
Duke of Lancaster Lodge, No. 1353.  
New Cross Lodge, No. 1559.  
Galler Lodge, No. 1928.  
Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1352.  
Faithful Lodge, No. 229 (Mark).  
William Stuart Preceptory, No. 76 (K.T.).  
Metropolitan College (Rosicrucian Society).

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"The Citizen," "The Restoration of the Jews," "The Yorkshire Gazette," "The Court Circular," "Sunderland Herald and Daily Post," "Freimaurer Zeitung," Le Monde Maconique," "Keystone."



SATURDAY, JULY 22, 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.]

**A POINT OF LAW.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A matter has come before my notice lately which has, I think, something in it, and may, especially at this lethargic season of Metropolitan Freemasonry, interest those of your readers who do read the *Freemason* week by week. It is this. It very often happens that when worthy brethren are popular and energetic as W.M.'s, they become members of many lodges. I know of some brethren who are positively members of six lodges at the same time. Now, what I want to know, what is their position as P.M.'s in their various lodges? They are P.M.'s of their mother lodge, they are P.M.'s in the remaining five lodges. But have they any special privilege or status in consequence of being P.M.'s?

It is sometimes assumed that because a brother is a P.M. in a lodge, therefore he is eligible for the chair, because he is a P.M.. But the truth is, his eligibility does not rest on his being a P.M. but on his having served the office of Warden.

Suppose a brother, P.M. of another lodge, is elected and duly installed W.M. of a second, he simply, as I understand the Book of Constitutions, repeats his old work as an Installed Master, and having duly executed the office of W.M. for one year, becomes the P.M. of lodge No. 2 and so on, in turn, if even he be installed W.M. of five lodges in succession. Hence, then, he has five qualifications for Grand Lodge, so long as he subscribes to his lodges.

Now the point to which I wish to direct your attention is this. He is a P.M. of his mother lodge so long as he subscribes to it, and a P.M. in the Craft so long as he subscribes to some lodge. But supposing he be elected W.M. of a third lodge, and in the meantime has resigned his membership in the two other lodges, and by some vicissitudes of Masonic life, becomes involved in a controversy with his third lodge, so much so that he withdraws from it and leaves the P.M. to finish his years work, what is his position? Has he any as regards lodge No. 3? Has he not in fact forfeited his status as P.M., both as regards the Craft and regards the lodge? The fact is, is he any longer P.M. of any lodge, and therefore has he not lost his seat in Grand Lodge?—Yours fraternally, M.M.

The whole question and status of P.M.'s are very difficult to discuss, owing to the brevity and obscurity of the Book of Constitutions on the point. There is only one clause, as far as we know, which deals with P.M.'s legislatively, and that is almost a parenthetical passage. Undoubtedly the lodge, so to say, is the unit of the P.M.'s rights and claims; and in the case put such rights and claims have passed away.—ED. F.M.]

**THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At a meeting of the Quarterly Court of the Girls' Institution, held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Tattershall moved the following proposition: "That no girl should be admitted, by purchase or otherwise, if she had already a sister there, unless the vacancies exceeded the number of candidates," which was carried by twelve votes to nine, or a majority of three. Now,

I, as one of the minority, beg to enter my protest against, and express a desire that, such resolution should not be confirmed at the next Quarterly Court, for the following reasons: 1st, that the number present was too small to carry such an important measure; 2ndly, that in the case of purchase it is contrary to common sense or justice; and, lastly, on grounds entirely differing from those which were given as coming from the Grand Registrar, by Bros. Richardson and Woodford, who were with me in the minority. Now, as the first reason is subservient to the second, I must answer the second first.

For example, we will take the present state of the Girls' Institution: accommodation is provided for, say 250 girls, and we have at present only 236 on the strength, such

being considered as much as the Committee feel themselves justified in admitting. Now a sister of one of the girls in the Institution seeks admission, and her friend, or friends, are willing to pay the 170 guineas required for that purpose, which amply covers all the expenses for five or six years, as the only expenses are food and clothing, for the same staff of governesses and attendants are sufficient. By election, in no case would I admit two sisters, because though at the time of election there might be a vacancy, yet at the next half-yearly election there might be more candidates than vacancies, and a duly qualified girl, and one equally entitled, would be kept out because two of a family would then be in the School; so in no case would I admit by election two sisters; but by purchase, where the expense does not fall on the funds of the Institution, and the qualifications are on all other points satisfactory, certainly yes. Therefore, my first reason against is, that having such a broad basis to go upon, I consider that a small board of only twenty-one, besides the Chairman, is not a sufficient tribunal to settle the merits of the question.

As to my third contra, while bowing with all due submission to our learned Registrar, if he really did give the opinion that a child by purchase could be admitted without petition, it must be from the very bad wording of the laws but not from the intent thereof, we are told that one can drive a coach and four though any Act of Parliament that ever was framed. Taking that for granted, surely we are not going to take the literal reading of the rule, but the common sense intent expressed therein, that before any candidate can be admitted into any of our Institutions he or she must be proved to be duly qualified, and in what better way can that qualification be proved than by answering the necessary questions as set forth in the form of petition, to be duly submitted to those authorised to decide upon such matters. Certainly a bare letter, stating that A. B. was a son or daughter of C. D., who was a Mason, would not pass muster entitling the candidate to be considered eligible for the benefits of the Institution.

I beg to apologise for trespassing on your valuable space, but I cannot help thinking that such a "dog in the manger" principle, as is no doubt unintentionally conveyed in Bro. Tattershall's motion, should be well considered before becoming law; at the same time we are well guarded against abuse of our laws by the terms used in rule fifty-six, "unless the vacancies exceed the number of candidates," and in rule sixty-three "if they can be conveniently admitted."

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have carefully considered the several rules bearing upon the point, and find the following contradictions:—Rule 56: "That no petition shall be received on behalf of a girl who has a sister in the Institution unless the number of vacancies is in excess of candidates;" and rule 63: "Any person may place a properly qualified girl in the Institution, provided such can be conveniently admitted, upon payment, etc." Now, as the convenience and qualifications would be duly laid before the Committee, the onus of receiving a second, or any girl of a family, entirely rests with the members thereof; and the danger of rendering the Schools a family borough would be met by a defined limit of two, whether by purchase or otherwise, and a rule rendering it obligatory to present a petition in either case. The word "petition" is left out in rule 63, yet the candidate must be duly qualified, and those qualifications cannot otherwise be obtained than from the answers returned by the several persons authorised to give them.

**THE LATE BRO. JOHN HERVEY'S SISTER.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,

I observe in your current issue an advertisement asking for a purchaser of a presentation biscuit box, once given by his lodge to the late Bro. Hervey.

I regret the terms and tone of the advertisement, because inferences are, as I think, unjustly and unfairly suggested. May I ask if the Bro. K. R. H. Mackenzie, who inserts the advertisement, is the son of the "only surviving sister?" also, if Bro. John Hervey left behind him assets amounting to the net sum of £2000? and, further, whether or no his "sole surviving sister" has a life interest in this money, which should produce at least £100 a year? If I am rightly informed, and this be the case, I do not think the advertisement in question should have appeared.—Fraternally yours, P.M.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in the *Freemason* of Saturday last an advertisement from Dr. Mackenzie, offering for sale, on behalf of the sister of the late Grand Secretary of England, a small piece of plate which had been presented to him by the Royal York Lodge, the advertisement further stating that the lady in question is very poorly off.

As I feel sure that nothing short of absolute necessity would have impelled our Bro. Mackenzie to this appeal, I trust that amongst the many brethren of wealth and influence who enjoyed the friendship of our lamented brother, some may be found who will consider it derogatory to his memory, and a slur on our much vaunted charity, that the aged and infirm sister of John Hervey should be under the grievous necessity of making a public appeal for assistance. In common with many brethren, I thought that a portion

of the Memorial Fund had been appropriated to supplement the slender provision which our late brother made for his sister. No doubt he did all he could; but his own long illness, and, I believe, an unfortunate law suit in which his executors became involved, appears to have depleted the already insufficient legacy, and in the result we have, within two years of John Hervey's death, this poor lady compelled to part with the few mementos of her deceased brother in order to meet the pressing needs of age and infirmity.

I do not remember at the moment who were the brethren entrusted with the ultimate disposition of the sum subscribed to the "Hervey Memorial Fund," but I venture to think they could hardly have devoted it to a better purpose than to have secured for John Hervey's infirm sister a sum sufficient for her needs during the probably few remaining years of her pilgrimage. At any rate, whatever might have been the reason, this appears not to have been done, and I now write, Sir, to ask you to use your powerful influence, either at Grand Lodge, at the Board of Benevolence, or by an appeal through the columns of the *Freemason* to the Craft at large, that this crying scandal may be stopped.

I think, Sir, it only requires to be known that Mrs. Mackenzie is old, feeble, and subject to the many infirmities of age, without the means of alleviating them by the purchase of those little comforts suitable to her position, and hundreds of willing hands will be ready to show that they respect the memory of our loved brother too much to permit his aged relative to sue for help, and sue in vain.

Yours fraternally,  
JAMES HILL.

Clapton, July 17th, 1882.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I much regret to see the very indiscreet advertisement in the *Freemason* of the 15th inst., appealing to the Craft to purchase a biscuit-box belonging to the late Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, "in aid of his only surviving sister, who is left very badly off."

As the executor of the late much respected Grand Secretary, I must beg to repudiate that advertisement, and most distinctly state that it has been inserted entirely without my knowledge or consent; that it is contrary to facts, and tends to cast an imputation on the memory of the late Bro. Hervey that he had not provided for an aged sister, who, it was well-known to his numerous friends, had resided with him for many years previous to his death.

The late Bro. Hervey left all he possessed to be divided into two parts—one half part to his sister absolutely, and the other half to a nephew; but the income of the entirety to his sister for her life. The whole is invested in Joint Stock Company shares, except £1000, which Bro. Hervey had been induced to lend to a friend, without security, and which is now in litigation. This, I admit, produces but a small income, yet, for a lady of her very moderate requirements, and added to a small private income of her own, would be amply sufficient for herself, if she were the only party to be considered.

Mrs. Mackenzie, the aged sister referred to, is now residing with her son, Bro. K. R. H. Mackenzie, the advertiser.

Yours fraternally,  
H. G. BUSS.  
Barnsbury, N., 18th July, 1882.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Freemason* of Saturday, the 15th July, there appeared an advertisement emanating from Bro. K. R. H. Mackenzie, offering for sale a biscuit-box which had been presented to the late Grand Secretary by his mother lodge (the Royal York, No. 7), the proceeds to be applied to the benefit of Mrs. Mackenzie, the sister of the late Bro. Hervey, and the mother of the advertiser.

This advertisement naturally conveys an impression to the mind of any reader thereof that our late Bro. Hervey had been an improvident man, and that he had made no provision for the maintenance of his sister, Mrs. Mackenzie, who was, for so many years, indebted to him for the comforts of home.

That such an aspersion on the memory of our late brother is unwarranted, any one who chooses to pay one shilling may soon satisfy himself by perusing his will at Somerset House.

The fact is, Bro. Hervey left a sum approaching £4000, one half of which he bequeathed absolutely to his sister, Bro. Mackenzie's mother, and he also gave her a life interest in the other moiety.

Bro. Mackenzie appears to ignore the fact that, notwithstanding the provision made by his uncle for Mrs. Mackenzie, he (Bro. Mackenzie) is himself legally, morally, and Masonically bound to support his aged parent.

It may not be inopportune to mention that about two years ago Bro. Mackenzie, through your columns, promised to issue an authentic memoir of his late uncle, the profits arising from the sale thereof to be devoted to Masonic charity.

This book, I believe, has not yet appeared, although it would, doubtless, have been eagerly purchased by many who, like the writer, had the pleasure and privilege of enjoying the friendship of the late Bro. Hervey.

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

NEMO.

P.S.—I should have given my name, but I have no wish to enter into any personal controversy with Bro. Mackenzie.

#### AN URGENT CASE.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have had the case of Geoffrey Stuart Jones most prominently brought before me by several of our most influential brethren of the South Wales Province.

Bro. Edwin Thomas, P.M. 378, P.P.G.P., writes me as follows, viz.:—

"The father of this lad was one of the most kind-hearted men and Masons I ever knew.

"He was for years Captain of our local volunteers, and was a capital officer.

"Bro. Jones took an old mill and land in the country, and spent all his ready cash, about £4000, in rebuilding the mill, &c., but little business came; his venture was a bad one. Everything was mortgaged; and then notice came to pay off, on receipt of which he took to his bed and died, broken hearted, leaving a very delicate widow and seven young children, all under twelve years of age, and the youngest nine months old at the time of his death; the whole being quite unprovided for. She is now with her mother, who is also a widow."

This being the last application, it is important, if possible, to carry the case in, as otherwise the boy will lose his only chance of education.

I trust some influential brethren will take the matter up.

Knowing your desire to help any urgent case is my cause for troubling you.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. H. SAUNDERS,

P.M. 889 and 1503, P.P.G.D. Middx., &c.

Pilgrim House, Brentwood,

17th July.

#### ORPHAN WORKING SCHOOL.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to correct a printer's error in reference to the New Hall in connection with the above School. The stained-glass windows cost only £700, not £7000, as stated by you.

Fraternally yours,

HORACE B. MARSHALL.

#### FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The otherwise admirable letter of "A Life Governor of the Boys' School" concludes with an allusion to Friendly Societies that I cannot permit to pass unnoticed, as it is not only inaccurate, but also an undeserved covert sneer at one Friendly Society at least. The Odd Fellows number amongst their members very many Masons and gentlemen in the very highest positions, as well as working men; and the work they do is not only truly charitable, but it is also done in a way that does not destroy the self-respect of those who are so unfortunate as to be obliged to claim assistance.

The spirit that animates the members of the various Units of Odd Fellows, might be, with advantage, cultivated amongst more pretentious societies.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

C. PFOUNDES.

#### BLACKBALLING.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your leaderette in your last issue on blackballing, I presume before a lodge can exclude brethren they must first have been thrice formally admonished by the W.M.?

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. J.



#### PYTHAGORAS MENIAN PERIODIKON.

This is the fourth number of the first volume of a Masonic magazine, published "En Athenais," at Athens, by Bro. Dr. Emanuel Galani, Professor, as Editor. We alluded to it before, and we think it right to say that though this magazine in modern Greek is "caviare" to most of our readers, if any brother wishes to have the opportunity of reading modern Greek, the number is heartily at his service. It is full of Masonic treatises of much interest.

#### BULLETIN DU GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.

June, 1882.

This bulky bulletin is before us, and contains a great deal of matter almost, however, entirely interesting, and only interesting, to that body. But we must confess an utter astonishment to find in these official pages the fact recorded that the Conseil De l'Ordre has positively submitted to its 260 lodges, (or whatever the number may be), the proposal for unification, suggested by the new body calling itself the Grand Lodge Symbolique, with twenty lodges. How are the mighty fallen! Pauvre Grand Orient de France! In one thing, no doubt, the Conseil of the Grand Orient is consistent; in that having most absurdly recognised this peculiar body, in defiance of its own precedents as a Craft Grand Lodge, it perhaps could not well refuse to submit such propositions and conditions of unification to its lodges, which, as Bro. Grimaux has well pointed out, are simply preposterous. The financial condition of the Grand Orient is on the whole satisfactory. It has greatly reduced its debt to the Societe Civile, and has brought about an equilibrium of receipts and ex-

penses. The income for 1881-82 was 141,704.53 francs, its expenditure 130,460.70 francs, leaving a surplus of 11,460.70 francs, about £460. It would be a good thing for the Grand Orient if it could be separated from the Societe Civile, as its connection with that body seems to lend an air of doubt and unsatisfactoriness to its balance sheets. It has spent about £400 in relief. The great weakness of the Grand Orient, and of all French Freemasonry, is that its gifts of "Bienfaisance" are so very limited. There are, it seems, 16,530 Freemasons who pay a capitation tax to the Grand Orient. We fear that there must be a great falling off in the numbers of French Freemasonry under the Grand Orient. Can any one tell us what is the number of brethren under the Rite Ecossais?

#### LOGEN BLATT. No. 146.

This is a magazine which is in its fifteenth year of existence, edited by Bro. Dr. Garvens, published by Bro. F. Rademacher, 6, Catharinen-strasse, Hamburg, and is sent to the brethren of the five united lodges under the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. It seems to be full of interesting matters for those who read German; and we notice approvingly a thoughtful and clear article, by Bro. Rud. Maenel Halle, on a floor cloth of the First Degree. Longfellow's beautiful "Psalm of Life" is most effectively translated by Bro. W. Grallert. We are glad to mention this monthly Masonic paper (published every month in the year, except August and September,) to some of our German brethren in England.

#### THE RESTORATION OF THE JEWS AND THE RE-BUILDING OF KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

By Bro. C. W. MEITER, member of the Mizpah Lodge, 1671; companion of the Joppa Chapter, 188, and Francis Burdett Chapter, 1503. 87, Gracechurch-street.

That the restoration of the Jewish people to the Holy Land, will one day come to pass is the belief of many writers, Hebrews as well as Christians, ever since Jerusalem was destroyed. Bro. Meiter writes as a loyal Hebrew, full of trust and faith, in the future of his race. And certainly just now much righteous sympathy may, nay, must be felt for the Jewish people by all religious denominations, and not the less by us tolerant Freemasons, on the ground of horrible barbarities, cruel treacheries, shameful outrages, and base plunder directed toward an inoffensive and industrious population. There is a great romance, so to say, cast around the history of Israel in the flesh; and Christians have indeed to blush for the horrors of intolerant bigotry, directed by sectarian prejudice and inquisitorial zeal, against the sons and daughters of Judah, up to a very late period in the world's history. At Rome, for instance, until recently, a Jew had to wear a special dress, thus marking them out for wrath. The proceedings and prejudices against the Jews on the part of Christians have always seemed to us, we confess, an awful paradox in respect of Christian charity, Christian forbearance, and Christian toleration. The Jews are, as we know, industrious and energetic; they make good citizens, effective colonists; and if it be so ordained in the good providence of the T.G.A.O.T.U., that the Hebrew people, as the Hebrew people, are to recolonize the fertile valleys and beautiful hills of their old and favoured land, then, no doubt, at the proper moment the gathering will come, the isles of the Gentiles will give up teeming bands, and Jerusalem will weep no more. Whether it will be so or not, time alone, the great Nemesis and redresser of human things, will show; but there is no reason, "a priori," that we can see, why Bro. Meiter's patriotic aspirations may not ere long be fully realized. There is a very great deal in his suggestions, but we do not feel quite sure, as regards the restoration of the Jews to Palestine, which we hold to be a literal fact, that as yet "the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

#### TRANSACTIONS OF THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Vol. X.

This well-printed volume contains the report and the historical contributions of the Royal Historical Society for 1881; another offering for its members, as well as towards its special aim and object. We have some very interesting papers in it, especially Mr. Cornelius Walford's paper on "King's Briefs," "Notes from the Penrith Registers," "Notes on the History of Old Japan," "The Early History of Mediterranean Populations," "Domestic Every Day Life and Manners, &c. We think, however, that the analogy between Jewish and Christian baptism permissible in itself as to facts no doubt, rather impinges on the absolute neutrality of the society, and drifts on to a turn of thought and discussion which hardly seems to belong to the region of scientific history. Doctrinal views are one thing, scientific history is another. The article from the Penrith Registers is most interesting, and, no doubt, many similar "Excerpta" might be obtained up and down the land from registers now mouldering away in vestry chests and closets. There are very few contemporary registers extant of the original date, which seems to be about 1538. It is said that former attempts had been made to set up parish registers, but to Cromwell must be conceded the first distinct Order as Vicar-General, in the reign of King Henry the Eighth. It was the rule then, after so many years, to retranscribe the entries from notes or sheets, so that, unfortunately, we can only take early entries, as they are, not contemporary evidence for the most part, not even necessarily trustworthy, but dependant on careful noting on the one hand, and accurate memory on the other. Still, such as they are, they are to be treated with reverence and husbanded with care; and we are glad to see the Royal Historical Society setting the good example of republishing these old and often fading entries and evidences of a long buried past. The tenth volume of the Royal Historical Society is both a very handy, well printed, and readable volume.

#### SOME REMARKS ON THE USE OF SPECTACLES.

By GEO. H. THOMAS, Esq. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

This pamphlet is, we understand, the production of the son of our esteemed and well-known Bro. J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., and is marked by much clearness and ability. It is a peculiarity of our present generation that shortsightedness affects them in a remarkable degree, and the use of spectacles, for some cause or another, is increasing as a necessary use, especially among our young men. Many causes have been ascribed to this state of things, but we

apprehend that both the fact itself is a little exaggerated, and the reasons of it are not quite so easy to explain. It had been boldly said, off-hand, that smoking has something to do with it, but we must always be on our guard against that excess of fanaticism, often rampant "pro tem." amongst us just now, which proclaims everything to be the effect of certain causes to which it is vehemently opposed. Technically and scientifically, the complaint of "myopia," or shortsightedness, is a very serious one; and though we often laugh at the affectation of those who wear glasses, yet, by a neglect of ordinary precautions and needful help, "myopia" may pave the way for still more serious ailments. There is nothing absurd in taking care of one's health,—the greatest of all blessings,—or in duly guarding especially the great and blessed gift of sight from the weaknesses which affect it, and from the dangers to which it is exposed. We recommend our readers to obtain Mr. Thomas' able little pamphlet, and read it carefully; and we especially recommend it to all who suffer from shortsightedness, as they will learn therein much which will do them good to master and realize. Many of us in various conditions suffer from slight ailments of the eyes, which require careful and skilful treatment. Some of us have to complain of "presbyopia," or aged sight, and which demands the advice of the ophthalmic surgeon or specialist, and the aid of special glasses; while, curiously enough, not a few of us are troubled by "hypermetropia," or long sight, a state of the eyes which always requires to be carefully attended to, or else, especially in children, it may be productive of most serious consequences. We call attention of our readers to page 9 of the pamphlet itself, where this matter is most clearly and scientifically described, and where the fact is brought before us most convincingly. In Mr. Thomas' effective words, a fact to which we cannot pay too much attention, namely, that all such affectations of the eyes, though apparently nothing, are in reality very serious, and require the advice and treatment of experts, as well as the comfort and relief of optical assistance. We again recommend this seasonable pamphlet to the close attention of many amongst us.



## 28] BRO. BOWER'S MASONIC LIBRARY.

In answer to "Bookworm" (27), I have much pleasure in stating that the splendid Masonic library of my lamented friend, Bro. R. F. Bower, has been purchased from the Hon. Mrs. Bower (his widow) by the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Nothing could have been better, and it will now have a permanent home, according to what, I feel sure, would have been the wish of its most indefatigable collector. Bro. T. S. Parvin, the Grand Secretary of Iowa, will, doubtless, ere long have a catalogue published of a portion of the library; but as it contains over 5000 volumes, and a mass of pamphlets, engravings, medals, &c., we must not look for any detailed report for some time. At all events, it is in good hands, and purchased at a less cost than I anticipated.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## 29] LEON OF MODENA.

It seems that Dermott was, after all, quite right in saying that Leon Jacob Judah, or Judah Aryeh, had dedicated an account of the Temple to King Charles II. The following is the correct account and description of that work: "A relation of the most memorable things in the Tabernacle of Moses and the Temple of Solomon, according to the text of Scripture. Amst., 1675; 4to. Eighteen leaves dedicated to King Charles II." Where can a copy of this work be seen or found? I am inclined to think that Dermott, after all, has been a little too much decried and underrated.

MASONIC STUDENT.

## 30] A CURIOUS OLD BOOK.

The "Zodiacus Vitæ" of Marcellus Palingenius Stellatus, whose real name seems to have been Petrus Angelus Manzolius, is an old astrological astronomical work, published, in Latin, at Paris, 1560. There are several English translations of it, one so early as 1561. It abounds in moral reflections and controversial things, and has only a past reference to astrology or astronomy. There is no trace in it of a "Societas Rose Crucis," though it alludes to Hermes' Trismegistus and the Philosopher's Stone.

BOOKWORM.

## 31] RABBI JACOB JEHUDAH LEON.

Owing to a conversation with Bro. Woodford, I have consulted the catalogue of the British Museum Library, and am rather surprised that this has not been done before. The books entered under the name "Jacob Judah Aryeh" are as follows:

"Farrago Annotationum in Genesim ex ore H. Zuingli per Leonem Judae . . . excerptarum" [see Bible, Old Testament, Genesis]; 1527, octavo.

"Jacobi Leoniti, de Cherubinis Tractatus, Amstelodami;" 1647, 4to.

"Tratado de los Cherubim," etc.; Amsterdam, 1654, 4to.

"Afbeeldinghe van den Tempel Salomonis in de welche cortelijck beschreven is de forme van't ghebon des Tempels," etc.; Middelburgh, 1642, 4to.

"J. J. Leonis de Templo Hierosolymitano Libri iv. ex Ebræo, Latine recensiti à J. Sanberto;" Helmestadi, 1605, 4to.

"Retrato del Tabernaculo de Mosch," etc. ("Segunda parte del Tabernaculo del Testimonio," etc.); Amsterdam, anno. 5414 [1654], 4to.

"Afbeeldinge van den Tabernakel," etc.; Amsterdam, 1647, 4to.

"Tratado de la arca del Testamento;" Amsterdam, 5413 [1653], 4to.

Several of the above are bound together in a volume of tracts relating to the Temple of Jerusalem, and with them is the English edition.

"A Relation of the most memorable things in the Tabernacle of Moses, and the Temple of Solomon, According to the Text of Scripture. By Jacob Judah Leon, Hebr., Author of the Model of Salomon's Temple (vignette of Royal Arms), At Amsterdam. Printed by Peter Messchaert in the Stoof-steech, 1675." On the back of the title is a "Prayer for the Prosperity of His Royal Majestic" [Charles II.]. Then follows the dedication

"To the High and Mighty Prince Charles, By the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith." In this dedication there is the following passage: "Vouchsafe therefore . . . to cast a Benign eye upon what is here represented to your Sacred Majestie, it being the Exact form of the Tabernacle, so as it was in the Wildernes, with the structure of Salomons Temple, the Holy Vessels, Garments and Utensils thereof delineated and set forth to the life. The which as it was graciously owned with devote affection 30 years ago and upwards, by that Serene Queen, your Majesties Mother, so be pleased most noble Prince, to imitate her Pictie." &c.

There is also an edition in French in 4to, which leaves no doubt as to the existence of models. The title is as follows: "Portrait du Temple de Salomon dans lequel se d'escrit briefvement la constitution de la fabrique du Temple, et de tous les vases & utensils d'iceluy; dont le modelle se trouve apres le mesme Auteur comme chacun peut voir, Compose par Jacob Iuda Leon, Hebreu, habitant de Middelbourg, en la Province de Zelande, L'an de la creation du Monde 5403. Amsterdam, 1643, Imprimé chez Jean Frederick Stam, à l'Esperance."

There appears to be no reference to a patent for the exhibition of the model in England; but according to the editions mentioned above, a patent was granted 21 June, 1642, by "Les estats genevaux des Provinces Unis," for fifteen years, granting the right of publication of the book describing the models. This patent was confirmed by "Les Estats de Hollande et de West-Frisse" on the 23 June, 1642; and on February 17th of the same year, "Les Estats de la Comité de Zeland," granted a similar patent for nine years.

The English edition is little more than a guide book of twenty-six pages of text, but in one of the introductory paragraphs we find the following: "About the said Temple did worke seaven yeares long 163,600 persons of the which were 3300 Maister workmen, and 300 Commanders over them all (according to others the number was 4,100,000). King Salomon did frame this building, according to the order, command and draught which his father David (according to the command of the Prophet Samuel) had given him."

Bound up in the same volume of tracts will be found the "Guide" to the "Temple of Solomon," exhibited in London in the year 1725, and already referred to by Bro. Woodford. According to a manuscript note, the Proprietor of this Model was "Mr. Gombrecht Con. . . . du Due de Mecklenburg."

If the measurement given is correct, twenty feet square, by twelve feet in height, this model can hardly have been hidden away.

W. HARRY RYLANDS.

## 32.] LEONARD SMITH, FREE MASON.

Thomas Gent, in his useful little "History of York," published in 1730, writing of the Church of All Saints, in the Pavement, says: "There are two tombs in the churchyard, one of Leonard Smith, Free Mason, who departed Nov. 25th, 1722." Can any of our York brethren give any information anent this "Free Mason" at that rather important period of Freemasonry in England?

G. M. TWEDDELL.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

A meeting of this province was held on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Woking Station, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., the Prov. Grand Master. There was a very large attendance of the Craftsmen of the district, the whole of the twenty-four lodges being represented. After the formal opening of Prov. Grand Lodge, the first business of the day was the consecration to Masonic purposes of the new hall, which has just been erected by the members of the Wey-side Lodge, No. 1395, which meets at Woking Station. This was done with the ceremonial usual on such occasions, the proceedings being conducted by the Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Past Grand Chaplain of England, who officiated as Consecrating Chaplain.

After the roll of lodges in the province had been called—which, as already stated, were fully represented—the report of the Finance and Audit Committee was presented. This showed there was a balance of £162 5s. 5d. at command of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the Committee recommended the following grants: To the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, fifteen guineas; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, ten guineas; and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, ten guineas. The Committee likewise recommended that ten guineas be voted to the St. John's Church (Woking) Enlargement Fund.

These recommendations received the universal support of those members of Prov. Grand Lodge who were in attendance, and the report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. J. M. Clabon's proposal to increase the fees to the Fund of Benevolence, was next, on reference from Grand Lodge, brought under consideration, but the opinions gathered were decidedly in opposition to any such increase being made. Amongst other matters that claimed attention, was the circular issued from Grand Lodge as to the precedence of Grand Officers, and some suggestions were elicited as to the desirability of the status of Prov. Grand Officers being more adequately defined at head-quarters.

On the proposition of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, Bro. Geo. Price was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and graceful recognition was made of the zeal he displayed in the fulfilment of his duties. The services of Bro. C. Greenwood, who for upwards of twenty-five years has held the office of Prov. Grand Secretary, were also acknowledged, the Prov. Grand Master announcing that he had decided to appoint this zealous brother to be the Senior Grand Warden, the only honour it was in his power to confer. General Brownrigg announced that he would continue to avail himself of the services of Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The investments were then made, the following being the list of those appointed to the several offices for the year ensuing:

Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C. . . . Prov. D.G.M.  
" Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B. . . . Prov. G.S.W.  
" James E. Barton, 1305 . . . Prov. G.J.W.  
" Rev. Richard Milner, 1616 . . . Prov. G. Chap.  
" W. A. Barrett, 1920 . . . Prov. G. Reg.

, Charles Greenwood, jun., 410 . . . Prov. G. Sec.  
" J. B. Boucher, 1872 . . . Prov. G.S.D.  
" W. Youlden, 1638 . . . Prov. G.J.D.  
" A. E. Taylor, 1851 . . . Prov. G.S. of W.  
" H. E. Frances . . . Prov. G.D. of C.  
" J. H. Askham, 1504 . . . Prov. G.A.D.C.  
" Compton, 1929 . . . Prov. G. Org.  
" George Westall, 1714 . . . Prov. G. Swd. Br.  
" W. J. Kemp, 1362 . . . Prov. G. Purs.  
" F. A. Manning, 1861 . . . Prov. G. Std. Br.  
" C. T. Speight . . . Prov. G. Tyler.

General BROWNRIIGG then briefly addressed the brethren. The condition of Freemasonry in the province was satisfactory; true, they had lost one lodge during the year—the Studholme—which, for the convenience of its members, had shifted into the Metropolitan district. Personally, he had no desire to lose any lodges; at the same time, he thought the twenty-four they possessed was amply sufficient. With respect to the Charity Organisation of the province, hitherto they had co-operated with the adjoining Province of Berks and Bucks, but it was now deemed advisable that the two Committees should manage their own affairs, and though the most amicable relationship would continue between the two provinces—and each would render to the other every assistance in its power—the joint organisation would cease, and each Committee confine itself to its own operations. The Prov. Grand Master, in conclusion, urgently pressed the claims of the Institutions, which it was most desirable should be sustained in their present efficiency. The business was completed by the re-appointment of the Audit and Finance Committee, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren attended Divine service at Christ Church, Woking Station, where the Rev. C. W. Arnold officiated. The sermon was preached by W. Bro. the Rev. R. Milner, Prov. G.C., who took his text from 1 Kings, vi., 12. He said: Brethren, to us Masons, and it is you whom I specially address to-day, "uninitiated" is not an infrequent word. But speaking here, in the house of the Great Architect of the Universe, and before a mixed congregation, it is right that I should especially bring before you, and before them, how the one object of Masons, initiated, and the one object of the other part of the congregation, who do not partake with us in what we call the mysteries of Freemasonry, are really so closely allied, that when brethren first become acquainted with the mysterious secrets which more especially belong to our Order, they learn that the chief object of Freemasonry is but the greatest object of our mortal existence, namely, to serve God better, and to bring the whole course and tenour and actions of our life into closer relationship with Him. For myself, this is my experience of Freemasonry. I confess, brethren, hearing of the luxury too often associated in the popular mind with the word Freemason, that it was with a certain amount of misgiving, and some hesitation, that I entered the Order, which hitherto to me had been a sealed book. But, once past the safeguards which always surround a Masonic lodge, the atmosphere was one of reverence, of peace. I found men, who five minutes before were busying themselves with all the affairs and anxieties of the world, now standing in solemn silence, thinking of something higher, something better. They seemed to have left behind them more completely than any other body of men I have ever encountered, for the moment at any rate, the anxieties, and the difficulties, and the dangers of the world. The atmosphere was an atmosphere of peace. Charity—or as we have it in our revised version, Love—was present in strong force; Charity towards man, and love and reverence towards God. This was the principle that ruled them; this the lodestone on which their contemplation was fixed. Yet, brethren, there is, I fear, a danger in this, as in all other mundane affairs. There is too much tendency to follow the lead of fashion, because it is the fashion, and because the greatest in the land give countenance to our Order, to lose sight of the first grand principles on which it is founded; to forget that it was without the hope of earthly advantage that we entered its ranks; to forget that the essence of it is the glory of God; and the earthly manifestation of it, the noblest work in which man can engage—Charity. And with Charity we unite Fidelity. Brethren, Fidelity does not only mean that because a man can show you that he is a Mason that he is to be fed with bread and relieved with money, but it does mean that you are to be his friend—to be his friend in the very highest sense; that to you he can communicate those thoughts which have given so great a power to superstition in all ages—that with you he can be perfectly frank; that from you he, the weaker brother, can demand strength and counsel, and so prevent that torture of mind and agonising self-examination which might otherwise have rendered his inner life, his spiritual life, every part in him worthy of the name of life, from being a continual misery. Brethren, we Masons are peculiarly members of a body one of another; and when one member suffers, all the members suffer with him; or one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with him. Such being the feeling of Freemasonry, it is very necessary that its highest aspect, and its highest admiration should not be lost sight of. And in this province it is not lost sight of. By request, we are met together to-day, in this church, to show our love and reverence towards God, and our love and fellowship towards man. For concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I perform My word with thee, which I spoke unto David thy father. The good thought of King David was bearing fruit; the great temple was silently rising in all its glory, and the word of the Lord came unto King Solomon to teach him that the reward would only be the result of perseverance; that his labour would be lost unless in him and in his people the Great Architect of the Universe was continually building his house. I have chosen this text, on which time does not allow me to enlarge, because your alms and offerings, the tangible expression of your charity, are desired concerning a house of God which is in building, dedicated to St. John, in this large and scattered parish, that so it may become a parish church with a parish of its own. God builds with those who build in Him and for Him. This is the day for joining our work and His. This is the day in which each one of us, conscious of our personal responsibility, must do his part and leave the result with God.

At the close of the service a collection was made, which realised £3 18s. and was appropriated to the Enlargement Fund.

The banquet was served at the Goldsworth Hall, the

arrangements being carried out under the direction of Bro. C. T. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master presided, and on the removal of the cloth gave the usual toasts. The first, "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the Craft," was heartily received. In speaking of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, General Brownrigg stated that the Grand Master devoted a vast amount of attention to the business of the Craft; with the toast he would associate the names of the Grand Officers, and would call on Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., to reply.

Bro. ARNOLD, after thanking those present for the kindness they had exhibited in their reception of the toast, regretted the absence of many Grand Officers who he had hoped would have joined them. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir. John Whittaker Ellis, Grand Junior Warden, was a resident in the neighbourhood, but other engagements prevented his coming. Again, Lord Onslow was a member of the lodge, and they had hoped he would be able to attend on the occasion.

"The Health of General Brownrigg" was proposed by the D.P.G.M., who stated that under the rule of its present Provincial Grand Master Freemasonry had made rapid strides in Surrey. Each of the lodges was vying the one with the other to maintain a state of efficiency. This showed that they had a chief who knows how to govern men. All trusted General Brownrigg would have health and strength for many years to continue to preside over them.

In reply, the PRO. GRAND MASTER acknowledged the kindness evinced by the reception he had met with. They were assembled in greater numbers than for some years past. This was gratifying. The first duty of the day had been pleasant one, that of consecrating a new hall for Masonic purposes. This was a sure sign of progress. Ten years ago there were but nine Lodges in the Province, but now, with twenty-four Lodges, he found great difficulty in knowing how to distribute the purple. He was well aware many brethren might think they did not get it when they most deserved it, but he could assure one and all he gave the question his serious consideration. Naturally, however, there were one or two offices which were paramount, such as that of Deputy Prov. G. Master, and Prov. G. Secretary. In conclusion, General Brownrigg again tendered the brethren his thanks.

In replying to the toast of the Prov. G. Officers, Bro. ARNOLD remarked that in previous years he had made it a rule to visit, once during the year, each Lodge in the Province. Owing, however, to the vast increase in the number, he found this rule a very hard one to carry out. At the same time he assured the brethren he took a continued, and, if possible, a still greater interest in the work they were doing.

Bro. GREENWOOD likewise referred to the increased labour entailed upon the executive. He had been Prov. Grand Secretary for 27 years, and though it had pleased General Brownrigg to place him in a somewhat more exalted position, that of Senior Warden, he must confess his heart yearned for his old post, and his old duties.

The other toasts comprised "The W.M.'s of Lodges in the Province," coupled with that of the entertaining Lodge; "The Visitors," who were responded for by Bro. Richard Eve, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and the Isle of Wight; "The Charities," for which Bros. Binckes and Terry replied.

Some capital musical selections and songs enlivened the proceedings throughout, Bro. William Sexton (of Westminster Abbey) especially distinguishing himself. It was an exceptionally late hour, for a Provincial meeting, when the Tyler was called on for his toast.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The first meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge, as now constituted, was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, Malta. By a recent decision of the G.M.M., the province in future will, in lieu of being styled the "District of Tunis and Malta," be designated the "Province of the Mediterranean," now consisting of three Mark Lodges in Malta, two lodges in Gibraltar, and one in Sicily; the lodges in Tunis forming the Province of North Africa, under the government, as Prov. G.M.M., of R.W. Bro. Thomas Read, 33°, P.D.G.M. of Egypt.

An emergency meeting of the Keystone Lodge, No. 107, was called at 7.30 p.m. to receive Provincial Grand Lodge, at which hour there was a very large muster of the Mark Masters resident in Malta, together with many brethren from Sicily and Egypt. The Keystone Lodge having been opened, the Prov. G.S. Warden, acting as Prov. G.M.M., together with the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, was received in the customary manner, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

W. Bro. W. Watson, P.G.S. Warden, having assumed the gavel, the minutes of previous communications of Prov. Grand Lodge, together with a very comprehensive report from the Board of General Purposes, were read and adopted.

The patent of the M.W. Grand Mark Master appointing Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, Knight of the Royal Order of the Crown of Prussia, Knight of the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy, P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, P.Z., P.M.W.S., 18°, &c., &c., to the distinguished position of Prov. G. M. Master of the Mediterranean, having been read, he was admitted and presented, by W. Bros. Glenday and Stilon, for installation, to the acting Prov. G.M. Master, W. Bro. W. Watson, P.G.S.W., who addressed him as follows:

"R.W. Bro. Rosenbusch: I must congratulate you on having been selected to fill the exalted and honourable office of Prov. G.M.M. of the Province of the Mediterranean—an office from which the power and prerogative may depart on the expiration of your term of office, but the dignity and honour, except by your own act, never. You cannot be insensible to the obligation which will devolve upon you as the ruler of this extensive and important province, nor of your responsibilities for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to the office. The honour, reputation, and prosperity of the province will, to a considerable degree, depend on the integrity, skill, and assiduity with which you may administer its affairs; and the unity, peace, and happiness of the members of the province will be generally promoted in proportion to the zeal, ability and determination with which you uphold, maintain and propagate the genuine and sublime principles of our noble institution. In inducing you therefore, into your chair of office, and investing you with the symbols of authority for the government of this

province, I am performing a most solemn duty, because in committing to your hands the superintendence and welfare of the province I invest you with powers and prerogatives of a very high Order. The good resolution which, no doubt, you have formulated in your own mind that these powers and prerogatives shall not be either abused or perverted in your hands, I would gladly strengthen by a few words of admonition. The very consciousness of the possession of power will ever make a generous and properly constituted mind cautious and gentle in its exercise. To rule has been the lot of many, but to rule well has been the good fortune of, comparatively, few. To rule well, should therefore be the continued aim of your honourable ambition. But always bear in mind that it is not by the strong arm or iron will that obedience and order, the two chief requisites of good government, are secured, but by holding the key to the affections and hearts of men. Be it therefore your honest endeavour to obtain and hold this key by ruling the province with integrity, impartiality, and justice. It will be your duty to uphold and maintain firmly the ancient landmarks of our Order, and resolutely oppose any infringement of them, and all attempts at innovation. But in performing this duty, avoid ostentation or undue assumption of superiority. Seek the confidence and co-operation of your associate officers; be accessible and amiable to all; for although elevated, for the time, above the rest of the brethren, you must remember that you are elevated by them, and are under obligations to promote, as far as in your power, the interest and welfare of each and all. Be deliberate in judgment, prompt in execution, patient with the restless or ambitious, and ever ready to reward merit; and, above all, cultivate and exercise the golden tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth. By such a course of action you will secure the respect, confidence and esteem of your constituents, and in consequence your rule will be an easy and pleasant one. Thus it is evident that the office of a Pro. G.M. is a very important and responsible one, and requires to be inaugurated by solemn pledges and special sanction."

At the conclusion of the address, which was loudly applauded, R.W. Bro. Rosenbusch was duly obligated and installed in the chair of A., in a most impressive manner, by W. Bro. Watson. The acting Prov. G.D. of C., Bro. A. O. Giles, having made the necessary proclamation, the newly installed P.G.M.M. was saluted by the assembled brethren in the ancient manner, receiving hearty congratulations from all on his elevation.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. Giovanni Segond, P.M. 107, 30°...	Prov. D.G.M.M.
R. Glenday, P.M. 263...	Prov. G.S.W.
Professor H. Stiton, M.D., W.M. 107, 18°...	Prov. G.J.W.
W. Pearse, S.W. 107, 18°...	Prov. G.M.O.
S. G. Yeoman, P.S.W. 263...	Prov. G.S.O.
J. W. Starkey, J.W. 248, 18°...	Prov. G.J.O.
T. F. Morton, 248, 18°...	Prov. G. Chap.
W. Watson, Past P.G.S.W., M.W.S., 18°...	Prov. G. Treas.
G. D. Roe, J.W. 263, 18°...	Prov. G. Sec.
W. F. Cottrell, W.M. 278, M.W.S., 18°...	Prov. G. Reg.
A. England, S.W. 263...	Prov. G.S.D.
Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., S.O. 248, 18°...	Prov. G. J.D.
C. J. Bannister, J.O. 248, 18°...	Prov. G.D.C.
S. Santoro...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
J. C. Stanley, P.J.W. 263...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
G. Havelock, 248, 10°...	Prov. G. Org.
H. P. Evans, 107...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
D. C. Wilson, J.D. 263...	Prov. G. Std. B.
A. O. Giles, 263...	Prov. G.I.G.
A. N. Beck...	Prov. G. Tyler.
O. Segond, 107, 18°...	
Sir N. Pringle, Bart., 248, 18°...	
J. Stephens, 263...	

R.W. Bro. ROSENBUSCH then addressed the brethren at some considerable length, expressing a hope that the members of the several Mark lodges under his jurisdiction would assist him to the utmost of their ability in furthering the interests of Mark Masonry in the new province, stating it to be his wish and intention, so far as lay in his power, to cause the Province of the Mediterranean to compare favourably with any other province under the auspices of Grand Mark Lodge; and stated he had reason to believe that application would be made at an early date for the formation of Mark Lodges at Palermo and Messina.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. then proposed that a P.P.G. Mark Secretary's jewel should be presented to Bro. A. B. Truefit, 18°, P.P.G. Mark Sec., as a mark of appreciation of Grand Mark Lodge of the manner in which he had discharged the arduous duties of his office for the past two years. This, having been seconded by the D.P.G.M.M., was carried unanimously. Congratulations and thanks were tendered by the P.G.M.M. to those Mark Masters from Syracuse and Egypt who had honoured the meeting with their presence.

The business of Prov. Grand Mark Lodge being concluded, it was closed in ample form, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to the refreshment-room to partake of an excellent cold collation, which Bro. Beck had provided in most recherché style, affording entire satisfaction to the executive, the only regret expressed being that consequent on the excessive heat a number of the brethren who attended the Lodge did not take part in the festive proceedings, which, although somewhat prolonged, were greatly appreciated by all present.

The Province of the Mediterranean being now fairly started, we wish it, and fully anticipate for it, a long course of continued prosperity.

#### PROVINCIAL GREAT PRIORY OF HANTS.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Great Priory of Hants was held at Head quarters in the East, being the Imperial Hotel, Aldershot, on Saturday the 8th inst., at 4 p.m. The Very Eminent Prov. Prior (W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) presiding, attended by several Past and Present Prov. Great Officers and officers the E. Preceptors of the Preceptories in the Province and other Knights. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, the V. E. Prov. Prior appointed the knights as Prov. Great Officers for the ensuing year.

E. Sir Knt. W. Hickman (re-appointed)	Prov. G.S.-Prior.
" Rev. J. N. Palmer, (No. 2)	Prov. G. Prelate.
" R. Eve, E.P. (No. 76) ...	Prov. G. Chan.
" H. Read, E.P. (No. 2) ...	Prov. G. Con.
" J. B. Thomas, E.P. Elect (Gloucester) ...	Prov. G. Marshal.
" Dr. O'Connor, (Glouc.) ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. L. Loveland, P.E.P. (No. 2) re-appointed ...	Prov. G.V. Chan.
" E. Drewett, P.E.P. (No. 76)	Prov. G. S.-Marl.
" R. J. Rastrick (No. 2) ...	Prov. G. Herald.
" R. P. Fitzgerald (Glouc.)	Prov. G. Cham.
" E. Snelling, (No. 145) ...	Prov. G.C. of G.

" A cordial vote of thanks to the V.E. Prov. Prior for his attendance was received with acclamation, and in his response thereto. He remarked with what deep feelings of satisfaction he had that day taken part in the proceedings of the resuscitation of the William Stuart Preceptor, which for several years had been in abeyance, and he wished the E. Preceptor, Sir Knt. Richard Eve, a prosperous year of office.

#### SUMMER BANQUET OF THE ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

The annual summer banquet in connection with the above lodge took place on the 6th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, and was presided over by the I.P.M., Bro. Augustus Darch, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Thurston. The brethren, with their wives, sisters, cousins, and their aunts, met at Waterloo Station, where saloon carriages were waiting to convey the jovial party to their destination, where they spent a most enjoyable afternoon, the grounds, with their blossom-laden flower beds and velvet-like lawns, being now at the acme of their beauty, forming a most agreeable change to the dwellers in town.

After the well-served banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. H. WEBB, P.M., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," in his usual kind manner.

Bro. JENKINS replied, in a humorous speech, for "The Ladies," which caused much amusement.

Miss Lloyd, daughter of our esteemed Bro. Lloyd, sang two songs capitally, and Bro. Dodson obliged with the National Anthem.

The other toasts were all duly honoured, and after the banquet a convenient room was prepared for a dance, into which the whole company entered in good earnest, the dances being interspersed with songs from Bros. Darch, Preston, Dodson, and Williams, and Miss Lloyd.

It affords us much pleasure to say everything went off in a most satisfactory manner, and we think Masonry would flourish and its institution benefit greatly if the wives of the brethren entered into its engagements. In the course of the afternoon Bro. Wood, of the firm of Bedford Lemen and Co., of the Strand, took a capital photograph of the company.

The whole party numbered fifty-two, amongst those present being Bros. H. Webb, P.M., one of the oldest members of the lodge; Dodson, P.M.; Dunn, P.M.; Darch, P.M.; and the following brethren, with their wives, daughters, and sisters: Bros. Stokes, Hiscocks, C. R. Williams, Preston, W. Lloyd, Wyld, Horton, E. Williams, Reed, C. Williams, jun., Jenkins, I.G.; Salter, J.D.; Bate, S.W.; and Cox, Org. Domestic affliction prevented the much respected Secretary from being present; and amongst the visitors were Capt. Fowke, of Australia; Bros. Halsey, P.M.; Moore, P.M.; and Welch B. Reece.

#### SUMMER OUTING OF THE ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE, No. 975.

On Friday, the 14th instant, the members of this Lodge, with a number of ladies and other visitors, about forty-five in all, proceeded by rail, in saloon carriage specially provided, to Virginia Water, where a very delightful day was spent in this beautiful neighbourhood.

An excellent banquet was provided by mine host of "The Wheatsheaf," and at which Bro. Noble, I.P.M., presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.

The usual loyal toasts were given in appropriate terms, and heartily responded to.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," remarked that it was "the toast of the day," and he gave it with a large amount of pleasure, since this, the first festival, was so largely attended by them. This day would be remembered in our Lodge as a red-letter day in its annals, and we could hardly thank them sufficiently for their presence, seeing that the pleasures of such a day as this was totally dependant on their patronage. He called upon Bro. Bugler, who had taken a large interest in this festival, to respond on their behalf.

Bro. BUGLER replied, thanking all for the amount of pleasure they had derived from the festivities provided, and hoping that this inauguration festival would become an annual institution, if not more frequent. A suggestion which was received with great acclamation.

The next toast was "The Rose of Denmark Lodge," in proposing which, the Chairman said: In bringing our Lodge under the notice of the ladies, we are very glad to be able to show them, at least, the social side of our Lodge meetings, and, since they all seem so much to appreciate this social portion, we have no doubt that, were they permitted to enter our lodges, they would find the intellectual with the social joined hand in hand.

Bro. GARNAR, P.M., responded with great pleasure on behalf of Rose of Denmark Lodge, since his connection with it had extended over ten years, and this day was only a counterpart of all days spent in the society of the brethren of the Lodge. For his part, he had looked forward to this day with great pleasure, and he was pleased to find his expectations more than realised; it was worth a great deal to come to such a beautiful place as this, to enjoy the society he had mingled with during the day, to partake of the *al-fresco* entertainments provided, and rendered more enjoyable by the superb weather we had been favoured with. He thought this day would long be remembered by all who had enjoyed it, and he hoped that the Lodge, in name symbolical of the first lady in the land, would perpetuate what they had now placed on its rolls, "A Summer Festival," dedicated to the delectation of those on whom our social comfort depends, and whose company had this day added social sunshine to our gathering.

Bro. HINTON, P.M., apologizing for the absence of the W.M., explained that important business at Yarmouth

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prevented him attending as he had intended to do, proposed "The Chairman."

Bro. NOBLE, P.M., in responding, said that it was with a certain amount of regret he found himself in the position of chairman, as he would much rather have seen the legitimate occupant of our chair there, but, in his absence, he felt it a great honour to occupy it. Nothing could exceed the pleasure he felt in looking on all the happy faces this day, indicating that the labours of the committee in organizing and carrying out this festival had been indeed crowned with success, almost beyond anticipation. He regretted the absence of some of the brethren, who from unavoidable causes had been compelled to forego the pleasures of the day, but he had the satisfaction of knowing, from personal communications, that if they were absent in the body they were with them in the spirit, and sincerely hoped they would be (as they had been) favoured with every element to make the day one of success. As chairman of the committee, he had been rather anxious on account of its first birth; but that anxiety had been dispelled on the moment of arrival, and he now felt quite confident that this, the first outing (seeing the harmony and thorough enjoyment of every one here), was only the prelude of future festivals, in the formation and carrying out of which, he could say for the whole of the committee, they would deem it a pleasure to be allowed to assist in every way possible to add to the success in store for them in time to come.

The company then proceeded to enjoy themselves with dancing on the lawn, a quadrille band having been provided for the occasion, and at a late hour returned to town, having all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the festival being in every respect a great success.

#### SUMMER OUTING AND LADIES' DAY OF THE SAINT JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE, No. 1306.

The annual festival of the above flourishing lodge was celebrated with great success on the 12th inst., at Brixton. The weather was delightfully fine, and rendered the proceedings necessarily of an out-door character especially enjoyable to the fair sex and the brethren.

Banquet was served at 3 p.m. under the genial presidency of Bro. T. Wooding, W.M., 1306, who was supported by Bro. J. Magrath, I.P.M., Bros. T. J. Tyer, J.W., and J. Couture, S.D., ably supporting as vice-presidents. At the conclusion of the repast, the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, a capital band supplying the incidental patriotic and loyal music. Bro. Wooding, W.M., next applied himself to a carefully selected toast list, which, with a commendable foresight for the comfort and enjoyment of the ladies, he treated in a brief manner.

In giving the toast "Success to the St. John of Wapping Lodge," the W.M. traced its course during recent years, through many ups and downs, to its present successful condition, which was greatly owing to the exertions, whilst in the chair, of Bros. C. Veal, P.M. (whose absence, through indisposition, they all deeply regretted), and Magrath, their present I.P.M. Bro. Wooding hoped the lodge would maintain its present proud position for many years, and regarded the successful meeting of that day as a forerunner of many similar outings, which, he felt sure, must conduce to the prosperity of the St. John of Wapping Lodge.

Bro. MAGRATH, P.M., next gave "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. T. Wooding," who, he said, was the right man in the right place. They could see how well he had attended to their comforts that day, and his good qualities were so well known that it required no more from him than to ask them to drink the health of their W.M., Bro. Wooding.

This was done with great heartiness; sister Wooding sharing the honour with our worthy brother.

In the absence of Bro. J. Horsley, the S.W. of the lodge, Bro. WOODING toasted "Bro. Tyer," who had so efficiently acted as Vice-President.

Bro. WOODING said he was indebted to Bro. Tyer for having kept his table so well amused, and for years ago introducing himself into the Order. The W.M. would feel proud to see him occupy the same position in the lodge which he did. Bro. Tyer might have done so before, but chose to stand back awhile.

Bro. TYER, J.W., thanked the company for the hearty reception of the toast. The meeting had afforded him great pleasure; indeed, he should like to assist in a similar manner every day, and felt he could enjoy it.

"The Treasurer, Bro. Magrath, P.M.," and "The Secretary, Bro. Clements" (who was unavoidable absent), were next honoured, and Bro. Magrath briefly responded.

"The Ladies" were next toasted, and responded to by Bro. FLACK, who said he did not expect to be called upon to speak for the ladies, but having been informed it was his duty, he could only wish that the other brother who was made with him had been present to have done so. He had felt great pleasure in being present at one of their festivals. Indeed, it was one of the inducements by which he had gained the wife's consent to join the Order, by assuring her there was a ladies' summer festival. It had, no doubt, been well enjoyed by all, for the same lady now asked, "Was there a winter banquet?" (Laughter.)

Bro. OPPENHEIM next asked permission to draw attention to the gallant action of the British fleet at Alexandria, and to drink "Success to the British Army and Navy," a proposition which met with the greatest of enthusiasm.

The company then dispersed to enjoy the various outdoor amusements which the place affords. After a pleasant interval, during which the several claims of boating, walking, shooting, and other healthful and pleasure-giving pastimes were well enjoyed, the party re-assembled in the dining saloon, where the pleasures of the mazy dance were heartily enjoyed to the stirring strains of a capital band, under the able direction of M. L. Kalischer. The evening was diversified with songs, and an interval for refreshments, and seemed all too short when the hour arrived to make for the railway station.

After a pleasant ride to town, the entire party arrived in safety, thoroughly satisfied with the day's programme.

Among those present were Bros. T. Wooding, W.M., and Mrs. Wooding; Bro. Magrath, I.P.M., and Mrs. and Master Magrath; Mrs. Veal and Miss Veal; Bro. T. J. Tyer, J.W., and Mrs. Tyer; Bro. T. Couture, S.D., Mrs. Couture, and Miss Couture; Bro. G. T. Holdom, J.D., and Mrs. Holdom; Bro. G. T. Twinn and Mrs. Twinn; Bro. J. Loftus and Mrs. Loftus; Bro. T. Morris and Mrs.

Morris; Bro. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips; Bro. G. Wise and Mrs. Wise; Bro. Oppenheim and Mrs. Oppenheim; Bro. H. T. Hardy, and Mrs. Hardy, and Miss M. Ell; Bro. Flack and Mrs. Flack; Bro. Slater and Mrs. Slater; Bro. Green and Mrs. Green; and Bro. G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*), and others.

#### Royal Order of Scotland.

##### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. R. H. Hutchinson, 30°, Prov. G.M.; G. P. Brockbank, 30°, D.P.G.M.; J. G. McKay, 30°, Prov. G.S.W.; John Gibb Smith, 30°, as Prov. G. J.W.; J. Duffield, 20°, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Chadwick, 18°, Prov. G. Sec.; B. T. Lorne, 18°, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Thomson, 30°, P.G. Warden of Lower; T. C. Thornburn, 18°, Prov. G. Conductor; Capt. Bowen, 18°, Prov. G. Guarder; W. G. Nicholl, Prov. G. Stwd.; Sly, 18°, Prov. G. Tyler; E. Ashworth, 30°; Ralph Heap, 18°; J. S. Cumberland, 18°, and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following brethren having been proposed and seconded and approved by the Council, were balloted for and elected: Bros. Rev. A. B. Beaven, J. M'Kerr, George Galloway, and R. B. Seddon, and Bros. Beaven, Seddon, and Kerr, with Bro. Frank A. Huet, who had been previously balloted for and approved, were advanced to the Degree of H.R.M. by their several characteristics by the P.G.M., assisted by the D.P.G.M.

The lectures were delivered in extenso, in H.R.M., by Bro. Matier, assisted by the Wardens, with Bro. Thorburn as Conductor.

A Prov. Grand Lodge of Knights of the R.S.V.C.S. was forthwith opened, and the above brethren being admitted and presented to the Prov. Grand Master, and by him exalted to the rank of Knights of the R.S.V.C.S. The lectures in this Order were rehearsed by Bro. Brockbank, Dep. Prov. G.M., and Bro. Matier, P. Dep. Prov. G.M.

The following brethren were then invested as officers of Prov. Grand Lodge and Chapter for the ensuing year:

Bros. John Gibb Smith, 30°	Prov. D.G.M.
Thomas Chorlton, 30°	Prov. S.G.W.
J. F. Hoffgaard, 30°	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. G. W. Weldon	Prov. C. Chaps.
Rev. C. F. Knowlys, 10°	Prov. G. Treas.
John Duffield, 31°	Prov. G. Sec.
John Chadwick, 18°	Prov. G. Swd. B.
C. Sherry Lane, 18°	Prov. G. Std. B.
W. C. Thomson, 30°	Prov. G. Morischl.
Reginald Young, 30°	Prov. G. W. of T.
T. C. Thorburn, 18°	Prov. G. Examr.
J. M. Barlow, 18°	Prov. G. Condr.
W. C. Moore, 18°	Prov. G. Guarder
W. Nichol, 18°	Prov. G. Org.
J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc.	Prov. G. Std. B.
R. Heap	Prov. G. Std. B.

The Treasurer presented his accounts for the past year, duly audited, and being satisfactory, they were adopted.

The brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the customary toasts were duly honoured. The R.W. Prov. G. Master despatched a telegram to the Grand Chapter, at head-quarters, which was formally responded to, conveying "Hearty good wishes" from the Governor of the Order, and the brethren assembled at banquet at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, to their brethren at Manchester.

#### Ireland.

##### THE MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

A balance-sheet has just been issued containing detailed accounts of receipts and expenditure in connection with the late bazaar, at Dublin, in aid of the Masonic Female Orphan School, showing total receipts to the amount of £7567 10s. 8d., and expenditure £960 2s. 1d. leaving a net balance of £6601 8s. 7d. This splendid result far surpasses every expectation, and must be most gratifying, not only to those immediately concerned, but to all Masons of whatever jurisdiction.

This excellent charity is now fairly started in a home worthy of it, and we look forward to regular reports of its success and usefulness.

#### Jamaica.

##### MASONIC BENEVOLENCE ASSOCIATION.

As the outcome of Freemasonry in this island, we have to record with much pleasure the formation of an institution that has met with the support of the Fraternity in general, and bids fair to do much good to Masonry, and further illustrate the fundamental principles of our Order, namely—Charity and Brotherly Love. This association, which has now taken a practical shape, held a meeting of the Committee appointed to organise the movement at Freemasons' Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, on Thursday, the 15th ult., when the election of a regular Board of Management was secured, under a rule which provides that the funds of the association shall be raised by voluntary donations and by annual subscriptions from lodges, chapters, and from individual Masons and others, and shall be under the control and direction of a Board of Management, to consist of the two presiding officers of the Grand Lodge of England and Scotland in this province, the presiding Masters of the subscribing lodges, and fifteen Master Masons to be annually elected from amongst the subscribers to the association.

Voting papers having been previously issued to all the subscribers, the following brethren were returned as the elected members of the first Board of Management: Bros. Hon. J. C. Macklash, P.M.; A. H. Alexander,

P.M.; C. W. Tait, P.M.; Dr. M. P. C. MacCormack, P.M.; W. G. Macfarlane, P.M.; J. L. Ashenhiem, P.M.; Dr. D. P. Ross, P.M.; A. H. Jones, P.M. E.C. and S.C.; Dr. J. Tompsett, P.M.; B. M. Dias, P.M. S.C.; A. C. Sinclair; E. X. Leon, P.M.; J. C. Ford, W. Duff, P.M. E.C. and S.C.; and E. S. Campbell.

#### HAMBURGH FREEMASONRY.

Hamburg has always a deep interest for the English Masonic student, as German Speculative Freemasonry, as originating from the Grand Lodge of England, may be said to have emanated from Hamburg. For whatever may have been the causes of the patents to Thuanas or H. von Marschall, the activity of German Speculative Masonry seems to come from the Lodge Absalom, in 1737, though the patent dates 1733.

Now there are five united lodges under the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, though, we believe, other lodges in Germany are also under the Grand Lodge.

The officers of Grand Lodge for 1882-83 are:

Bro. F. Glitz	...	...	...	...	...	G.M.
" A. Gatting	...	...	...	...	...	D.G.M.
" C. H. Schaeffer	...	...	...	...	...	S.G.W.
" H. W. Shaeffer	...	...	...	...	...	J.G.W.
" G. K. Hirsche	...	...	...	...	...	G. Orator.
" Th. Roesser	...	...	...	...	...	G. Treasurer.
" J. Iklé	...	...	...	...	...	1st G.S.
" J. F. N. Brandt	...	...	...	...	...	2nd G.S.
" Thos. Fürst	...	...	...	...	...	G. Archivist.
" Cursten Jessien, Momma, and Moring	...	...	...	...	...	G. Stewards.

Of Lodge Absalom, Bro. J. H. Soeder is W.M., Bro. J. Iklé D.W.M., and Bro. Otto Jonasson Secretary.

Of the Lodge of St. George, Bro. G. A. Lacy is W.M., Bro. M. Haidoff D.W.M., and Bro. T. Fürst Secretary.

Of Lodge Emanuel, Bro. J. C. B. Retzmann is W.M., Bro. W. C. C. Remiss D.W.M., and Bro. C. A. E. Westerick, Secretary.

Of Lodge Ferdinand Caroline, Bro. A. Bekker is W.M. and Bro. Oscar Eriel Secretary.

Of Lodge Ferdinand zum Felsen, Bro. Gust. Morgenstern is W.M., Bro. P. Ad. Unbehagen D.W.M., and Bro. P. Maier, Secretary.

There seems to be an united Charity Committee, of which Bro. T. H. Brey is President, Bro. W. Grallert Vice-President; C. F. E. Flohr, Secretary; J. C. R. Moring, Treasurer; and K. Fürst, Almoner.

#### HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS.

We had hoped this week to have recorded an event which, although not strictly Masonic, was of special interest to the Craft, from the fact that the M.W. the Grand Master had promised to be present and lay the foundation stone of the new Homes for Little Boys with Masonic ceremony. H.R.H. was to have been accompanied by the Princess of Wales, who had graciously consented to receive donations for the building fund. All the preparations, however, were rendered of no avail by a heavy down-fall of rain during the morning, which rendered the ground and approaches almost impassable, and it was found necessary to postpone the ceremony. Many visitors had arrived before means could be taken to stop them, but we have reason to believe that the Committee used every means at their command to lessen the annoyance and inconvenience which such postponements necessarily cause. We heartily sympathise with all concerned, and trust that the deserving and admirably managed charity will not in any way suffer from this untoward event.

The Committee have issued the following circular:

##### "HOMES FOR LITTLE BOYS."

"Offices—Ludgate Circus, E.C., 17th July, 1882.  
"At a special meeting of the Committee, held this day, it was resolved to express to the many friends and subscribers of the Institution the very sincere regret which they feel at the disappointment caused on Saturday last by the postponement of the Swanley fete.

"The Committee wish to assure their friends that this postponement was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their control, and that every preparation had been made for carrying out the ceremony in accordance with the printed programme.

"Early in the morning the site of the new homes was visited by a heavy down-fall of rain, such as is seldom seen during the summer; and this continued for several hours. The consequence was that the marques erected for the ceremony were flooded, while the new road was rendered almost impassable.

"At the time it became necessary to decide what course to pursue; the rain still continued, and under all the circumstances, the members of the Committee who were present felt they had no alternative but to postpone the ceremony. Telegrams were accordingly forwarded to the railway stations to stop the booking of passengers, and all was done that was possible to avoid inconvenience to those who intended to be present.

"The Committee feel bound to add to the above, the statement contained in the Court news of to-day's papers, that it was owing to the state of the weather that the Committee requested their Royal Highnesses to postpone the ceremony to a future day."

"The Committee will announce at the earliest possible moment what steps they propose to adopt."

"A. O. CHARLES, Secretary."

#### SILVER WEDDING.

Bro. H. Matthews, of the Aldersgate Lodge, celebrated his silver wedding on Tuesday last. Over one hundred friends accepted the invitation, and were received by Bro. and Mrs. Matthews on board the Maria Wood, which was moored off Hampton Court Palace. After partaking of luncheon, the party adjourned to the deck, where, to the strains of a military band, dancing was commenced, and kept up, with short intervals, throughout the day. At 12.30 the barge started for Kew, where she was anchored, and at four o'clock the company sat down to a choice banquet, which was also served on board. The weather was all that could be desired, and the day ended as pleasantly as it began, nothing being wanted to make the enjoyment of all present perfect and complete.



## Craft Masonry.

**UNION WATERLOO LODGE** (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above grand old lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, and was a most pleasant and successful affair. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. S. Syer, W.M., assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. N. Brown, I.P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; R. A. Smith, S.W.; T. Hutton, P.M. Treas.; G. Davies, P.M. Sec.; G. Masters, S.D.; W. Akers, J.D.; A. Cleal, I.G.; W. Weston, P.M. 1536, and P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; Jos. McCaffery, P.S.D. 1536; E. B. Hobson, W.M. 700; W. Harris, W.M. 871; T. Holleyman, S.W. and W.M. elect 1536; G. Beaver, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; J. H. Roberts, J.W. 700; and C. Jolly, 913, and J.D. 1472 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. R. Waggs, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was initiated into Free-masonry. Bro. Hill was then raised to the Third Degree, both ceremonies being carried out by the W.M. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. T. Hosgood, P.S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual honours, declared W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The following officers were invested by the W.M.: Bros. R. A. Smith, S.W.; G. Masters, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M. Treas.; G. Davies, P.M. Sec.; W. Akers, S.D.; A. Cleal, J.D.; J. G. Milburne, I.G.; H. Grice, D.C.; and W. Lackland, Tyler.

The ceremony was then concluded, and a vote of thanks to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge was unanimously presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. N. Brown, for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of that office.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, at Gravesend, where a handsomely appointed and well served banquet was thoroughly enjoyed, thanks to the splendid catering of Bro. Hubbard, the host, who thoroughly deserved the encomiums passed upon his efforts on all sides.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. Syer, I.P.M., rose and said it now fell to his lot for the first time to propose the toast of "The W.M.", and perhaps it might be the last time; but he sincerely trusted that their W.M. would have a good year of office, and plenty of work to do. Their's was an old lodge, and one that any Mason might be proud to belong to; it only remained with the brethren as to whether it should keep up its ancient name or not. It was for them to accord the W.M. their support, and then the strength of the lodge would increase, and its name for good working and good fellowship would still shine with all its well-won lustre.

The W.M., in response, said he would ask them to bear with him for a few minutes while he spoke to them of his Masonic career in the lodge. He was first initiated into Masonry when Bro. Tattershall was the Master of the lodge. That was a good many years ago, and, after being a Mason twelve months, he was offered and accepted the collar of I.G., but illness overtook him, and he had to resign it. He again took office under Bro. Appleby, and had to resign through illness; but now that he had gained the highest position in the lodge, and sat in the chair of K.S., he trusted that T.G.A.O.T.U. would give him strength to carry out the duties so as to meet with and merit their approbation. If he did his duty as well as his predecessor, and he should try to do so, he trusted to meet with the same reward, and to hear them say that his efforts for the welfare of the lodge had not been in vain.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and Bro. Brown briefly returned thanks.

The W.M. then presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. Syer, and, in so doing, assured the worthy recipient that with it went the thanks and good wishes of every member of the lodge. Bro. Syer might well feel, when he pinned the jewel upon his breast, that he had had the honour and welfare of the lodge truly at heart, and he, the W.M., hoped their good brother might long be spared to wear it with credit both to himself and the lodge.

Bro. Syer, who on rising was received with cheers, said that when he entered the Union Waterloo Lodge he never expected to occupy the position he held that night, and it was a proud moment for him when he was called upon to act as Secretary for the lodge; but now that he had attained a position on the left of the chair, he should still continue to do all in his power to make the lodge second to none in the district. He was exceedingly pleased with the progress the lodge had made during the past two years. They all acted with one feeling in the lodge, and that was a feeling of true brotherly love. He esteemed the jewel placed upon his breast that night as one of the greatest treasures in his life, and should treasure it accordingly; not merely for its intrinsic value, but because it was given by the hearty and unanimous vote of the whole of the brethren for doing his duty, honourably and fairly, to every member of the lodge.

"The Past Masters" having been honoured, and the toast responded to, the Initiate returned thanks for a very cordial reception of his name.

"The Visitors" was the next toast; and Bros. Holleyman, Hobson, and Weston responded.

"The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Smith, who returned thanks.

"The Masonic Press" was complimented, and "The Host" received recognition for his splendid catering; and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were cheered by some excellent singing, under the direction, and accompanied by, Mr. H. J. Roberts, jun.

**LEBANON LODGE** (No. 1326).—The thirteenth installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. Although the lodge was summoned at the early hour of one o'clock, and in despite of the interrupted train service of the Thames Valley Line, rendered imperative through Kempton Park Races being held on that day, also the thorough downpour of rain, yet with all these disadvantages punctually at that appointed early hour Bro. James

William Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1423, &c., the W.M., with his usual businesslike habits and proverbial promptness, opened the lodge, and its labours extended over nearly seven hours. There were present at the opening and during the afternoon and evening the following brethren, viz.: Bros. Henry Gloster, P.M. 1531, S.W. and W.M. elect; D. Steinhauer, J.W.; Edwin Gilbert, P.M. Treas.; Walters, Sec.; J. J. Marsh, S.D.; Fletcher Knight, J.D.; W. R. Vassila, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M. W.S., M. Mildred, D.C.; J. Laurence, Org.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; E. A. Smith, W. Stanton, J. Smith, G. A. Akehurst, W. H. Walters, J. Triptree, Tristram F. E. Walters, W. J. Russell, David George Akehurst, W. B. Smith, W. Kite, W. R. Smith, A. Allen, T. Tullett, T. Archer, Colin Holley, W. Blakely, W. Born, Bowley, W. Ballard, J. T. Burchill, J. Boyce, Brown, E. H. Boucher, G. Teideman, Croft, Carne, Corson, Clark, C. W. Baker, Dawe, Dye, H. E. A. D'Arcy, Ewen, Francis, G. Reynolds, S. Gibbs, J. Greenwood, Goodwin, A. Robertson, Whitcombe, Walker, F. Stanley, A. A. Ward, White, Williams, Wickens, Thompson, Tozer, Trehearne, Talbot, Stevens, Simpson, Sprules, Rolington, Pratten, C. Paulson, Payne, Pidgeon, Pooley, H. Nell, W. Naughton, Mapleton, Larking, Lane, Lord, W. Kay, Johnson, Jennings, T. James, C. Isted, Hayes, Haines, C. Smith, and very many others. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 1567, P.Z. 73, &c.; John Brockett Sorrell, jun., P.M. 176; J. Faulkner, P.M. 1423; J. Rotherhoe, 30; A. Allan, 87; W. J. Richardson, 55; C. Woodley, 18; C. Steel, 1305; and some others whose names we were unable to ascertain.

The minutes of the last regular lodge as also the minutes of the emergency meeting, held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Baldwin. The report of the Audit Committee was read, and showed that, after giving thirty-five guineas to the Masonic Charities, and fifteen guineas to the Benevolent Lodge, good balances were in hand belonging to the lodge and Benevolent Fund. It showed what an excellent Treasurer Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M., proved himself to be; his provident care of the funds, and the great judgment he had exercised in every expenditure. The report was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the lodge minute book. The ballot was then taken for Mr. C. Powell, as a candidate for initiation, and to become a member of the lodge, and was declared to be unanimous in his favour. Apologies were received from the candidates for initiation, excusing and regretting their non-attendance, which was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. Then commenced the real work of the meeting. In spite of the heat and the physical sufferings of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Baldwin, was undergoing from an attack of neuralgia, he in his usual faultless style repeated the ceremony of raising six times, as each candidate—Bros. Wm. Walters, Wm. Henry Walters, David Amos Akehurst, Wm. Kite, Geo. Teideman, and Thomas Tullett—was introduced separately and raised to the Third Degree. In a similar manner Bros. Wm. John Russell and Edward H. Boucher were passed to the Second Degree. This work was admirably done. Then came the all important ceremony of the evening—the installation. The Secretary, in well-chosen words, presented Bro. Henry Gloster, P.M. 1531, S.W. and W.M. elect, an initiate of this lodge, for the benefit of installation. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the Board of Installed Masters was formed and closed. Bro. Henry Gloster was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. He then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. David Steinhauer, S.W.; Joseph John Marsh, J.W.; Edwin Gilbert, P.M. Treas. (re-appointed); Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 73, 871, and 1309, Sec. (re-appointed); Fletcher Knight, S.D.; William Robert Vassler, J.D.; James Laurence, I.G.; Matthew Mildred, M.C.; Charles Graham, Org.; Henry Potter, P.M. 11, W.S. (re-appointed); Samuel Page, C.S.; Edwin A. Smith, Steward; and John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler (re-appointed).

The customary addresses were then given in a splendid manner, and on the completion of the ceremony of installation, the enthusiastic burst of applause showed how well the admirable work was appreciated. The appointment of the different officers showed a wise selection of the newly-elected W.M., as each appointment was so well received by all the brethren present. No appointment was received with greater enthusiasm than the office of I.G. Before his investment a genuine burst of applause was given to Bro. James Laurence when he rose to receive his appointment. Every member knew how well and worthily he had filled all the offices he had held in this lodge; how he had ungrudgingly sunk all his claims for higher office solely for the good and welfare of the lodge. It was gratifying to notice how high he was held in the estimation of every member.

On the motion made by the Secretary, seconded by the W.M., it was resolved that a cordial vote of thanks be given (the same to be entered on the lodge minute book) to Bro. James William Baldwin, I.P.M., for the able talented, praiseworthy, correct, and impressive manner he had rendered the all-important ceremony of the installation. The proposer, in an eloquent speech, expressed the gratification he and all present had felt, in not only witnessing that ceremony, the installation being so well rendered, but all the other work being equally well performed. He expressed how proud they all felt of their I.P.M., the second of their initiates who had filled that chair. He was equal to his predecessors in their excellent working, amongst whom were the venerated names of Bros. John Thomas Moss, P.P.J.D. Middx., P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; Samuel Vickers, P.M.; William Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Copeman William Fox, P.M.; John Baristow Shackleton, P.P.J.P. Middx., P.M.; John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Henry Arthur Dubois, P.P.G.J.W. Middx., and P.M.; John Cory Woodrow, P.M.; and Edwin Gilbert, P.M., all who had done good suit and service to the lodge during their years of office and in many other ways since then. He had eclipsed some of his predecessors in the staunch support he had given to all the Masonic Charities. The P.M.'s of this lodge had usually represented some of the charities during their year of office. All had been Stewards and were Life Governors of the Great Masonic Charities. He, Bro. Baldwin had during his year of office represented the Benevolent and Girls. The R.W.P.G.M. Middx., represented the Girls School for the province. This lodge proved, by sending Bros. C.W.

Fox, P.M., J. W. Baldwin, P.M., and the indefatigable Treasurer, Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M., as its Stewards, and voting ten guineas on their own Stewards' list and ten guineas on the R.W.P.G.M.'s list, that they fully appreciated the proud position of their R.W.P.G.M. Middx., Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., held when representing their province. They rendered all the good suit and service they were able at the Festival of the Girls' School. The mantle of Charity has fallen on the shoulders of the present W.M., Bro. H. Gloster, he being a Steward and Life Governor of the Charities, and the present Steward representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution in 1882.

Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M. Treas., in answer to an appeal of the W.M. for his Steward's list, he gave one of his usual notices of motion "That the sum of ten guineas be taken from the lodge funds and be spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Royal Benevolent Institution." The Treasurer having given that notice of motion ensures its success; he is so well known as an earnest supporter of every Charity in Masonry and elsewhere, that he is sure of receiving the support of every member. Younger members (all initiates of the lodge) who fill the Warden's chairs are equally zealous in the cause of Charity, both being Past Stewards and Life Governors of the Charities; both awaiting their turns to serve another Stewardship to represent their mother lodge. Minor officers are following the good example set them over the supporting of the Charities.

The great event of the meeting was the presenting of the first ten guinea Past Master's jewel to Bro. James William Baldwin. Being late in the evening, approaching seven o'clock, the W.M., Bro. H. Gloster, suggested that the jewel be presented at the banquet table, but the members were unanimous that the presentation be made in open lodge. Consequently the W.M., Bro. Gloster, in a well chosen speech, presented Bro. James William Baldwin with his Past Masters' jewel. As soon as the lengthened applause had subsided, Bro. J. W. Baldwin, in a very feeling speech, acknowledged the handsome present they had made him. The long notices of motion for altering the bye laws was then considered. Nearly all were carried out. This brought the labours of the afternoon and evening towards its close. A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence from a late lay member was dismissed. Some propositions for candidates for initiation were received. Bro. John Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., &c., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. The lodge was closed. It was ordered to be summoned to meet on Saturday, August 19th, at a quarter to four p.m.

After an agreeable and pleasant stroll on the banks of the Thames, the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet and dessert, served under the personal superintendance of mine host, Bro. William Ballard, who exerted himself successfully to please all present. The cloth being withdrawn, all the usual toasts were given and duly responded to. Many songs were sung, and some recitations were given. Some few hours spent in pleasure brought an agreeable reunion to a pleasant close. The brethren partook themselves to the trains, and separated well pleased with their day's outing.

**UNITED MILITARY LODGE** (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burgrave-road, Plumstead, when Bro. Thomas Holleyman, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Welding, W.M., and there being no other business before it, the ceremony was at once proceeded with. Bro. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent, was the Installing Officer, and carried out the duties appertaining thereto most admirably. The new W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Kennedy, S.W.; A. G. Saunders, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; A. R. Fisher, Sec.; W. Mould, S.D.; A. J. Rowley, J.D.; J. Purnell, I.G.; T. Preece, Org.; W. Sayle, D.C.; J. Anderson, Wine Std.; R. Bailey, A.D.C.; Maule, Assist. Wine Std.; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

A cordial vote of thanks was then accorded to Bro. Weston for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and it was unanimously resolved that the same should be recorded in the minutes of the lodge.

After Bro. Weston had briefly returned thanks, a hand-some Past Masters' jewel of the value of ten guineas was presented to Bro. Welding, I.P.M., and the W.M. in making the presentation said the brethren had deputed him to mark their appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Welding, by presenting him the jewel of his office, and he, in so doing, could only wish Bro. Welding might be spared long to wear it in that sacred abode of Freemasonry. As their ancient brethren received their wages "without scruple and without diffidence," so might he, Bro. Welding, receive that jewel, for he had honourably earned it by good work rendered in and for the lodge, and when, in the time to come he was called to the Grand Lodge above, "where the G.A.O.T.U. reigns and rules for ever," might his son wear it with pride as an evidence of the respect and esteem in which his father was held in the United Military Lodge.

Bro. Welding having suitably returned thanks, Bro. Holleyman was unanimously chosen representative for the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, and Bros. Cooper and Bilton Auditors. The sum of £5 was then voted to Bro. Weston's list for one of the Charities, and then the lodge was closed and the brethren partook of a banquet.

Among those present, beside the brethren above mentioned, were Bros. Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, M.D., P.M. 615, and P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Ritchie, P.M. 57, P.P.G.D. Essex; Rev. C. Solbó, M.A., W.M. 1789; W. Louis, P.M. 387, P.P.G.D.C. Nassau, W. Indies; Capt. J. J. Donnelly, P.M. 706; H. Shaw, P.M., P.M. 1789; A. Penfold, P.M., P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M., P.M. 913; J. M. Farr, P.M. 1817; R. Saunders, W.M. 434; T. Hosgood, W.M. 13; G. B. Davis, P.M. 13; G. Beaver, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; G. C. Mathams, S.W. 434; R. Edmunds, S.W. 913; G. H. Hill, S.W. 1437; Capt. J. Sculley, J.W. 706; J. H. Roberts, J.W. 700; Capt. Joseph McCaffery, P.S.D. 1536; H. King, J.D. 615; Capt. M. J. Rowan, 299; R. J. Goode, 1789; Capt. B. D. Porterfield, 1789; W. Sutherland, 1789; J. Butler, 1789; S. West, 700; D. McKay, 95; W. M. Stockvis, 1079; H. De Grey, 706; J. W. Miller, 700; C. Jolly, 913 (*Free-*

*mason*); and the following members of the lodge: Bros. J. Whitehead, A. C. James, H. Turvey, T. Ovenden, T. B. Wylie, W. Murphy, J. Foxon, R. Gooding, W. O. Kerridge, and A. F. King.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and in giving it the W.M. said she was their Queen in a double sense; first, in the divine right of reigning over them; and, secondly, by the fact that she was the mother of their Royal Grand Master; and, as Masons, they prayed that she might long be spared to carry out the duties of her exalted position.

The next toast was that of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who, the W.M. said, was looked up to with pride, and who truly deserved the loyalty and esteem in which he was held by every Mason under his rule. He (the W.M.) should never forget as long as he lived the impressive scene presented at a late meeting of Grand Lodge, when they determined to send a letter of congratulation to the Queen on her escape from the hands of the assassin, and there, when the vast hall resounded with the "National Anthem," sung by the whole of the brethren present in unison, the effect was simply sublime. Their Grand Master was present, and was evidently affected at the spontaneous outburst of affection for the Queen, his mother. Their Grand Master was always at work for the good of Masonry, and the next day, almost under the very shadow of their lodge, would lay the foundation-stone of an orphanage with Masonic rites. He would be surrounded by good and loyal Masons, but by none more loyal than the Masons of the province of Kent, and especially those of the United Military Lodge.

The toast was drank amid great cheering.

"The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Grand Master of the Province of Kent; and also that of Bro. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master," coupled with the name of Bro. Spurrell, having been drank with honours, Bro. Welding, I.P.M., proposed, in glowing terms, "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, was not only an excellent Mason, but a man of sound sense and good judgment, and at the finish of his year of office would be found as efficient, and give the same satisfaction, as his predecessors had.

Bro. Holleyman, in response, said he thanked them for the toast, and also for placing him in the position he now occupied by the unanimous vote of the lodge. The fact of that unanimity would be a pleasing memory with him as long as life lasted, and would goad him on to prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. He trusted to be able during the ensuing year to do as well as his predecessors did, and if he accomplished that, all he would ask of them would be to say, "Well done, old man."

The next toast was that of "The Honorary Members present, Bros. Penfold, Hayes, and Jolly," who, the W.M. said, were not only distinguished Masons, but influential outside Masonry, and he felt sure the lodge was proud to have such good brethren on their roll as honorary members.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Penfold, in reply, said he looked upon it that the greatest honour a lodge could confer upon a Mason was to make him an honorary member; and he, for one, felt it a great honour to be an honorary member of such a lodge as the United Military. From what they had that day seen and heard he was sure that Masonry need have no fear of falling through in Plumstead, and the same might be said of the Pattison Lodge, which, with the United Military, could boast of being two of the strongest lodges in the province. He wished Lord Holmesdale could have been present to see for himself what an excellent feeling prevailed in the lodge; but that he was well acquainted with the United Military was proved by the number of honours showered upon it. They looked for provincial honours once in every four years or so, but the United Military was favoured with honours every two years since its consecration; in fact, there was no doubt about it, the United Military was the "pet of the province," and he rejoiced with them on the prosperity of the lodge, and thought they were worthy of the honors conferred on them. He congratulated the lodge upon its new Master, because he knew Bro. Hollyman to be an earnest Mason, and had shown his ability in many ways. For himself and brother honorary members, he thanked them most heartily for their kind reception of the toast.

Bro. Hayes endorsed every word uttered by Bro. Penfold, and felt proud of being an honorary member of a lodge in which "it was a pleasant thing to see the brethren dwell together in harmony." He then, in a speech brimful of humour, referred to Bro. McCaffery's song of "Old King Cole," which has become an institution in the lodge, and concluded by trusting that the good fellowship and unity that existed in the lodge, and which was equally shared by the brethren of the Pattison Lodge, would grow, and widen, and strengthen with years, and bind them all together in one bond of loving earnestness for the good of Freemasonry.

Bro. Jolly also briefly responded.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters;" and Bro. Shaw, in reply, said the Past Masters looked upon the lodge as their own creation, and loved it accordingly, and would do all in their power to advance its interests.

Bro. Welding said their W.M. was the first W.M. who, as an initiate in the lodge, had risen to the chair of it, and he would promise Bro. Holleyman to be at his left hand on every lodge night throughout his year of office, if at all possible. For himself, although only the Past Master of a few hours, he felt the responsibilities of the position, and would accept them. Bro. Shaw had during his year of office initiated twenty-two candidates, and he (Bro. Welding), twenty.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and the W.M. referred with pleasure to the goodly array present.

Bros. Hosgood, Ritchie, Donolly, and Beaver returned thanks. Bro. Ritchie, in the course of his remarks, spoke with pride of his connection with Masonry in Woolwich, and also of the fact of his being the first military man who had been made W.M. and First Principal of Lodge and Chapter No. 57, at Colchester. He had been all over the world, but his heart was always with Masons and Masonry in Woolwich and Plumstead.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Kennedy returned thanks.

"The Masonic Press" was complimented, and our representative returned thanks; and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were both pleasant and enthusiastic.

**ALLIANCE LODGE** (No. 1827).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst. under the

presidency of Bro. Frank Green, C.C., V.P.B. Gen. Purp., W.M. There were also present Bros. Henry Wildey Wright, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; S. Bowley, S.D.; Henry Wright, J.D.; E. Garnet Man, P.M. Burmah, I.G.; Henry Clarke, J. Perkins, C.C.; L. F. Littell, I.P.M.; J. Jackson, F. Fitch, R. J. Pawley, Treasurer; and J. E. Turner, Secretary. The minutes of the last ordinary meeting in May, and the emergency meeting in June, at which Bros. the Lord Mayor, G.J.W., and Sir Reginald Hanson, Sheriff, were entertained, together with many other brethren, were read and duly confirmed, after the lodge had been opened in the first degree. The next business on the summons was the election of a Master for the ensuing year; the result of the ballot being that Bro. H. Wildey Wright, S.W., was unanimously elected to the chair of K.S. Bro. Frank Green in terse and well chosen language informed the S.W. of the choice of the brethren. The S.W. replied in the eloquent manner Bro. Wildey Wright is so well-known to cultivate in the law courts, and thanked the brethren for the great honour they had done him which he felt was undeserved. He added he would endeavour to emulate those worthy brethren who had gone before him, and knew he might look to them for assistance in the working of the lodge, and also to the other officers. It would be his endeavour at the end of his term of office to hand over to his successor his collar as unsullied as he had received it. He hoped to be diligent in his attendance, and to qualify himself for the ceremonies he may be called upon to carry out.

On the motion of Bro. L. F. Littell, I.P.M., Grand Pursuivant, seconded by Bro. S.W., the lodge carried with acclamation the resolution that the sum of ten guineas be voted by the lodge for the purchase of a Past Master's jewel, or anything of the same value the W.M. may choose, to Bro. Frank Green, in acknowledgment of the service he has rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

It is curious to note that since the consecration of this lodge a Past Master's jewel has never been affixed to the breast of the outgoing Master; Bro. Sir John Monckton, the first Master, having already several of these, chose a timepiece, and Bro. Littell, for a similar reason, had a silver salver presented to him.

The election of Treasurer, by ballot, took place next, which was a mere formality, Bro. R. J. Pawley, having filled the office so well and with such satisfaction to the lodge, the W.M. informed him he had been again chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Bro. Pawley briefly replied, thanking the brethren, and promised, as in the past, to keep a jealous eye on the exchequer.

Bro. Church was also unanimously elected, by a show of hands, as Tyler.

On the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Henry Wright, Bros. Henry Clarke, C.C., F. Fitch, and J. Perkins, C.C., were elected to assist the senior officers of the lodge in auditing the accounts.

There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed. The brethren on this occasion did not dine. The installation ceremony will take place on the 1st November. Bro. Frank Green during his year in the chair has won the esteem of the brethren, by his courtesy to the members and business-like way of conducting the affairs, both in the lodge and at the banqueting table.

**SOUTH SHIELDS**.—St. Hilda's Lodge (No. 240).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday night, the 10th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, and, notwithstanding the fine summer weather, there was a numerous gathering of the brethren, in addition to a goodly array of visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. G. S. Shotton, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed, two candidates, were admitted and initiated into the ancient mysteries and privileges of the Craft. The First Degree was given in a very solemn and impressive manner by the W.M., who also delivered the charge with great effect. The latter part of this ceremony is seldom heard in this lodge, and its rendering by Bro. Shotton was enjoyed generally by the brethren assembled.

After the ceremony of the First Degree, the W.M. announced that a grant of £10 had been received from the Fund of Benevolence in Grand Lodge in favour of the widow of a late member, and that the recipient had expressed her deep gratitude for the timely aid.

The Secretary, Bro. J. S. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., next read the notice of motion made in last Grand Lodge, proposing to increase the contributions from the lodges to the Fund of Benevolence.

Bro. Thos. Coulson, P.M., P.G.J.D., reported that at a recent meeting of the Charity Committees of the provinces of Durham and Northumberland, held at Barnard Castle, it had been unanimously resolved to recommend that the proposed increase be opposed. He also reported that at that meeting it was agreed that in future the Charity Committees of the two provinces should continue in the use of their votes for the several Masonic Charities.

On the motion of Bro. J. J. Abbey, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. T. Wilson, I.P.M., it was resolved that the W.M. and the representatives of the lodge should be instructed to oppose the proposed additional contributions to the Fund of Benevolence at the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge in October.

The W.M. then reported that the committee appointed at the last meeting of the lodge, to consider and arrange the rent to be paid to St. Hilda Lodge by the proposed new lodge (Hadrian, No. 1778) for the use of the lodge-room, &c., had agreed to recommend that the rent be for the first year £12.

On the motion of Bro. J. H. Thompson, S.W., seconded by Bro. Wm. Davison, the report was adopted.

Bro. T. Coulson, P.M., then announced to the brethren that the Durham Masonic Educational Fund, was now duly arranged and launched, and he would be glad, as the representative of the Charity Committee, to receive subscriptions from the members of the lodge. He had, he said, already received several life subscriptions of thirty shillings and sixpence. Bro. Coulson then handed round copies of the bye-laws of the Fund, which contain some excellent provisions, but which we have not space to print.

The W.M. then received the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in due form.

A number of brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, and a pleasant evening was spent.

The Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. Grand Master, has intimated to the promoters of the Hadrian Lodge, his intention to personally consecrate the new lodge about the middle of September.

**LANCASTER**.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the evening of the 12th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. Bro. Pilkington, the W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Atkinson, I.P.M.; Greyson, S.W.; Bayley, J.W.; Stanton, S.D.; McRaith, J.D.; and Nicholson, I.G.

The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Hewseton, and proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M., who went through the ceremony in a very efficient manner. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and after the proclamation had been made, the lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom.

**WESTON**.—Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 906).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. William Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., was for the second time placed in the chair by the V.W.D.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else. The installation ceremony, somewhat shortened to meet the circumstances, having been performed in that impressive manner which always characterises any work done by the D.P.G.M. of Somerset, the W.M. proceeded to invest and appoint his officers as follows: Bros. E. L. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.P. Somerset, I.P.M.; F. Glover, S.W.; F. N. Dingle, J.W.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Treas.: C. Beckett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Knight, S.D.; W. H. Young, J.D.; W. E. Sparrow, P.M., Org.; J. Banks, I.G.; L. Howes, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; C. Day and R. Bull, Stwd.; J. Pinkett, Tyler; and R. Bigwood, Asst. Tyler.

There were present also the following visiting brethren: Bros. C. W. Kodway, P.M. 41, P.G.S.W. Somerset; J. H. Macfarlane, P.M. 1296; R. B. Cater, W.M. 41; J. Rubie, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. K. Pyne, A. H. Simpson, 945; J. Nadoux, E. Mercer, S.W. 41; Capt. Penrhyn; and the following brethren of 906: Bros. W. A. Scott, P.M.; S. G. Mitchell, P.M.; W. H. Dill, P.M.; H. Leaker, P.M.; T. S. Keene, P.M.; J. Stuckey, P.M.; J. Hayward, J. Baker, J. Tolman, G. H. Bartlett, H. Gay, and others.

The ceremony was much assisted by the musical taste displayed by Bro. J. H. Macfarlane, P.M. 1296, who, out of compliment to the W.M., had placed not only his valuable aid, but the use of his harmonium, at the service of the lodge for the occasion.

In investing his officers, the W.M. remarked upon the pleasing fact of Past Masters holding the positions of Treasurer and Secretary, and expressed his opinion that it argued well for the success of a lodge when its Past Masters were found ready and willing to undertake such offices.

Letters of excuse were read from Bro. H. Hopkins, P.M. 41, P.P.G.S.W. Warwick (on account of ill-health); also from Bros. Rev. A. G. How, W.M. 53; Major Wilkinson, S.D. 53; and others.

Upon the W.M. proceeding to close the lodge in due form, Bro. E. L. Hill, the retiring W.M., took the opportunity of presenting to the lodge two frames of portraits, of original idea and design; the first being a collection of portraits of the founders and W.M.'s of the lodge during the last twenty years; the second containing portraits of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; and other rulers of the Craft.

The W.M., in returning thanks to Bro. Hill, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, complimented him on the originality of the idea, and the taste with which it had been carried out.

Bro. Hill then called the attention of the brethren to another addition to the lodge-room, viz., an engraved portrait and capital likeness of the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, which had been hung up that day, and was the first copy Bro. Else had seen in lodge.

The lodge being duly closed, the brethren, as is their wont, took a drive out for an hour, and returned at five o'clock to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured according to ancient custom.

In proposing "The Health of the V.W.D.P.G.M.," the W.M. took the opportunity of thanking Bro. Else for coming to instal him in the chair of K.S.; also to congratulate him upon having received the collar and jewel of Junior Grand Deacon of England, and remarked upon the pleasure it gave all Somersetshire Masons to see their esteemed brother so honoured.

The V.W.D.P.G.M. gracefully replied, and thanked the brethren for the good feeling always evinced towards him.

Bro. Hill, P.M., with his usual ability, gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupling with it the name of the Prov. G.S.W., Bro. Radway.

There was, as usual in this lodge, an abundance of harmony. Bros. Day, Knight, Bull, Becket, and many others enlivened the proceedings with songs, &c., both grave and gay, ably accompanied by Bros. Pyne and Macfarlane.

**COCKERMOUTH**.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Station-street, on Friday, the 14th inst., for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Bro. Henry Dodgson, M.D., P.M. of the lodge, and P.P.G.S.D. of the province of Cumberland and Westmorland; Scribe E. 371, and P.S. of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. The lodge was opened in form, the W.M., Bro. Dykes, P.G.S.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.P.G.O.; G. R. Hoskins, Chap., P.G.D.C.; John Pearson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; F. R. Sewell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; T. C. Robinson, I.P.M.; H. Peacock, S.W.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; T. Mason, Sec.; J. Towers, J.D.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; I. Evening, R. S. Marsh, J. Bolton, H. Ritson, II. Moncreef, W. Paisley, D. Sinclair, W. McQuhae, T. Armstrong, J. Fearon, J. Blackburn, J. Fraler, S. Thwaite, S. Ferguson, and F. Rapley. Visitors: Bros. A. Forsyth, T. G. Annan, J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; G. W. Thompson, I.P.M. 371; J. R. Banks, P.M. 371; C. Gowen, I.G. 1660; G. Dalrymple, 872, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Moon, P.M. 962, P.G.S.B.; J. Thompson, W.M. 962; J. Palson, S.D. 962; J. Jenkinson, D.S. 962; G. B. McMullin, P.G.T., 962; J. J. Coverdale, P.M. 962; Thos. Mandle, P.M. 371, P.G.S.D.; D. Ross, 68; A. Taylor, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.B.; and W. Williams, 1002, P.P.G.C.

After the notice conveying the meeting had been read, the brethren were marshalled to the residence of the late brother. At the cemetery, the Masonic oration was given by the Chaplain to the lodge, Bro. the Rev. Cannon Hoskins, M.A., with much feeling, after which Bro. Morton deposited the scroll, apron, and sprig of acacia in the grave. The brethren re-formed and marched to the lodgerooms, and closed the lodge in form.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Fermor Hesketh Lodge (No. 1350).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Charles Leighton was installed W.M., in a most effective manner by Bro. R. Carruthers, the retiring Master. The following brethren were subsequently invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Robert Carruthers, I.P.M.; Treas.; J. Higson Johnston, P.M., M.C.; Henry, B. Browne, S.W.; E. G. Grundy, J.W.; Joseph Stowell, Sec.; Peter Ashcroft, S.D.; H. Ashton Hill, J.D.; John Hodgson, Org.; E. King Ellison, I.G.; F. A. Stadelii, S.S.; R. Norris Jones, J.S.; the Rev. J. Stowell, Chap.; and Peter Ball, was re-elected Tyler.

During the after-dinner proceedings, a very valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. R. Carruthers. A capital musical programme was provided under the direction of Bro. Hodgson, who presided at the piano.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Toxteth Lodge (No. 1356).—For a series of years the Toxteth Lodge (known formerly as the De Grey and Ripon Lodge) has occupied a most secure and prominent position in the extensive Province of West Lancashire, and the annual installation meeting at the greatly enlarged, and artistically decorated headquarters in North Hill-street, on Wednesday afternoon, the 12th inst., was perhaps the most successful which has yet been held. The retiring Master, Bro. J. Keet, opened the lodge in due form, and amongst those who gave him support in the course of the afternoon were Bros. H. S. Alpass, Grand Std. Br. of England, P.G. Sec. West Lancashire; T. Salter, P.G.J.D.; Richard Brown, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; T. Evans, P.M. 1356; W. Stediford, P.M. 241; T. Evans, P.M. 1675; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Morrison, P.M. 1547; A. Barclay, W.M. 1182; C. Marsh, W.M. 673; T. Peake, I.P.M. 567; and A. Bucknall, S.W. 667. During the year, owing to the great increase of the membership, the lodgeroom has been greatly enlarged, and the alterations and improvements carried out in this and other parts of the building have made it one of the most commodious and convenient Masonic meeting places in this division of the province. Bro. B. B. Marson acted as Instilling Master, and the highly-impressive manner in which he placed Bro. Edward Paull in the chair was fittingly recognised by the special vote of thanks cordially conveyed to him at the close of the ceremony. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. J. Keet, I.P.M.; Edward George, S.W.; H. P. Squire, J.W.; J. W. Williams, P.M., Treasurer; John Ashley, Secretary; John Lees, S.D.; B. Holgate, J.D.; Hartley Wilson, I.G.; H. H. Hughes, Organist; C. Arden, P.M., M.C.; and S. Swift and T. Trevitt, Stewards. Bro. P. Larsen was unanimously re-elected Tyler. The ceremony of installation was much enhanced by the musical accompaniments of Bro. Yates.

Subsequently the brethren dined together in the banqueting room of the hall, under the presidency of the new Master; and during the evening a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, and a handsome gold guard, subscribed for by the officers, were presented to Bro. J. Keet, I.P.M., in acknowledgment of his very valuable services while in office.

An excellent programme of music was given by Bros. Child, Lewis, W. Chambers, Davis, George, Marson, and several other brethren.

**PORTRUSH.**—United Service Lodge (No. 1428).—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club Rooms, Commercial-road, Landport, on Friday, the 14th inst., when Bro. Lavery was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. G. P. Arnold, I.P.M. The ceremony throughout was rendered by Bro. Arnold in such an exemplary manner (considering this his first essay) so as to draw forth rapturous applause. One of the distinguished visitors, a renowned Instilling Master, could not help repeating, quietly, "Live and learn." A goodly muster of the rulers of the Craft assembled, and formed a grand Board of Installed Masters, as follows: Bros. Mark Frost, P.G. Treas. Hants.; J. Friedelberg, P.M., C. Knott, I.P.M., of 342; K. M. Buale, W.M., G. W. G. Lancaster, P.P.G. S.W., of 487; Harry Kimber, W.M. 804; Francis, W.M., G. T. Lancaster, P.M., of 903; Albert Wendover, W.M. 1069; W. Tewley, P.M., G. P. Arnold, I.P.M., Strick, P.M., Farrer, P.M., Dart, P.M., Elverston, P.M., of 1428; G. Grant, I.P.M. 1055; E. S. Main, P.M., T. H. Williams, W.M., of 1776; G. Mason, W.M. 1884; and T. Page, W.M. 1906. The processional "march past in slow time," headed by Bro. Arnold, the brethren, two deep, keeping time and step to the choice piece of music played by Bro. Sylvester, was unique indeed. Bro. Arnold invited all to imitate him in each Degree in saluting the newly-installed Master, so that this part of the ceremony went off like "clockwork." The W.M. played his part very creditably in investing his officers.

A very appropriate and handsome jewel, with a naval and military device, was presented to Bro. Arnold in open lodge, the brethren having, one and all, subscribed to ensure the jewel being worthy of the occasion. The warm-hearted language in which it was presented, and that in which Bro. Arnold responded, drew from all the brethren present (about sixty in all) a hearty "feu de joie," more telling, if possible, than those that had already been given in admiration of his delivery of the three charges.

The brethren spent a most enjoyable evening in the banqueting hall. A running fire of neat and witty speeches, recitations, and songs were kept up till "high twelve," Bro. Sylvester, the Organist, is a choir within himself. His efforts were especially noticeable during the chanting of a paraphrase of the 133rd Psalm, which was suggested by Bro. Arnold to be sung in this lodge as soon as declared open, and which was so sung throughout his year of office as W.M. For the first time Bro. Arnold introduced a hymn which is to be sung on closing the lodge.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The members of this most prosperous and influential lodge

celebrated their annual festival at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., when there was a numerous gathering of the Fraternity. Bro. William Ladymar was in the chair at the opening of the lodge, and amongst the officers of the lodge present were Bros. John Duncan, P.G.D.C.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M.; J. H. Parker, P.M.; and J. A. Forrest, P.M. The visitors included Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Henderson, W.M. 1620; George Gordon, I.P.M. 724; M. Corless, P.M. 723; W. Savage, J.W. 1609; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. James C. McGuire, was presented by Bros. Parker and Warriner, and the duties of Instilling Master were fulfilled in a most able manner by Bro. Duncan, P.G.D.C. The officers invested were: Bros. W. Ladymar, I.P.M.; Richard Ripley, S.W.; William H. Hignett, J.W.; Roger Warriner, P.M., D.C.; James Alexander Forest, P.M., Treas.; F. W. A. Soldat, Sec.; Thomas J. Farrell, S.D.; Jonathan Parry, J.D.; Samuel Butterworth, I.G.; R. C. Tramplause, Org.; James Tweedie, S.S.; John Jessop, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The I.P.M. was in the course of the evening presented with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his Masonic services.

### INSTRUCTION.

**Egyptian Lodge** (No. 27).—This old lodge met on the 6th inst. at Bro. Maidwell's comfortable hostelry, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. There were present Bros. Da Silva, W.M. 205, as W.M.; L. C. Haslip, S.W.; Nathan, J.W.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, S.D.; Anderson, I.G.; T. J. Maidwell, P.M., and others. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Maidwell was interrogated, and in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Maidwell was next tested for the superior degree and subsequently was raised to the degree of Master Mason, the entire work being ably rendered. Lodge was resumed and Bro. L. C. Haslip was elected W.M. for next Thursday evening, when brethren are cordially invited, and lodge was closed.

**Sincerity Lodge** (No. 174).—This lodge met as usual on Monday the 17th inst., at the Three Nun's Hotel, Aldgate. Present: Bros. W. Fraser, W.M.; J. S. Fraser, S.W.; Sewell, J.W.; Webb, P.M., Precept.; H. J. Cant, Sec.; T. Jones, Deacon; Haslip, I.G., and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes submitted and confirmed. Lodge was now advanced, and Bro. Bro. Jones was interrogated. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was worked. Bro. Jones, candidate. Bro. Webb worked the First and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed and Bro. J. S. Fraser was elected W.M. for the ensuing Monday evening, which will also be Association night. It was also arranged to work the Installation ceremony in the lodge on Monday, the 31st inst. All business being ended lodge was closed in harmony.

**United Pilgrims Lodge** (No. 507).—At the meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 14th inst., Bro. Richard Poore, as W.M., was well supported, there being present amongst others, Bros. Henry Baldwin, S.W.; J. B. Sargeant, J.W.; G. W. Knight, S.D.; H. M. Williams, J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; John S. Terry, P.M. and Sec.; James Stevens, P.M., Hon. Preceptor, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Bute as candidate for passing was proved and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony was very effectively rehearsed by the W.M., who, as a young Mason, is most creditably progressing in lodge working. The Lecture on the Tracing Board in the Second Degree was delivered by the Preceptor and gave general satisfaction. Lodge was closed to the First Degree, and the brethren received some useful instruction in the proper mode of entering an open lodge in the several Degrees. Bro. Henry Baldwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and will be encouraged by a good attendance on the 21st, when working the ceremony and lectures of the Third Degree. The lodge was then closed in customary form.

**Merchant Navy Lodge** (No. 781).—The above successful lodge met as usual on the 11th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. Present: Bros. E. C. Gregory, W.M.; Ould, W.M. 781, S.W.; Bull, J.W.; C. Breden, P.M. Sec.; Lax, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Past Masters Scherboom, and Harvey, and Bros. Cooper, Cockle, Kennett, Scanes, and others.

Lodge was opened with due formalities, and Bro. Cockle was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Cockle candidate. Bro. Bull worked the First, and Bro. Ould the Second Section of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was resumed and Bro. Ould was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. It was proposed by the W.M. of the mother lodge, and seconded by Bro. Bull, that a letter of condolence be sent from the lodge to the widow of our late Bro. E. Gregory, for many years host to the Merchant Navy Lodge. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. E. Gregory, W.M., for the able discharge of the duties of the chair, and lodge was closed.

**Dalhousie Lodge** (No. 860).—There was a large gathering of members and visitors to this lodge on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on which occasion Bro. James Stevens delivered his lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the First Degree. Amongst those present were Bros. Wallington, P.M., Preceptor of the lodge, W.M.; Wardell, S.W.; Brasted, J.W.; Catling, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Bunker, I.G.; F. Carr, Sec.; J. T. Barnes, P.M.; Cushion, Iorkin, Olly, A. Clark, Marsh, Smyth, Parfitt, Christian, Young, Allen, Boyce, Dignam, Darnell, and several others.

The lodge having been opened, and minutes read, the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens to the brethren, and that brother at once commenced his lecture. That it thoroughly interested his audience may be gathered from the fact that for a little more than two hours the lecturer succeeded in securing the rapt attention of his hearers, who frequently expressed their satisfaction, and encouraged his efforts. Their perfect agreement of his mode of working, and the lucid explanations of certain points wherein divergence is

not unusual, was evidenced by the earnest applause which Bro. Stevens received at the conclusion of his address.

Bro. J. T. Barnes, P.M., in a highly laudatory speech, proposed the thanks of the lodge to the lecturer, accompanied by honorary membership; and this being seconded, was unanimously carried.

Bro. Stevens, in thanking the lodge for the honour it had conferred, assured the brethren that their attention and kind reception would encourage him to still further efforts, and cause him to be even still more ready to repeat his lecture wherever and whenever required by other lodges of instruction.

The thanks of the lodge were also accorded to Bro. Wallington, Preceptor, for his services as W.M., and the lodge was then closed.

**Duke of Edinburgh Lodge** (No. 1259).—The usual meetings were continued on Friday, the 14th inst., at Bro. Moore's, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse. Bro. Etting occupied the chair, and was well supported by Bros. Moore, P.M., S.W.; Hancock, J.W.; J. Charlton, Treas.; Buchan, P.M., Sec.; Atkins, P.M., Preceptor; Waller, P.M., S.D.; Dixon, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Beales, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of opening and closing in the superior Degrees were carefully rehearsed. Bro. Chapman, W.M. 898, then assumed the chair, and Bro. L. Etting, as candidate for the Second Degree, was regularly tested and entrusted. Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the Degree of F.C. was ably worked. Bro. Atkins gave the ancient charge and explained the second tracing board, much to the satisfaction of his hearers. Bro. Moore was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge Meeting, and all business being ended, lodge was closed and adjourned.

**West Smithfield Lodge** (No. 1623).—This prosperous lodge met on Monday the 17th inst. Bro. E. Moss filled the chair, and was assisted in his duties by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. W. Hiscox, S.W.; F. Freeman, J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M., Precept.; J. Laurence, Sec.; F. Knight, S.D.; J. H. Ewens, J.D.; H. Dunheifer, I.G.; T. T. Phillips, A. Giddings, 177; E. Thring, 211; J. S. Chambers, 1623, M. W. Worrall, 1623; Stephens, and others. After the usual business had been disposed of, Bro. Phillips, as candidate for the Sublime Degree, was tested as to proficiency and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was admirably worked. Bro. Phillips, candidate. Bro. Moss also gave the traditional history of the degree. Lodge was carefully closed down, and Bros. Giddings, 177; Thring, 211; and Chambers and Worrall of the mother lodge, 1623, were unanimously admitted members of the lodge. Bro. Hiscox was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. This lodge meets every Monday evening at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., in most comfortable quarters, and brethren are offered a cordial welcome and capital instruction.

**Brixton Lodge** (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when a goodly number of brethren assembled. Present: Bros. E. M. Money, W.M.; T. C. Edmunds, S.W.; H. Hooper, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; H. M. Williams, Sec.; R. Poore, S.D.; G. W. Knight, J.D.; H. Goodwin, I.G.; J. Moss, A. E. Albert, G. Month, E. Storr, J. Hill, J. Bate, H. C. E. Hill, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. most ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Moss as candidate, likewise giving the charge and the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Albert as candidate. The lodge was regularly closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The following brethren being duly proposed and seconded, were unanimously elected members of the lodge: Bros. J. Hill, 1658; J. Bate, 72; F. Harris, Stockwell; and H. C. E. Hill, 1658. Bro. T. C. Edmunds having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned, thus ending a pleasant and most instructive evening. The increase of members is most encouraging.

### Royal Arch.

**Lion and Lamb Chapter** (No. 192).—The July meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present, Comps. Chas. Arkell, M.E.Z.; F. D. R. Copstick, P.Z., H.; E. F. Storr, J.; G. Kenning, P.Z. Treas.; H. Cuff, S.E.; H. Birdseye, P.Z., P.S.; Medwin, A.S.; Joseph Copstick, G. S. Bigley, Perry, Grocott, and others including several visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. John Gibbs was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. One brother was proposed for exaltation. The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

#### BIRTH.

PECK.—On the 10th inst., at 20, Clifton-villas, Maida-hill, the wife of Mr. Philip Peck, of a daughter.

#### MARRIAGE.

NUNN—BUNTING.—On the 13th inst., at St. Nicholas', Tolleshunt d'Arcy, Essex, by the Rev. Robert Vernon Graves, Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., late Vice Consul-General of the United States of America at London, to Mary, daughter of Mr. John Bunting, of Tolleshunt d'Arcy.

#### DEATHS.

MURRAY.—On the 19th inst., at Weston-super-Mare, Bro. General Gore Boland, Mumbee, R.E.

WALKER.—On the 9th inst., at 19, Maitland-park-villas, N.W., Mr. Edmund Walker, aged 68.



At the Vaudeville Mr. Thorne is again getting ready another comedy for the evening programme, by first playing it at an afternoon performance. Since he became the sole lessee of this house, he has put one comedy after another on the stage in a manner, and with such a company, which perhaps have never been surpassed. Before "The School for Scandal" had in the least lost its popularity, "London Assurance" was played in the afternoon, and soon after produced in the evening; and whilst it was yet at the height of its fame, "Money," by Lord Lytton, took its place; and now Holcroft's sterling old comedy, "The Road to Ruin," has been played in its turn for the benefit of the proprietor of the theatre; yet we may expect it will shortly be promoted to the evening. No doubt Mr. Thorne finds, as Bro. Hollingshead does, that by a constant change of the programme he draws round himself an audience he may call his own. On a recent Saturday afternoon an appreciative audience assembled to see "The Road to Ruin," and much genuine gratification was afforded them. Mr. Thorne of course took *Silky*, and executed the details of the part with exquisite skill; indeed, some of his admirers have thought he never displayed his talents to greater advantage. But his *Graves*, in "Money," we think he has made more of than any one who has before played the part. Mr. William Farren, as *Old Dornton*, also, of course, the part he played some nine years' since on the same stage, when the comedy ran for six months. Mr. H. Wigan's *Silky* was equally well rendered, while Mr. C. Warner, as *Harry Dornton*, the careless spendthrift, but good-hearted fellow, won much applause; this is a character well suited to Mr. Warner, his stentorian voice and fine figure come well to his aid. Miss Alma Murray charmingly played the unsophisticated "Sophia." Miss Kate Phillips was a vivacious *Jenny*, the waiting woman. The widow *Warren* was also well portrayed by Miss Sidney, who threw much stress upon the vanity of the widow. Mr. M. Lestocq, Mr. J. R. Crawford and Mr. John Maclean in their respective characters were all that could be desired. No wonder with such talent the fortunes of this house are steadily improving. Mr. Sidney Alport, the acting manager, will take his benefit to-day, when we hope it will be his benefit in every sense of the word. The popular comedy of "Money" will be the programme.

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Bro. Holland, not content with one of the grandest spectacular displays which he or any one has brought out,—we refer to "Babil and Bijou" at the Alhambra,—has added to its already renowned popularity an attraction which has drawn thousands to this home of light music intermingled with the light fantastic. We believe it is quite true that nightly hundreds of people cannot gain admission into this large building. The English people run after freaks of nature. One day it is the smallest people in the world who can be placed on one's hand, the Midgets; the next a giant; but now a giantess, and whom we are told has not yet done growing. If this be so, what house will contain her? This colossal person, Mdlle Marian, was born in Germany, at Benkendorf, a village in the Thuringian mountains in 1866, and has reached the height of eight feet two inches. An average sized man can walk under her outstretched arm. She has taken the place of the Queen of the Amazons. Unlike many such persons, this young lady is of handsome features, and unaffected and gentle manners. Her predecessor in the character of Princess of the Moon was no mean size, but by the side of Mdlle Marian she is a dwarf. From stalls to gallery the Alhambra represents just a sea of faces. "Babil and Bijou" has been placed upon the stage by Bro. Holland in a way that does credit and honour to the directors' manager. There has rarely been seen a more picturesque and brilliant scene.

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Now that "Fourteen Days" has been withdrawn from the Criterion, in order to give Mr. Charles Wyndham a rest, many of those who have been convulsed with laughter by Mr. Wyndham in his character as *Peregrine Porter*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Lytton Sothern (son of the late renowned comedian), Miss Rose Saker (Mr. Wyndham's niece), Miss Rorke, and Miss Vining, will be glad to keep their memories refreshed and to call to mind the pleasant evenings spent at the Criterion Theatre by placing in their albums some of the series of photographs just published by Messrs. Brown, Barnes, and Bell, of Regent-street and Cheapside. It would be impossible to have them all, but a selection may be made to recall many of the witty points of Bro. Byron's comic play. This firm has brought out some of the finest photographs we remember to have seen. About thirty, we believe, make the series complete. Each act is represented and every character in each act. We cannot justly say one is better than another, so good are the whole, but, of course, the most interesting are those depicting Mr. Wyndham. Mr. Charles Wyndham, we understand, will not return to the Criterion. He is about to sail for the United States, where, we know, he will delight the Yankees with his humour. Another theatre is about being built, adding to the already large number in London. Thus Mr. Wyndham will himself be the owner of. Like Bro. Toole, Bro. Irving, and Mr. Thorne, he will be both lessor and chief actor of his house. We hope he will succeed, but this is almost certain. He will, of course, still place on his stage the bright and vivacious pieces he has always played in. The site of this new theatre is on a piece of land adjoining the Grand Hotel in the Northumberland Avenue, thus adding to the renown of the Strand for theatres. Bro. Gilbert's merry comedy "The Wedding March" is now on the programme of the Criterion, but Bro. Hill is missed with regret from the cast. We understand this house will shortly close in order to comply with certain orders from the Lord Chamberlain for some alterations. It will then be let.

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The new comic opera, "The Vicar of Bray," has again been postponed, and is now announced for performance for to-night at the Globe. We hope to notice it next week. Proceeding from Messrs. Solomon and Grundy, it ought to be something worth hearing and seeing. The cast will include Bro. Hill, Mr. W. H. Fisher, Miss Emma D'Auban, and Marie Davis.

"Warranted" is the title of a new comic opera in rehearsal at the Imperial. Mr. Walter Bolton, Miss M. Browning, and Miss de Marini are included in the cast.

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The "Squire and Maria; or, Too far from the Madding Crowd," is the title of a burlesque written by Mr. Norton, on the play which has been going at Bro. Kendal's house since January, and has now gone into the provinces.

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The Avenue Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, the latest of the London Theatres, will be pulled down by the South Eastern Railway Company, should their "Widening and Extension Bill" pass the Houses of Parliament this session. It was only opened a few months ago. No doubt good compensation will be got for it. It is such a comfortable house that we hope another will be built in its stead on the same principles. It is required for the widening of Charing Cross Station.



The Italian Opera season for 1882 will be concluded to-day (Saturday) and for some time to come there will be nothing beyond a few concerts, including those given at the Crystal and Alexandra Palaces, to meet the musical requirements of London. But enough is as good as a feast, and the public has small reason to complain of the provision made in the year 1882 in this branch of entertainment. We have had Bro. Carl Rosa and his company at Her Majesty's, and, subsequently, at the same house, under the auspices of Bro. Mapleson, the performance of Wagner's "Nibelung's Ring." At Drury Lane, Herren Franke and Pollini provided for the first time a season of German Opera, and, concurrently, there has been the regular season of Italian Opera at Covent Garden. It will be admitted that this, to say nothing of the concerts innumerable which have been held meanwhile, is by no means too highly coloured a picture of the musical arrangements now in course of being completed. After this, too, a period of comparative rest will be a boon. A pleasure of which we have too much thrust upon us soon ceases to be attractive, and becomes wearisome. So we can bid farewell to Italian Opera with a light heart, and give ourselves up to the pleasure of anticipating what the company, of which Mr. Gye is the presiding genius, may have in store for us in 1883.

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We must not however, forget our promise of last week to take some note of the second novelty of the season, Boito's "Mefistofele." It was first brought out in July, 1880, at Her Majesty's, by Bro. Mapleson, and its reproduction last week at Covent Garden was hailed with satisfaction by the public. Being a spectacular opera, the management laid itself out with a will to provide scenery of more than usual magnificence, and they succeeded beyond all question. The orchestra and chorus were in the best possible form, while the performance of Madame Albani, as *Margherita* and *Elena*, was exceptionally interesting. It will be remembered that Madame Nilsson, but for the disagreement which happened between her and Mr. Gye, was to have filled these parts. But a comparison is unnecessary between the two artistes. Doubtless her interpretation would have been different and not less successful than Madame Albani's, yet the latter's *Margherita* was admirable, and was greeted with frequent applause. Mdlle Tremelli played *Marta* and *Pantal* efficiently. M. Gailhard gave the greatest satisfaction as *Mefistofele*, and Signor Mierwinsky was *Faust*. In short, the whole performance was a success.

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Of the other performances during the week there is no need to say more than that Madame Patti had a gala night on Wednesday, when she appeared as *Violetta* in "La Traviata," with Signor Nicolini as *Alfredo*, and Signor Cotogni as *Giorgio Germont*. On Thursday Madame Albani took her benefit, and this day (Saturday) will be given "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," with Madame Patti as *Rosina*, the other principal artistes being Signori Cotogni, De Reszke, and Nicolini.

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The announcement that, after all the apparent success which attended him, Herr Franke, the enterprising Director of the German Opera Company, has landed himself in the Court of Bankruptcy, has been received with general expressions of regret. No doubt the expenses were very heavy, especially when we bear in mind that no pains were spared to make every performance as perfect as possible. We trust, however, that though things may not look promising, his first season will not turn out to be his last.

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Great anticipations are being formed of the new oratorio, "The Redemption," by M. Gounod, which is to be performed at the forthcoming Musical Festival. It is considered by the composer himself to be his greatest work—"the work of his life," to use his own words, or rather the English version of them. Whether it will turn out to be such remains to be seen. Meanwhile, it may be interesting to state that the Festival Committee and Messrs. Novello, Ewer and Co. have between them purchased it for the magnificent sum of £4000.

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An addition has been made to the programme of the Avenue Theatre, and "Les Manteaux Noirs" is now preceded by Balfe's operetta, "The Sleeping Beauty," which was originally produced at the Gallery of Illustration by Mr. German Reed. The story is slight. A young Spanish Queen is in love with a youthful noble, who, however, has a most inveterate enemy in the person of the Regent, the Regent, in his turn, being deeply affected towards one of the Queen's Maids of Honour. The interest centres around the device by which the Regent is made to kiss the Queen's hand in mistake for that of the maid, and so renders himself liable to the penalty of death he had previously passed upon the noble. The music contains much that is good, several of the concerted pieces being pleasantly written. The parts are played by Miss L. Clement, Miss Trevelyan, Mr. Coventry, and Mr. T. G. Warwick.

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On Saturday, at the Royal Academy of Music, the Charles Lucas Medal was adjudged to William G. Wood. The candidates were ten in number.

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The programme at the Gaiety has been during the present week, and for the next two weeks will be, entirely musical, a slight farce, entitled "Through the Looking Glass," by Thomas Stevens and Solomon, forming the prelude to the nautical comic opera of "Bilgee Taylor," by the same gentlemen. The opera was originally produced at the Imperial Theatre, in the autumn of 1880, and there, as well as in the United States, had a great run. The present performance is eminently satisfactory, and quite worthy of the applause bestowed upon it. The part of the hero was most effectively sustained by Mr. Arnold Breedon, a capital tenor and a capable actor. Miss Annie Poole played *Phoebe Fairleigh*, Bilgee's sweetheart; Mr. T. P. Squire gave effect to the character of the Hon. *Felix Flap*, Captain of the Thunderbomb; while Mr. Arthur Williams, as *Sir Mincing Lane*, and Mr. W. Elton, as the boatswain, *Ben Barnacle*, deserved the cordial greeting they received; the latter's song, "All on account of Eliza," being re-demanded. The chorus of "Charity Girls" was well given, and also encored.



The London Stock Exchange, with its scene business excitement, is about to be represented in a picture by Sargent, who is so well-known as successfully delineating portrait pictures containing masses of men, the House of Commons, 1874, and the House of Peers, 1876, being the first of his works of this kind, and for the painting of which he was allotted by the Sergeant-at-Arms and Black Rod respectively rooms in each House. Later on, the Liverpool and Manchester Exchange, with over 300 portraits—of all the principal representative men—in each picture were published; the last great work being the present House of Commons in the Session 1882, and recently exhibited at Bro. Gladwell's, in Gracechurch-street. This has been most successfully etched by the artist, and is one of the largest and most elaborate etchings ever produced, the portraits of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bro. Alderman Fowler, and Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach being amongst the most prominent. The present undertaking is intended for publication, and the view taken gives to the bold style of the architecture a most imposing effect, and, we think, promises to result in a very effective picture. We also understand that the portraits are to be taken in the studio, as was the case with the pictures of the Houses of Parliament. Each member sat individually for his portrait, thus making them all faithful representations. A new electric light will shortly be fixed in the rooms in Austin Friars-passage. We hope to see Bro. Finn, and other Masonic stockbrokers, among the group.

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A meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons was held on Thursday week, when Mr. Spencer Wells, of Upper Grosvenor-street, was elected President in succession to Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G. Deacon, whose term of office had expired.

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There has recently been held in the Art Galleries of Messrs. Howell and James their seventh annual exhibition of paintings on china, by lady amateurs. These exhibitions are invariably attractive, the bulk of the work displayed showing great taste and skill, and oftentimes considerable originality. Among the patrons is H.R.H. the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, who honoured the exhibition with her presence on Thursday week.

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It is in contemplation to employ the electric light for illuminating purposes at Windsor Castle.

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The funeral of Mr. Hablot K. Browne, so well-known to readers of Dickens's works under the cognomen of "Phiz," took place on Friday last at the extra-mural Cemetery, Brighton.

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Among the events which have marked this year's celebration of the National Fête of France must be noted the inauguration on Thursday week, in the cemetery of Père La Chaise, of a magnificent white marble monument, having Corinthian columns and capitals of exquisite workmanship, to the memory of the celebrated historian Michelet. On the sides of the pedestal are inscribed the names of the countries and cities which have subscribed towards its erection, England figuring very prominently among them.

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Another event connected with the same fête was the grand inauguration banquet held at the new Hotel de Ville, Paris, at which M. Grévy, the President of the French Republic, the Prefect of the Seine, the President of the Municipal Council, the President of the Senate, the President of the Ministry, Lord Lyons, G.C.B., our Ambassador in Paris, and the Turkish, German, and Spanish Ambassadors were present. Politics were avoided, and, happily for the guests, only three speeches were given. In the evening the building was splendidly illuminated. The new hotel takes the place of that fired eleven years ago in the terrible days of the Commune.

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The Society of British Artists has received the following additions to its list of members, namely: Messrs. F. Barnard, Edward F. Brewtnall, J. Charlton, A. H. Marsh, John Scott, J. D. Watson, T. J. Watson, and R. C. Woodville. Mr. Carl Haag has been elected an honorary member.

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Mr. Ruskin is making arrangements with several gentlemen of Sheffield for the transfer of the Walkley Museum to more commodious premises, on a more accessible site, there being no space in the present building to exhibit the several art-treasures which he has in readiness to forward to Sheffield. He will also establish it on such a basis as will secure it freely and fully for the benefit of the people of that town for ever.

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The Lord Mayor being about to visit Welchpool on the 4th of August next, the members of the Welchpool Lodge, No. 998, have invited his Lordship as Grand Warden of England to a meeting of the lodge and banquet on that day. The Lord Mayor has accepted the invitation, and it is expected Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, the R.W., Prov. Grand Master, will be present.

Bro. A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., has joined the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment Company.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., presided on Saturday over a meeting held at Marlborough House, of the Royal Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, when there were present amongst others T.R.H. the Dukes of Edinburgh, Cambridge and Teck, Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon and Sir F. Leighton.

Bro. Lord Brabourne, deputy chairman of the South Eastern Railway Company, is the chairman of the Electric Sun Lamp and Power Company, now being floated with a capital of £200,000. Neither the arc nor the incandescent lamp will be used.

Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley has offered to take command of the land forces in Egypt in the event of our having to fight, and this at a moment's notice.

Bro. the Earl of Yarborough opened an exhibition on Monday in connection with the Alenford School of Art.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow received an address of congratulation on Wednesday from the Mayor and Corporation of Guildford, on the occasion of the opening of a new bridge across the Wey, and an improved access to the railway station. The town was "en fête." The works have been carried out at the expense of the Corporation and Bro. Lord Onslow, who is the principal landowner there.

Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres presided last week over the Fourth Annual Conference of the Authorities of Miners' Permanent Societies, at the Society of Arts. Bros. the Earl of Wharncliffe, Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., the Earl of Lathom, and George Elliott, Bart., M.P., are Vice-Presidents.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser's successor in the Court of Common Council is Mr. Woodbridge, a popular inhabitant of the Ward.

Bro. the Marquis of Bath and Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, eldest son of the M.W.G.M. of Ireland, and a lord of the bedchamber to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Bro. the Lord Mayor, and Bro. Captain Shaw were amongst the company on the occasion of the opening of the Police Orphanage wing at Twickenham.

Bro. Sir Edward Lechmere, Bart., has presented a petition to the House of Commons from Norton-Kempsey, for the total closing of public houses on Sunday.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., was counsel for the London and Brighton Railway Company, in an action brought against them at Lewes Assizes, when the plaintiff recovered £5000 damages.

H.M. the Queen gave a ball at Windsor Castle to the servants of the Royal Household last week, in honour of the marriage of the Duke of Albany. The Queen was present during part of the dancing. Supper was laid at three o'clock. This was the first ball given at Windsor since the marriage of the Princess Louise.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, Bro. the Deputy Grand Master, with their Countesses, were included in Her Majesty's dinner party, at Windsor Castle, on Thursday.

Bro. the King and the Queen of the Netherlands, who have been staying at Bad Wildungen, near Waldeck-Pyrmont, left there on Sunday for Frankfort-on-the-Main. On the 15th their Majesties will arrive at Saltzburg, and will probably meet the Emperor and Empress of Austria there or at Ischl.

Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.J.W., tried a case at the Durham Assizes when damages to the extent of £10,000 were laid against the North Eastern Railway for a false and malicious prosecution.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, we regret to state, owing to medical orders, was unable to receive the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Princess of Wales, at Twickenham, on the occasion of their opening a bazaar in aid of the Arthusa and Chichester training ships.

Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, and Bro. Viscount Powerscourt were amongst the members present at the last meeting of the Fox Club.

Bro. Viscount Ebrington and the Earl of Onslow attended the reception given by the Countess of Breadalbane at Harcourt House, Cavendish-square, the residence of the late Duke of Portland.

Bro. Baron de Worms asked a question, at the Saturday sitting of the House of Commons, of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, relative to a statement in a Berlin paper which Sir Charles Dilke had made. Sir Charles replied he had no reason to modify what he had said.

Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts has telegraphed from India offering his services in the event of an expedition being sent to Egypt.

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Bro. Lord Brabourne's son, the Hon. W. C. Knatchbull Hugessen, was one of the eleven of the Eton team in the Eton and Harrow cricket match last week, played as usual at Lords, when owing to the weather the result was a drawn match.

Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P., attended in his capacity as chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and presented medals to those firemen who have distinguished themselves in saving lives at fires during the year.

Bro. the Right Reverend Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, P.G. Chap. Ireland, spoke last week at one of the religious meetings at Exeter Hall.

Bros. the Duke of Athole and the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, dined on Monday evening with the Austrian Ambassador, at the Embassy, Belgrave-square, and met the Prince and Princess Christian.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, as Secretary of State for India, introduced to Her Majesty, at Windsor Castle, the Siamese Minister, on Friday, who presented his credentials.

During the Easter Review at Portsmouth, Bro. Rake, architect, met with a serious accident whilst superintending the decorations, but we are pleased to say that he has now recovered. As he is highly esteemed in that town, a subscription list was started for the purpose of presenting him with a testimonial. A handsome sum was subscribed, and Bro. Rake will shortly be the recipient of a very large clock, a locket, some shares, and an illuminated address.

At an emergency meeting of the United Brothers Lodge, No. 1069, at Southsea, last week, it was resolved "That after October next the brethren should meet at the Royal Southsea Beach Mansion, instead of the Castle Hotel."

The crew of the Royal yacht Osborne, lately commanded by Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, sent a congratulatory telegram to Bro. Lord Charles, now commanding the Condor, at Alexandria, on his success in attaining his achievements during the bombardment.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson has been commissioned by the Corporation of Brighton to inquire into the sanitary arrangements of the town, and into the educational establishments, both public and private. So much damage has been done to the inhabitants by the recent statement in the *Lancet* of its bad drainage, that the Corporation have decided to bring an action for libel against the paper. The borough member, Bro. W. T. Marriott, M.P., has subscribed £100 to the defence fund.

The "Masonic Monthly," a Magazine for Gentlemen in Town and Country. (London: George Kenning.) This is an old friend with a new face, the "Masonic Magazine." It has been made more convenient as regard size, the type is better, and so is the paper, while as regards the contents it may be said that not alone Masons, but others who are quite outside the Craft, may read the papers with both pleasure and profit.—*Broad Arrow*.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, on Monday entertained Bro. Viscount Hinchingbrook, M.P.; Scots Guards, and Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Riding, at dinner at Hamilton-place.

Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., the Very Rev. the Dean of Lichfield, the Venerable Archdeacon Emery, Bro. Henry Wright, Sir John Kennaway, Bart., M.P., the Dean of Chester, the Archdeacons of Westmorland, Nottingham, Chichester, and Oakham, Mr. J. Cropper, M.P., Mr. Stanley Leighton, M.P., the Right Hon. J. B. Beresford-Hope, M.P., the Venerable Dr. Hessey, Canon Temple. Mr. J. Theodore Dodd, the Deans of Ely and Bangor, and the Rev. Dr. A. T. Lee dined with the Right Hon. Cecil Raikes, M.P., last week. Most of the above gentlemen attended Mrs. Cecil Raikes's reception at a later hour. Mr. Raikes, Mr. Beresford-Hope, Sir John Kennaway, Bro. Wright, and the Archdeacon of Ely afterwards went to the House of Commons.

Bro. the Duke of Albany, K.G., honoured the Italian Opera on Friday, with his presence.

Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, in the House of Lords, moved that the Lords do insist upon their amendments, to which the Commons had disagreed on the London Riverside Market Bill. Bro. the Duke of Leinster thought the new clauses would injure the bill very much. Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury earnestly hoped the House would not insist upon their amendments, after which Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie withdrew his motion. The Bill will now become law, and sanctions the erection of a fish market at Shadwell,

We do not usually refer to matters of religion in our columns, but we think our readers will not deem it out of place if we for once break that rule in order to justify a public man. Such a wide circulation has been given in the daily and weekly papers, by copies of the letter and leading articles written thereon, of a letter purporting to be written by the Bishop of Lincoln to the Mayor of Grimsby, in which his lordship is made to say: "The temperance pledge is not scriptural. It undermines the Godhead of Christ, and he who takes the pledge and breaks it weakens the bonds of society. Tender consciences fear to break it, thus often sacrificing their health, and entailing a burden upon others. The pledge is both heretical and unscriptural, and it is a deadly sin to sign it." On the face of it, the letter seemed to us to be a fraud, and yet many of our contemporaries—we do not care to mention names—have ridiculed the Bishop. His lordship has had his attention called to it, and denies having ever written such a letter, or any letter, to the Mayor of Grimsby; and to make it more forcible, winds up his denial by appealing for funds for the Church of England Temperance Society in his diocese. As Masons, we would see no man wronged or maligned; and as only one of our contemporaries, as far as we know, has published his letter, we call the attention of our readers to the denial, in case they may have read the fraudulent letter and not the Bishop's disavowal of the authorship.

**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.]

The University Chapter, No. 1118, have given a donation of ten guineas to the Irish Ladies in Distress Fund, of which the Lord Mayor is the treasurer ex-officio.

Bro. the Earl of Longford, Bro. Edwin Freshfield, Bro. J. P. Knight, General Manager L.B. and S.C. Railway, and Bro. W. Macartney, M.P., took part in the proceeding of cutting the first sod of the new docks at Tilbury. The cutting was performed by Mr. Dobree, chairman of the East and West India Dock Company. The docks higher up the river are now too full and too small for large vessels coming into the port of London.

Bros. the Duke of Leinster, P.G.M. Ireland, the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Wharncliffe, the Lord Mayor, and Lord Londesborough's ladies were the patronesses of a ball given last night, at the Royal Horticultural Gardens, in aid of the distressed Irish ladies.

Bro. the Earl of March's horse Platina ran for the Princess of Wales' Cup at the July meeting at Newmarket.

Bro. Viscount Sherbrooke has become Chairman of the Mortgage Company of England.

Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, Master of the Buckhounds in the last Administration, and Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane, Treasurer of the Household in the present Government, were amongst the guests invited to meet the Duke and Duchess of Teck at dinner at Dover House by Viscountess Clifden.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury is the President of the Syrian Colonisation Fund, and is making an urgent appeal for money to help Jews in Russia to emigrate to Syria, where they will be free to enjoy civil religious liberty.

Bro. the Crown Prince and Princess of Prussia have left Berlin for a lengthy tour in the Tyrol and Switzerland.

Bro. Sir Wm. Charley, Common Sergeant and Deputy Recorder of the City of London, Bros. Alderman Staples, 1; the Earl of Fife, K.T.; Sir Francis Truscott, 1; J. Derby Allcroft, Treas. Aldersgate Lodge; and Sir Charles Mills, M.P., are on the executive committee of the fund for the defence of Property in Ireland. Bro. the Lord Mayor is the Treasurer, and Messrs. W. J. Soulsby and Henry Wright, Hon. Secretaries.

Bro. Lord Claud John Hamilton, M.P., has been put on the London Committee of the Midland Railway of Canada.

Bro. Lord Carrington's brother, the Hon. Wm. Carrington, has been succeeded by Admiral Lord Frederick Kerr as Groom-in-Waiting on Her Majesty.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, we are glad to say, is much better, and has gone to his charming country residence. The Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons have elected Mr. Spencer Wells to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, whose term of office has expired.

Bro. John Roseborough, Treasurer of the Phoenix Lodge, Sunderland, was on the 12th inst. presented with a testimonial by the brethren, consisting of a handsome time piece and gold spectacles, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and in recognition of his eighteen years service as Treasurer of the lodge.

Bro. General Gore Boland Mumbee, R.E., expired at his residence, Weston-super-Mare, on Wednesday last. The deceased saw considerable service in India twenty years since. He was a justice of the peace for Somerset, and a distinguished Freemason. The deceased had been ailing for some time.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, bought at the sale of the late Earl of Wilton's breeding stud, the well-known sires See Saw and Wenlock for 2500 and 2800 guineas respectively.

Bro. the Deputy Grand Master was present at the annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society. At the Society's show, held at Reading this year, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as usual, attended, and was received by Bro. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., and Bro. Col. Kingscote, M.P., as well as the Mayor and Corporation.

Mr. Hodgson Pratt, Secretary of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union, Mr. Alsager Hill, Bro. Henry Wright, the Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth, the Rev. R. H. Hadden, Mr. J. W. Riddell, Bro. W. Panckridge, and Mr. Hamilton Hoare have formed themselves into a Committee, with the object of opening the Alexandra Palace on Sunday afternoons for a short religious service, to be followed by an organ recital and quiet recreation for the masses in and about London, who neither enter a place of worship, nor have the opportunity of improving their minds or moral condition. Last year the movement met with great success. A difficulty presents itself just now against gaining the requisite permission.

We regret to learn that William Conisbee, whose name is a household word in the machine-room of printing offices throughout the world, is at the present moment in indigent circumstances, and a committee has been formed, of which Mr. John Esson is the chairman, to collect subscriptions on his behalf. The committee will meet at Anderton's Hotel every Monday evening at seven o'clock.

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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, July 29, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 22.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.  
 " 1541, Alexander Palace, Alexander Pal., Muswell-hill.  
 " 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
 " 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
 " 1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.

## 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., 8.  
 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 24.

Final Meeting Board of Stewards Boys' School.

## 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 S.  
 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 S.  
 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 25.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 788, Crescent, Island Hot., Twickenham.  
 " 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.

## 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.  
 Varborough, 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.  
 Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddleton, 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., Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26.

Lodge 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.  
 " 773, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.  
 " 878, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

## 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 27.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
 Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

## 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., Mason's Avenue, 6.30.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-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.  
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.  
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Vic-  
 toria-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 28.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
 " 1602, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.  
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 K.T. Precept. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

## 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.  
 Unite Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-  
 house, at 7.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 St. Luke's White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 Chigwell Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.  
 William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke 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 29.

(No Meetings.)

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, July 29, 1882.

MONDAY, JULY 24.

Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.  
 " 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.  
 " 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.  
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.

Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 25.

Lodge 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.  
 " 986, Hesketh, Crapes Inn, Croston.  
 " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.  
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.  
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
 " 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.  
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.  
 " 1750, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.  
 Alpass Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-  
 Woods.  
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1556, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market, Hot., Lytham.

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