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At the General Committee Meeting of the Girls' School, held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, as will be seen by our report, the usual normal business was transacted. The opinion of the GRAND REGISTRAR was read as to the eligibility of a candidate by purchase with a sister already in the School by election, and which opinion being decidedly in favour of such a course, an applicant's request for purchase, based on the GRAND REGISTRAR'S opinion, but subject, of course, to the House Committee, was carried by a majority.

We are rejoiced to see that our Bro. Grimaux in the *Monde Maconnique* takes our view of the absurdity, the "hocus pocus" work, attendant on the alleged creation of a territorial exceptional, and Specific Grand Lodge of Morocco, or a Grand Orient of Morocco and its Dependencies, equally sensible and correct, call it what you like. We are a little amused to note the entire silence of our good brethren in America thereon. Curiously enough, there is not a single point of American Masonic law, as regards Grand Lodge customs, which the ingenious author of this little "embroglio" has not contrived to overlook, overrule, and set at naught. There never was such an illustration of the old adage, "sic volo, sic jubeo."

The position of affairs as regards the union of the Rites in France, has slightly altered since last we wrote. The official Bulletin of the Grand Orient announces that the report of the Union Committee is sent to the lodges, though the Ancient and Accepted Rite and the Rite of Mizraim have long since withdrawn from the negotiations. How any members of the Grand Orient of France could have acquiesced in the propositions of the commission of the so-called Grand Loge Symbolique is beyond our powers to understand. We are told that this extraordinary submission to unheard of propositions had originated in the sympathy existing between the "movement party" in the Grand Orient and that "movement party" which sought on the same unhallowed lines to break up the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France. It will be, indeed, the mountain and the mouse again if it should all end in the mere absorption of the twenty lodges of the so-called Grand Loge Symbolique, or the Grand Orient, and thus the legalization of their Masonic existence. No good will come out of evil. But it is altogether a very sorry state of affairs. Bros. ST. JEAN and WYROBOURF seem to be the only two brethren on the Council of the Grand Orient who realize either the true meaning of such proposals or the exact situation of affairs.

What a curious page in the contemporary history of our Masonic life and work does the monthly Lodge of Benevolence disclose. What an amount of accumulated poverty and wretchedness have we, who distribute so carefully and so liberally the charity of our great Order, often to contemplate and to deal with. Some of the cases are most pitiable; some, so to say, are almost irretrievable. Everyone who now attends the Lodge of Benevolence must be struck with the great, the minute attention paid to every case. In the growth of Freemasonry, in the accretion of so many new lodges year by year, it is unavoidable but that more claims crop up than was formerly the wont, and that we have to deal with a larger area of suffering, and with petitions which touch us all deeply as men and as Freemasons. But certain remarks seem to flow from the constant consideration of such cases. One is the very low status, socially, often of those initiated into Freemasonry, in past years,—those who were, humanly speaking, inevitably almost claimants for eventual help; thus constituting Freemasonry a benefit, or sick or insurance society. And are we quite sure that we have improved materially in this respect? In some parts, and in some lodges, we fear that many are initiated, year by year, who ought to belong rather to a pure benefit order, and not to Freemasonry at all. Again, what a curious thing

it is, how people discover the financial merits of our order. After an absence from Freemasonry for forty, thirty, twenty, or ten years, on an almost bare qualification of a two years' subscription, we find and deal with constant appeals for help and assistance, all apparently in the firm belief that they positively have a "lien" still on that Craft, which the brethren from whom they derive their claim left, necessarily or unnecessarily, over a quarter of a century ago. And then, again, what thoughtlessness as regards the future, what indifference to the welfare and comfort of a wife and children, do such cases frequently display. When the sun was shining such persons made no provision for a rainy day; when they were in receipt of large incomes they never seem to have thought of insuring their lives; and now, with the comparatively small aid Freemasonry can afford even at the best and most, we have to wade through a saddening recital of penury often, and desertion and distress, which the little friendly offering we are enabled to give is useless and impotent to remove or to relieve. No more painful experiences of the reality of poverty and personal distress are to be met with than those which constitute the staple of the monthly claims on the Lodge of Benevolence.

ALL EGYPTOLOGISTS and Masonic students will be equally anxious about the fate of the great museum of BOULAC. It is said that the murderer of Christians and Jews, ARABI PASHA, in order to swell his private coffers, is trying to sell this unrivalled and priceless collection. We hope, however, that before very long the author and perpetrator of those horrid outrages which have agitated and distressed Europe will have realized fully what it is to outrage humanity, and defy the great, the avenging, the beneficent authority of Great Britain. We can safely leave ARABI PASHA and his myrmidons to Sir BEAUCHAMP SEYMOUR and his Blue Jackets, and the triumphant columns of our English soldiers.

THE relief of the poor fugitives from Egypt seems to constitute an urgent call upon us all to aid; and in the face of half-a-million expended recently in bric-a-brac, cabinet work, books and pictures at the Hamilton sale is in itself a "first charge" surely on our sympathies and our pockets. It is not right that our distinguished Bro. the LORD MAYOR should have to make these reiterated appeals. We are a little afraid that aestheticism is making us somewhat callous and calculating in respect of charitable duties, and oblivious often of what does not entirely accord with our personal inclinations or our subjective tastes. Since we wrote the above, public liberality seems to be moved.

WHAT horrible news from Ireland! The perpetrators of those fearful crimes against humanity seem to be relapsing into absolute barbarism. Let us try to realize the iniquity of the crime as against humanity, which results in breaking the legs and cutting off the tails of poor, unoffending, helpless animals, and, like as on Mr. STEWART'S property the other day, cuts out the tongue and breaks the legs of a poor cow. And in the insane and criminal movement which has led to these awful results, marked as it is by a terrible hypocrisy and deliberate outrage from the first, a defiance of law and order, an insult to loyalty and constitutional government, despite the great attractions of personal gain and the announcement of prosperous finances, not one word of protest has ever been morally or truly raised by its leaders and author against barbarities and brutalities which sicken the mind and appeal the feelings of every thinking person. Surely our good brethren in Ireland can openly protest against such outrages against our common humanity.

We have been greatly struck with a leader in our able and excellent contemporary, *Knowledge*, on "Cricket," for, despite its obvious brilliancy and "vis," it appears to us to propound some of the most hopeless fallacies and paradoxes we have ever stumbled upon in the multifarious reading and incoherent assertions of a somewhat unthinking epoch. "A priori," the position of *Knowledge* is surely, on scientific grounds, the perfection of all studies, and the complete development of all rational amusement, as far as human skill will allow or human powers permit. There is no limit to what should be attainable, except of course what is attainable. In astronomy, in geology, in surgery, in calculation, in chess, in whist, &c., we are to seek for what is skilled in place of what is unskilled, what is scientific, in place of what is sciolistic, what is complete, thorough, and perfect, (as far as we can predicate that humanly speaking of anything here), in place of what is incomplete, unrealistic, and altogether imperfect in idea as in execution. But if the writer's ingenious fallacies and paradoxes, (for they are ingenious), are permissible or acceptable, it is a great mistake to expect or attain perfection in cricket; it is hopeless to endeavour to compass to the mastery of a STUDD or a STEEL, and it is preferable on every ground, abstract and

concrete, to see an inferior game of cricket carried on by second-rate performers rather than to watch those famous athletes, who, in their almost inimitable excellency, have lent such prestige to our good, old national game. On sentimental grounds a good deal may be said in favour of the impromptu school and village match, with its failures and success, its good luck and its ill-fortune, its correct and its bad play. Some of us may recall Miss MITFORD's account of a cricket match in the charming pages of "Our Village," and all the glories and disgraces of that great encounter, or the facetious deliverances of a Wykehamist, anent public school matches at Lords. But that those who like cricket or understand cricket should be compelled to see or prefer bad cricket to good, second-hand to first-rate cricket, under any conceivable circumstances or on any conceivable grounds, is what "a fellah can't understand." And then, by a confusion of ideas and arguments, which we confess we should not have expected to find in *Knowledge*, moral arguments are pressed in to strengthen the "argumentum ad homines." This is a proceeding, surely, often wittily condemned by *Knowledge* itself, and inadmissible in pure scientific reasoning. That Messrs. STUDD, STEELE, HORNBY, "cum multis aliis," have, in order to attain their excellency in cricket, given up time and thought which might have been offered to higher ends is in itself a "petitio principii," and is utterly beside the question. The writer of the article can neither fairly guage or fitly decide such a question. If cricket is to be played at all, the more scientifically it is played the better for cricketers themselves and for the progress of the "noble art;" but to take the high moral line on such a question is not only, as we said just now, a mere begging of the question, but a confession of the extremest weakness. Indeed, if the argument of the writer is good for anything, it must tend against the doing well of any amusement qua an amusement; whereas, we have been led to believe that all such views of human life and action were based on an absurd and, let us trust, expiring fanaticism, and of the least likely places to see them reproduced, we should have, offhand, declared *Knowledge* to be that "locale." There are, we all admit, "amusements and amusements," but there is abstractedly no more difference between the scientific developement of a chess problem, a game of whist, a mathematical puzzle, or an astronomical or archaeological "crux," (as a mental discipline or effort), than there is in a scientifically played game of cricket, alike the outcome of scientific developement and corporeal energy.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this province was held at Hertford on Wednesday last, and was very numerously attended. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., presided; and the following officers were appointed:

Bro. F. H. Wilson, 404	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" J. E. Cussans, 403	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. H. Hobson, 504	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Lewis Deedes, 403	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. C. C. Ewbank, 449	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. Sumner Knyvett, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. B. Croft, 403	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John E. Dawson, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Frederick Levick, 404	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. E. Gompertz, jun., 869	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. S. Taylor, 409	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" James Terry, 1327	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" George F. Cook, 1508	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" John Fisher, 1327	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" E. R. P. Francis, 403	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thomas Woodman, 1757	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Frank Hall, 403	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" Samuel Neale, 403	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Frederick Taylor, 403	...	...
" Alex. J. Small, 403	...	...
" Joseph Hunt, 403	...	...
" W. J. Morris	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. D. Medcalf	...	...
" Thomas Wright, 503	...	...
" Charles Thomas, 1580	...	...

A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

PROVINCE OF WILTSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT DEVIZES.

The Devizes brethren have long felt the want of a home of their own, and at last an opportunity offering of purchasing the building in Morris's-lane, formerly occupied as a girl's school, the Devizes Lodge became the purchasers, and the building, under the direction of, and after plans prepared by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. A. Randell, has been transformed into a most complete and elegant lodge-room. The walls have been allowed to remain intact, each end wall being raised, so as to allow of the substitution of a much higher pitched roof than the former one. The roof-timbers spring from solid foundations on the ground, thus bearing the greater part of the weight of the roof, and rendering the old walls adequate for their purpose. The lodge is approached through an entrance lobby, inside which is the Tyler's room, there being doors from the latter into the lodge-room itself, and also into a good-sized room which will serve as a committee-room, preparation-room, &c. The walls of the lodge-room are painted in two colours, the wood work of the open roof being varnished. There is a pointed geometrical window in each end wall, filled in with some opaque and tinted glass. The floor has a slightly raised dais on either side, with a still higher elevation at the east end, the sunk central position of the floor being tessellated in black and white.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency was held at Devizes on Wednesday the 19th inst. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Methuen, was in the chair, and was supported by the following brethren:

Bros. F. H. Goldney, P.G.St., P.G. Treas., as D.P.G.M.; R. Stokes, P.P.S. G.W., as P.S.G.W.; T. Graham, P.P.J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap.; F. Ponting, P.G. Reg.; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D., P.G. Sec.; Col. Magrath, P.J. G.D.; John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; Dr. W. D. Lovell, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Simpson, P.G.S.B.; James Sparks, P.G.O.; A. J. Beaven, P.G.P.; and G. W. Collen, P.G.A.P. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Sir F. Burdett, P.G.W., R.W.P.G.M. Middx.; Robt. Bradley, P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks; G. F. Tuckey, P.P.S.G.D. Bristol; W. H. Dill, P.P.G.P. Somerset, and others. There were also present a large number of Past Grand Officers of the province, including Bros. T. H. Chandler, P.P. S.G.W.; W. Nott, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. G. E. Gardiner, P.P.G. Chap.; J. L. Whatley, P.P.S.G.D.; S. Gauntlett, P.P.J.G.D.; E. B. Merriman, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Browne, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Carter, P.P.G.S.B.; W. S. Bambridge, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Brinkworth, P.P.G.O.; S. M. Badham, P.P.G.O.; Edwin Eyres, P.P.G.P.; and W.M.'s and P.M.'s and brethren of the various lodges in the province.

The local lodge (the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663) having been opened in the Three Degrees, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge were received with the customary honours. Lord Methuen, having assumed the chair, at once opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, the first business according to the summons being the consecration and dedication of the new Masonic Hall for the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes. Before proceeding with the ceremony, his Lordship remarked that it gave him great pleasure to be present on such an occasion, and to recognise the liberality and zeal on the part of the Devizes brethren, without which the beautiful hall in which they then were could not have been provided, and it showed how much the true Masonic feeling was extending in Wiltshire. The Devizes district was always amongst the foremost in that Masonic feeling, and he congratulated the province on the fact that so many of the lodges had already provided themselves with homes of their own; and he trusted that the distinguished example this day set would not be lost on the other lodges who had as yet not been able to provide buildings of their own. His lordship thanked the brethren for asking him to consecrate this new building, but wished to apologise to them for leaving early, as he would be obliged to do, in consequence of being called to London on matters connected with his military duties. His lordship then called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to deliver an oration, as was usual on such occasions.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, in response, commenced by congratulating the energetic brethren of Devizes on having brought to so satisfactory a termination their endeavour to secure a building in Devizes which should be devoted solely to Masonic purposes, and hoped that hall would long continue the home and centre of true Masonic principles. Masonry, he said, was confessedly a universal system, teaching the relative and social duties of man upon the broad basis of general philanthropy, nor might it be concluded that Masonry contained no religion. It assumed, as a foundation, a belief in the existence of God, and in a future state of reward and punishment, and the necessity of moral purity as a qualification for future happiness. There were many popular errors about Freemasonry; but Freemasons ever indignantly repudiated the reproach that because they are a secret society their existence was inimical to good government. In the last century, when an outburst of sentiment forbade the existence of any secret society, Freemasonry was especially exempted; and in these days much less could any imputation be cast when we have two Royal Dukes holding high office in the Craft, and the future heir to the throne as our Worshipful Grand Master, and when Her Most Gracious Majesty herself has become a patron of one of the Benevolent Institutions of the Order. The fact was that Masonry left us almost on the threshold of religion. No man could be a true Mason who was not earnestly seeking after truth, and who did not believe in the existence of a God. Masonic symbolism led us from the contemplation of His glorious works to adore the Great Architect himself. The reverend brother then drew attention to the special moral and religious teachings of the several degrees in Freemasonry, deducing therefrom the conclusion that Masonry, which has virtue as its aim, and the glory of God for its object, is the handmaid of religion, and, if practised with this fundamental principle in view, may assist us in profitably running the race which is set before us on this earth. Before concluding, he ventured to impress upon the brethren the great caution which ought continually to be shown in the selection of new members of the order; for at the present time, as Freemasonry is able to offer great material advantages, many seek to become Freemasons very much with a view to what they can get out of it. It therefore behoved us all, as Masons, to watch carefully that none should be accepted for initiation except such as seemed likely to reflect credit and lustre on the craft. The responsibilities of a conscientious Mason were not light; but he was convinced that the older we grew the more we should find that Freemasonry had a meaning and importance to us all alike, that it increased kindly sympathy, that it gave us many an hour of profitable pursuit with happy and innocent companionship, and that it gave us hope and cheered us in time of sorrow. And if we must look back (as we must sometimes do) regretfully, on vacant places and vanished forms—if we recalled, with a sigh, some who had often been at our side in lodge and cheered us with a genuine and unfailing welcome, but who had then passed away from our sight—amongst others, the recollection of one whose memory was thus bright and happy must rise before them that day, their recently deceased brother John Toomer, a P.S.G.W. of the province, whom they had all thought and hoped to have seen among them at that interesting ceremony. If, he said, regretful memories would come, such we knew were ever the accompaniment of mortal life and mortal strivings; and we, who had learnt wisdom from our Masonic lore, would ever remember that though in the good Providence of the G.A.O.T.U. such things were, they but added to—their seemed only to increase the individual sense of our own present privileges—the value and lasting character of Masonic association and the kindness and genuineness of true Masonic friendship.

An anthem having been sung, it was followed by the consecration prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, who afterwards carried the censer thrice round the hall.

The elements of consecration were then borne round by three P.M.'s, the corn being carried by Bro. Robert Stokes, P.P.S.G.W.; the wine by Bro. Thomas Graham, P.P.J.G.W.; and the oil by Bro. William Nott, P.P.J.G.W.

After the first round the Provincial Grand Master, sprinkling the hall with corn, dedicated it to Masonry; after the second round, sprinkling it with wine, he dedicated it to virtue; and after the third time, receiving the ewer of oil and anointing the hall therefrom, he dedicated it to universal benevolence.

The usual collection of alms took place, followed by the P.G.M. scattering salt, as an emblem of hospitality and friendship.

After the dedication prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master declared the hall consecrated and dedicated to Masonry according to ancient form. An anthem was then

sung, and this, followed by the Benediction from the Provincial Grand Chaplain, closed the proceedings so far as the consecration of the hall was concerned.

It was resolved that the alms (which amounted to £5 5s.) be given to the Devizes Cottage Hospital.

The Provincial Grand Master then rose and stated that the time had come for him to leave, but before doing so he would congratulate the province on their being honoured by the presence of such a distinguished Mason as Sir Francis Burdett, the P.G.M. of Middlesex. Referring to the duty he (Lord Methuen) had just performed, he trusted the lodge would forgive any want of knowledge which he might have displayed, but again assured them of the great pleasure it had given him to come there. He hoped the Devizes Lodge would long continue in its present state, and that he should have the pleasure of frequently meeting them again in that hall. He then requested the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. Goldney, to take his place and retired.

BRO. GOLDNEY, on assuming the chair, expressed his regret that Lord Methuen had been bound to leave them, and called attention to the next business on the agenda paper, which was the consideration of the circular from the Grand Secretary, requesting to have notified to him the views of the Provincial Grand Lodge with reference to Bro. J. M. Clabon's proposition that all members of lodges not within the London district should pay quarterly ninepence each to the fund of Benevolence instead of sixpence as at present.

BRO. HENRY C. TOMBS, P.G.D., P.G. Sec. Wilts, introduced the subject, and reported the action he had taken in Grand Lodge upon the proposition of Bro. Clabon being made. He had opposed it; first, because such an increased tax upon the brethren seemed unnecessary; secondly, it would seriously interfere with the financial arrangements of every lodge in Wiltshire; and, thirdly, that the large grants made by the Board of Benevolence were undesirable, as tending to induce many Masons to consider the Fund of Benevolence as a kind of insurance; and he instanced a case which had come to his knowledge where a Mason had made no provision for his widow stating that Masons would do that. He commented also upon the inexpedience of the Board of Benevolence spending any part of its capital, and urged that the income should be alone applicable for grants. He referred to the action of the Board in pressing on Grand Lodge last December a vote when it was objected to by a brother who stated he was a member of the lodge of which the brother in whose favour the grant was made belonged. Notwithstanding the brother objecting made the most serious charges as to the integrity of the brother proposed to be assisted, yet the Board pressed the vote on Grand Lodge, instead of at once withdrawing it for further enquiry, and for half an hour Grand Lodge was in a state of unpleasant confusion. Such conduct was most unwise; for the Board should be looked at as "trustees," whose duty it was to guard with a jealous eye the funds under their control, instead of endeavouring to force on Grand Lodge a grant about which it was quite clear further enquiry as to the applicant was needed. It seemed to him, as a man of business, that if votes were to be recommended and pressed in that way, it was hardly desirable to put greater funds under the power of such trustees. With regard to the hardship on the lodges in this province, it appeared to him that Bro. Clabon was unaware of, or had overlooked, the fact, that, in addition to the fees paid by the Wiltshire lodges to the Fund of Benevolence, they paid to their Provincial Grand Lodge 3s. per member. And nearly every lodge now contributed some 4s. or 5s. per member to their own special Charity Fund, besides supporting the newly-established Provincial Fund of Benevolence, so that really the contributions to Charity in Wiltshire amounted to some 9s. or 10s. per member, as against the four shillings per annum paid by the London brethren; and, therefore, the country lodges were doing vastly more than the metropolitan lodges, or than Grand Lodge gave them credit for, or perhaps knew of. He could not help thinking, knowing how experienced Bro. Clabon was, not only as a gentleman of great business acquirements, but also as the late President of the Board of Benevolence, that his object in making this proposition was not so much with the hope of carrying it as to raise a discussion on the subject of the recommendations of the Board of Benevolence, and to check, if possible, the system of making such enormous grants as had recently been made. He, therefore, proposed the following resolution, and, in doing so, said he had no intention of interfering with the proposition as affecting the metropolitan lodges, but only the lodges of Wiltshire, and, incidentally, other provinces: "This Provincial Grand Lodge having considered the circular of the Grand Secretary relative to Bro. Clabon's proposition to increase the contributions of the lodges in this province to the Fund of Benevolence, is of opinion that such increase is very undesirable, as it would occasion great financial inconvenience to such lodges; and that measures be taken to oppose such proposition on its being brought forward in Grand Lodge."

BRO. STOKES, the acting P.S.G.W., seconded the motion, which was briefly supported by Bros. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd; Chandler, Treasurer 355; Powell, W.M. 1295; Hannan, W.M. 586; Nott, Provincial Charity Secretary, and Sec. 663; and also by Sir Francis Burdett, who entirely agreed with the opinions that had already been expressed. He thought if we wanted to increase our charitable contributions let us do it amongst ourselves, and let us have the money to spend. He thought a great mistake had been made in calling for this increase, and believed that it would be opposed by his own province.

The resolution on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The P.G. Registrar, Bro. PONTING, drew attention to the next business on the agenda paper, namely, the consideration of the Draft New Book of Constitutions which had been issued by Grand Lodge for the consideration of the provinces. He had been through such draft and had made certain notes thereon. These notes he had embodied in a short report he then read to the meeting, but suggested that the better plan would be that a small Committee should be appointed to go more thoroughly into the matter, and report thereon to the next meeting of that Provincial Grand Lodge. This suggestion was adopted by the meeting, and a Committee appointed accordingly, consisting of Bros. F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treasurer; Ponting, P.G. Registrar; Henry C. Tombs, P.G. Secretary; and Wm. Nott, Prov. Charity Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the acting P.G.M. and other members thereof retired, followed by the closing of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity by Bro. J. A. Randell, W.M.

After the proceedings at the hall had terminated the brethren sat down to a cold collation at the Bear Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. F. H. Goldney, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to.

CONSECRATION OF THE SAYE AND SELE LODGE, No. 1973.

The ceremony of consecrating the Saye and Sele Lodge was performed on Wednesday, the 26th inst., by the Rt. Hon. Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Master for Kent, at Essenden House, Belvedere, the private residence of Dr. Spurrell, who is well known in and beyond the province as a most enthusiastic Mason. The brethren met at half-past one at Essenden House, in the dining-room, a handsome and spacious apartment, duly fitted up as a lodge-room. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master was supported on his right by the V.W. Bro. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and appointed W. Bro. Coupland, P.P.G.W. Kent, to act as S.W.; W. Bro. B. K. Thorpe, Prov. G. Treas. Kent, as J. W.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. Robt. Jamblin, Prov. G.C., as Chaplain; and Bro. T. W. Knight, P.D.C., as Director of Ceremonies.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, and then addressed the brethren. He said that they had met for the well-known purpose of adding another lodge to the long roll of lodges that already owed allegiance to the province of Kent, and he was sure that there was no brother present who did not recognise the importance of making worthy additions to that roll. Knowing how numerous the petition for the Saye and Sele Lodge had been signed, and knowing the standing of the brethren who had signed it, they might feel assured that everything in connection with the lodge would be carried on with the order and decorum contemplated in the formation of new lodges; and he should, therefore, at once proceed to dedicate and consecrate it according to ancient custom.

The brethren of the new lodge were then ranged in order before the presiding officer, and the acting Secretary proceeded to read the petition and warrant. When this had been done, the presiding officer inquired whether the brethren of the new lodge approved of the officers who were named in the warrant, and receiving an answer in the affirmative, he proceeded to constitute the lodge, and the Grand Chaplain, by command of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, delivered the invocation.

As the Prov. Grand Chaplain (Bro. Jamblin) was very unwell, Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, Prov. Grand Chaplain Cornwall, delivered an oration. He said, I esteem it a very great honour that I have been asked to address the brethren assembled to-day to consecrate this lodge, and I place some restraint upon myself because my aim is not to make a brilliant oration on Speculative Masonry, but in simple and forcible language to put forward some plain, practical truths of Masonic teaching which may be of use to us all in our threefold character, as units of our universal brotherhood, as members of a lodge local, limited yet perfect, and as individual Masons. Masonry is a progressive science in which we trace a regular gradation, step by step, from the uninstructed entered apprentice to the installed W.M. charged with the employment and instruction of his lodge. Proceeding onwards we have that assembly of local lodges in congress, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, known as Provincial Grand Lodge, until finally we arrive at the highest constituted authority among Masons, Grand Lodge itself. The greater efficiency displayed by each, the greater the advantage accruing to the Craft, the more will the brethren be bound to bear the title of "Worthy." It will be at once conceded, I think, that Grand Lodge does fulfil the work of a great deliberative and administrative assembly of Freemasons. The same practical usefulness, but in a narrower circle, is found in Prov. Grand Lodge; but there the Chaplain is permitted a wider range and may deal with the pure principles of Masonry. And the same spirit of efficiency should pervade every Craft lodge in every province, so that each in its own sphere may diffuse efficiency and instruction as from a centre. And it is to be remembered that there is a greater need of this since it is in the lodge that individual Masonry is learned; that is its own proper field for development; there the individual Mason gains instruction in the tenets of his Craft. The question suggests itself: Do lodges come up to this high standard? Brethren, the tree is known by its fruits, and this much we may say, wherever apathy is indicated by irregular or spasmodic attendance, wherever entrance to the lodge is sought from unworthy, selfish motives, from a view to some gain outside the lodge, wherever the genial, social element is preponderant because the brethren are impatient to go from labour to refreshment, we feel no surprise at finding a decaying lodge, and the brethren strangers to Masonic principles. And where is the antidote for this? Let me briefly try to indicate it. Every member of every lodge should be an ornament to Masonry. There are vast stores of Masonic lore not touched or scarcely touched in our ceremonies. There is an endless variety of instruction lying within the compass of every brother to attain to, which is not to be learned from the Masonic ritual, nor even from the lectures on the tracing board; and there are few lodges which do not contain some members of high mental attainments to search for the instruction, and with a little leisure to promote its development, whose efforts are a great power for good amongst mankind. Work of the kind I speak of may be undertaken when the ordinary business of the lodge is slack; and once the spirit of inquiry were raised, the brethren would study for themselves; and brethren would search after truth and carry it to its legitimate uses. Freemasonry itself is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols; the penalties of the obligations, for very wise reasons retained, which we all feel need comment; and especially the legend of the Third Degree requiring to be placed in its true light and position as a historic fact. These are a few points which are scarcely mentioned in the ritual, and seldom, if ever, alluded to in the lodge. These are a few matters connected with the speculative view of symbolic Masonry. And then, again, the history of our Order furnishes a subject worthy of the Masonic student. And, subordinate to these, there is the true relations between Operative and Speculative Masonry—the nature, privileges, and work of the primitive degree, the working and positive growth of the kindred institutions, the number of degrees in ancient times, in Egypt, Greece, and Rome, its chronological position. To a large number of brethren these things are wholly unknown, and it would surprise them to learn, besides the ceremonies of initiation, passing, raising, and exalting, which are the four regular recognised Degrees. Nor need we fear the test that is applied to every science—that universal curiosity to penetrate a hidden mystery of nature and science. Our Order permeates all nature and science; men of every calibre of mental attainments join our Order. We must be prepared to support our pretensions if we are to retain a hold; the best of our citizens, men of talent, and research, and intellectual activity will not rest content with mere mechanical routine. Our watchwords are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. I have endeavoured to sketch out briefly and imperfectly how the craving for the last may in some measure

find satisfaction; but the efficiency of a Masonic brother, of a Masonic lodge, of the Masonic Order, will not find its full perfection without an equal attention to the two former; they are the harvest of Masonic seed, the out-crop of Masonic zeal, and the pride and glory of the Masonic Craft. Happily stagnation is a thing of the past; it is the opposite danger that awaits us, the fashion that turns men's minds towards Masonry. We should be careful what sort of men we introduce; we should think more of the honour that they will bring upon the Craft than the benefit to our lodge by their pounds, shillings, and pence. May the day be yet far distant when our Order will begin to degenerate, and our officers and rulers be lax as to the admission within their ranks. One last point follows from what has been said—the necessity of self-culture, and self-instruction in every good Mason. It is an aggregation of merits that makes the Craft; but the individual Mason must be well instructed himself if he would ever hope to put life and vigour into his lodge. When we are first initiated, and are told that Freemasonry is a progressive science, it is probably that our minds grasp very little beyond the idea of the steps and words of the several degrees. Brethren, that which gives the words a farther reach and wider scope is, that there should be a daily advance in Masonic knowledge; and thus, if he truly desires to become a Master in the Craft, he will not rest content with the ceremonies in the lodge, but he will seek to carry with him, into the outer world, further stores of Masonic knowledge, and use to their fullest extent those mental faculties with which the Great Architect of the Universe has enriched him. It is not infrequent to find Past Masters, who have the shallowest acquaintance with the landmarks of the Order, and ideas perfectly unpractical, which when put to the test break down. However scanty, the materials lie to his hand, and the diligent craftsman will be amply rewarded by a reasoning study of the details of all the offices to which he will be called in the different Degrees. These will repay any amount of search and labour, and shape the roughest ashlar of the uninitiated into the perfect ashlar of perfect Masonry. Universally spreading among the intelligent classes, Masonry is making vast and rapid strides, having within its pale all creeds, nations, languages, and people; it is winning its way, slowly perhaps, but surely overcoming the prejudices of the unmasonic world. Brethren, a great necessity is laid upon each of us that we be able to give an answer to all gainsayers, and a reason for adherence to our tenets. Loyalty to the Order demands all this. If our beloved Craft will not endure the light of truth then let her go; but the more strictly we court enquiry into our objects and achievements, the more we seek to impress those around us what Freemasonry is, the nearer we shall come to the idea set up—not simply a Master Mason but a Master of Masonry. Brethren, connected as we are by the ties of a mysterious brotherhood, let us never weaken those ties. In the mysteries of our Order we are taught our duty to God, to our sovereign, to our neighbour, and to ourselves. Let us fulfil our obligations with fidelity, for that will bring peace of mind here, which is the noblest of earth's possessions, and will gain for us hereafter an entrance into that Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the World rules and lives for ever.

At the conclusion of the oration the anthem was sung, after which the lodge board was uncovered and the dedication prayer given. The Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the Wardens and the Chaplain, performed the imposing ceremony of consecration, and the formation of the Saye and Sele Lodge was then complete.

The chair was then taken by Bro. LUCAS, a P.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, who performed the ceremony of installation for Bro. J. Giesman Chillingworth, the W.M. designated in the warrant, who in his turn invested Bros. F. Wood, as the S.W., and A. H. Bateman, as the J.W., named in the warrant. Bro. Dr. Spurrell was elected Treasurer of the lodge, but the appointment of Secretary was deferred. The other officers appointed and invested were—Bros. E. B. Bright, S.D.; Elliott, J.D.; Rev. F. Gribbell, Chaplain; S. W. Gibson, I.G.; and Martin, Tyler.

Bro. Dr. Spurrell was elected to represent the lodge at the next festivals of all the Masonic Charities.

The whole of the present members of the lodge were formed into a Committee to frame the bye-laws of the lodge.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Consecrating Officers for having performed the ceremony; but

Lord HOLMESDALE, in reply, said that, while thanking them for the compliment implied in the vote, he considered it unnecessary, because as Prov. Grand Master it was a duty which he owed to the province to perform the ceremony which they had that day gone through.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Grand Officers who had assisted the consecrating officers, and to the Installing Masters, which was acknowledged by Bro. EASTES, D.P.G.M., and Bro. LUCAS.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rev. H. Cummings for the very able oration which he had delivered.

The Rev. BROTHER briefly returned thanks, regretting the illness of Bro. Rev. Jamblin, who, he was sure, would have performed the duty much better than he himself had been able to.

There were no less than thirteen names proposed as members, either for joining or initiation.

The J. WARDEN gave notice of motion for next meeting to limit the number of members of the lodge to thirty, whereupon a brother enquired if such a regulation was allowable, and the Prov. Grand Master ruled that it was provided it formed part of the bye laws.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Home for Decayed Merchant Seamen, the large room in which Institution had been placed at their disposal for the purposes of the banquet. After the dinner, which was very well served by Mrs. E. S. Starling, of the Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, but our report has already reached a length which precludes us detailing the speeches which were of the usual genial character.

The following is the list of the brethren present as appeared from the signature book:—

Bros. Lord Holmesdale; Rev. J. Harrison; Rev. R. Jamblin; T. Mills, P.P.G.S.W.; S. Abbott, P.M. 192; N. Martin, 202; Joseph Storey, P.P.G. Sup. Wks.; T. D. Hayes, 913; H. Gordon, P.G.D. Middx.; A. K. Thorpe, P.G. Treas.; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; S. Lucas, 192; S. Inward, 192; G. Tedder, 1107; W. G. Kentish, 1293; C. Jolly, 913; W. J. Hilton, P.M.; C. Adams; J. Elliott, 92; A. A. Spencer, P.G. Sec.; S. W. Gibson, 913; H. Kendall, 728; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; T. Judkins, 299; H. Mason, 913; W. Sadler, G. Tyler; T. D. Richardson, 913; Dr. Barnes, 1350; F. E. Houghton, 913; G. Graham, 105; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Penfold, 913; E. T. Bright, P.P.G.J.W.; H. G. Macdonald, 657; D. Hewlett, 10; F. Wood, 112; F. B. Gribbell, 1837; H. Cummings, P.P.G. Chap. Cornwall; T. Tark, 107; W. C. Fooks, D.C. Emulation, P.P.S.W. Kent; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, the 2nd August next:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read and confirmed.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th April, to the 18th July, 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter...	£1813 17 2	By Purchase of £1,500 Consols at 101½ and Commission	£1524 7 6
„ „ Unappropriated Account	199 18 11	„ Disbursements during the quarter	210 13 3
„ Subsequent receipts	386 11 0	„ Balance	464 16 5
		„ „ in Unappropriated Account	200 9 11
	£2400 7 1		£2400 7 1

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Thomas John Jackman as Z.; Charles Shaw as H.; John Braim as J.; and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne, to be called "The Combermere Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Lonsdale-street, Melbourne, Victoria.

2nd. From Comps. William Goodacre as Z.; John Robert England as H.; William Greator as J.; and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, Urmston, to be called "The Urmston Chapter," and to meet at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston, Lancashire.

3rd. From Comps. Daniel Keen Congdon as Z.; John Frederick Stone as H.; Barrington Clarke Wood as J.; and eight others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Freemantle Lodge, No. 1003, Freemantle, to be called "The West Australian Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Freemantle, Western Australia.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Comps. of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February, 1882. This memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, Grand Treasurer,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th July, 1882.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, under the presidency of Col. Creaton, when there were also present Bros. Woodford, Tattershall, Letchworth, Rucker, Dubois, Gladwell, Caney, C. G. Brown, Webb, Barton, Spooner, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the General Committee of 29th June were read and verified; and the minutes of the Joint Committee, as to proposed alteration of the days of election, the Quarterly General Court of 8th inst., and the House Committee of same date, were read for information.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the recommendation of the House Committee for the painting of the infirmary (£46), and for inside painting of the Institution (£195), at a total cost of £241, be approved and adopted. The further recommendation for the ventilation of the dining-room and the Committee-room was also approved.

In reply to Bro. WOODFORD, who inquired what was being done in regard to the drains at the Institution, the SECRETARY stated that the matter was at present in a very immature state. Colonel Leach had offered his further assistance, which had been accepted, and the work of examination had been commenced.

The CHAIRMAN added that the House Committee were carefully watching the matter, to prevent the possibility of any unnecessary time being occupied upon the work, which would be completed as quickly as possible.

The SECRETARY read the opinion of Bro. Eneas J. McIntyre, O.C., Grand Registrar, upon the case submitted to him upon the question which arose upon Bro. Molesworth's proposition for purchasing the admission to the Institution for 170 guineas of Fanny Wright, who has a sister already in the Institution. The Grand Registrar gave it as his opinion that the fact of a sister being already in the Institution would not prevent an admission by purchase, as proposed; and, further, that in a case of purchase a petition was unnecessary, and that a properly qualified girl is a girl whose birth qualifications would entitle her to admission if elected.

Bro. DUBOIS said that as the matter had been referred to the Grand Registrar, that the Committee should accept his opinion, and that the case should be acted upon.

Bro. WOODFORD suggested that the most orderly procedure would be to move that the opinion which the Committee had heard read be received, and that Bro. Dubois should thereafter proceed by a separate motion. This suggestion was acted upon. The CHAIRMAN put the question that the Grand Registrar's opinion be received and entered upon the minutes, and then Bro. Dubois moved that the opinion be acted upon, in the case of Fanny Wright, under the existing rules as interpreted by the Grand Registrar.

This was seconded by Bro. LETCHWORTH.

Bro. C. G. BROWN proposed an amendment, that the question be deferred until after the Quarterly Court in October had been held. The amendment having been seconded was put by the CHAIRMAN and lost; after which the original motion was put and carried by a large majority.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said that he had noticed that the fee endorsed upon the case submitted to the Grand Registrar had been struck out by him, and he therefore proposed as Bro. McIntyre would not accept his professional fee, that the Secretary be instructed to convey to him the thanks of the Committee for the opinion he had given.

Bro. RUCKER gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court, "That a gratuity of thirty-five guineas be granted to Miss Triggs, one of the assistant governesses, who had been appointed mistress of the Dublin Masonic Female School." Miss Triggs has been twenty years at the Institution.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204, MANCHESTER.

Verifying the proverb, "There's nothing succeeds like success," the members of this lodge achieved an open triumph on Thursday, the 13th inst., in bringing their annual outing, or picnic, to a successful termination, making, of course, due allowance for the unwelcome attentions of Pluvius, who throughout the day was most persistent in his efforts to mar the enjoyment of the company, who, however, seemed equally determined on their part to counteract the moistened god's efforts by preventing their spirits being damped as well as their garments.

A goodly company, numbering eighty, assembled on the platform at Victoria Station at 9.15. Shortly after the departure of the train the rain poured down in torrents, and continued throughout the greater part of the day. Skipton being reached, the company proceeded through the quiet old-fashioned town to the Black Horse Hotel, where a substantial luncheon was ready for them, to which ample justice was done.

Luncheon being over, an announcement was made that waggons were ready to convey such of the company who felt sufficiently heroic to take a thirteen mile drive in the rain to Bolton Abbey. We are pleased to state that seven-eighths of our brothers and sisters, after arraying themselves in waterproofs, and mackintoshes, and arming themselves with umbrellas, ventured to face the rain which unfortunately accompanied them during the entire journey, and it would be idle to assert, and unreasonable to suppose that, under such unfavourable circumstances, the grand scenery which caught the eye on all sides, and the ruins of the fine old Abbey, could be viewed with the same amount of pleasure as if the day had been fine; but as we before remarked, each and all did their utmost to impart a spirit of cheerfulness around them, and make the time pass pleasantly; notably, our much esteemed Bro. John R. Lever, whose face at no period in the day wore a saddened appearance, and who did his best to amuse all around him. At twenty minutes to four the party arrived again at the hotel, and after a little ablutionary exercise sat down to a tea *à la fourchette*, which included many of the most appetising viands in season.

When tea was finished, and before the company left the table, the W.M., Bro. William Bagnall, rose and said he could not let the opportunity pass without expressing his thanks to the brethren, ladies, and gentlemen assembled, for their presence that day, and at the same time, he sincerely regretted the unfavourable state of the weather, which had undoubtedly prevented their enjoying themselves as they otherwise might have done. To the ladies, especially, Bro. Bagnall said, he, and the members of his lodge, expressed their hearty thanks for being present. It was always a gratifying sight to see ladies with them, and he was on that occasion particularly pleased to see such an assembly of happy and good-looking faces.

The party then left the table and visited Skipton Church and Castle, after which they returned by the 8.15 train to Manchester, arriving at 10.50. It is most satisfactory to record, that although the cost of each ticket was but 13s. for the day's outing, there will be a net balance of income over the expenditure of £5 10s.; and this sum, together with a smaller balance resulting from last year's picnic, is to be applied to the purchase of two votes for one of the Masonic Charities. Here is truly a noble example for other lodges to follow.

Amongst the company were: Bro. Wm. Bagnall, W.M., and Mrs. Bagnall; Bro. John Roberts, P.M., P.G.A.D.C. East Lanc. and Mrs. Roberts; Bro. T. Shorrocks, S.W.; Bro. H. Paulden, J.W.; Bro. C. Duckworth, Sec., and Mrs. Duckworth; Bro. T. Sawyer, S.D.; Bro. J. Cliffe, J.D., and Mrs. Cliffe; Bro. S. Lawton, I.G., and Mrs. Lawton; Bro. J. C. Hind, P.M., and Mrs. Hind; Bro. T. Fairrie, I.P.M., and Mrs. Fairrie; Bro. R. L. Spencer and Mrs. Spencer; Bro. John Roger Lever, P.M. 317; Bro. J. Allison and Mrs. Allison; Bro. J. and Mrs. Pass; Bro. B. and Mrs. Taylor; Bro. J. and Mrs. Parker; Bro. T. Guest; Bro. P. D. Apostola; Bro. Dr. W. Y. Martin, W.M. 1814, and Mrs. Martin; Bro. A. B. Whittaker, I.P.M. 1633, and Mrs. Whittaker; Bro. S. J. Naphtali, 1147, and Mrs. Naphtali; Bro. D. Barber and Mrs. Barber; Bro. M. S. Adams; Bro. E. N. and Mrs. Edgill; Bro. W. and Mrs. Whittle; Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M. 317; Bro. Ishmael Davies, P.M. 1147; Bro. T. Stanley, 104, and Mrs. Stanley; Bro. C. J. Schofield, W.M. 1210, and Mrs. Schofield; Bro. H. and Mrs. Hill; Bro. E. Smith, 317, and Mrs. Smith; Bro. R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*), and Miss Raynor; Master Albert Bagnall, Master Walter Bagnall, and Miss Bagnall; Miss Keneen; Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts; Mr. J. F. Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. J. Boulton; the Misses Edgill; Dr. Orchard; Miss Burrill; Miss Paulden; Miss McMillan; Mr. Davies; Mr. Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. C. Griffin; Mr. and Mrs. Newell; the Misses Mountain; and Mr. J. W. Mitchell.

THE NEW CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AT DEPTFORD.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., took place the ceremony of laying the top stone of the new Church of St. Barnabas, Evelyn-street, Deptford, which has been erected for the spiritual benefit of the deaf and dumb of the locality.

This was an opportunity for the W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, Bro. W. Cowley, to gather his officers and brethren, and many other brethren of the various lodges of the district, to attend and assist Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, Minister of the New Church, in fixing the emblem of Christian faith on the edifice, thus confirming that Masonic sympathy is ever associated with all good works.

The church is quite spacious. The chancel can be divided from the rest by a screen, in order that the building may be used for meetings, &c.

The foundation stone was laid on the 13th May last, by W. J. Evelyn, Esq., J.P., the benevolent donor of the site. This is the second church erected for London; the foundation stone of the first being laid by our M.W. Grand Master. There are to be three stained-glass windows, the gracious gift of a most sympathetic lady. The architect is Bro. C. N. McIntire North, of 1559.

At four o'clock the W.M., Bro. W. Cowley, supported by Bro. D. Rose, P.M., were in readiness at Saye's-Court-grounds to receive the brethren and their families, which latter being conducted to the museum room, the brethren mustered and proceeded to the church building.

There were present Bros. W. Cowley, W.M. 1559; D.

Rose, P.M. 73; E. H. Thiellay, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. and Treas. 1559; T. Grummant, S.W. 1559; W. A. R. Harris, W.M. 871; C. Parkfield Coltar, S.W. 1622; H. C. Freeman, J.W. 147; G. Powell, J.D. 1185; D. Smith, 1326; J. Faulkner, 1559; J. Cruft, 1609; C. Westall, 1559; W. Whibley, 871; G. Emblin, 147; E. Peacock, 201; V. T. Murchie, 1641; F. Wild, 1559; E. Dunn, 1622; C. H. Stone, 1641; W. F. Luckraft, 871; C. Bradley, 1329; W. Parker, 97; A. Jalgaze, 169; J. D. Graham, 1559; Thankfull Sturdee, 147; and others.

The weather being inclement, letters regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; H. Roberts, P.M. 79; Joseph Clever, P.M.; C. Woolmer Williams, P.M.; and others.

No Masonic insignia was worn, except the white gloves. None but clergy and brethren were present in the interior of the Church, but a multitude of attendants and lookers-on were outside.

A short service having been intoned by the Rev. J. Wells, curate of St. Luke's, Deptford, assisted by the Rev. C. E. York, of Greenwich, and the St. Paul's Church choir in surplices, a hymn, "We love the place of God," was sung, accompanied by the band of the Royal Hospital Schools, followed by portions of the evening service, and the Collect for St. Barnabas' Day was read.

The Rev. J. W. A. STURDEE then ascended to the top of the structure, and, trowel in hand, cemented the last stone, *i.e.*, the cross, after which he declared it well and truly laid, which was responded to by "one fire" from the brethren. The band played the National Anthem, whilst the Union Jack, tricoloured, and the Star and Stripes were buoyantly waving together about the scaffolding. On returning to the brethren, the rev. brother offered a prayer for the success of the church, after which, in his address, he remarked on the blessings which those present enjoyed in having the use of their tongues and ears, faculties, the use of which many persons were denied. He stated that there were 20,000 in the United Kingdom who were deaf and dumb, and that this was the second church erected for the use of those in London; the other one being situated in Oxford-street, W., having been opened by the Prince of Wales. As deaf and dumb persons could not take part in the service at ordinary churches, it was thought a few years ago that it would be well that special services in significant language should be conducted. By means of the finger and sign language, persons thus afflicted could take part in the service, and they were thus taught Divine worship. He hoped God would raise up men who would carry on the work in the future. None but those who had experienced it could know the feelings of a parent whose child was born deaf and dumb, and those whose children were not so afflicted should be thankful for the blessing vouchsafed to them by Almighty God. The rev. brother further said that there were 250 deaf and dumb persons in the district out of 2000 in London, and it would be seen that there was great necessity of religious instruction to them.

The singing of another hymn ended the ceremony, and the brethren returned to Saye's Court to rejoin their families and partake of refreshments.

The success of the new church being very feelingly proposed by Bro. W. Cowley, and responded to enthusiastically, the assemblage then adjourned to the grounds to witness a gymnastic exhibition by a team of well-trained boys, kindly permitted by Captain Burney, R.N., C.B., and they went admirably through the various feats of strength and agility.

The company then returned to the hall, and were entertained by an ample programme of instrumental and vocal music, Bro. Charles Westall, as pianist, assisted by Miss Kate Beck, R.A.M., Mrs. Westall, R.A.M., Miss A. M. Boniface, L.A.M., Miss Chrystall, Miss Marian Abraham, the Misses E. and B. Ephick, Messrs. B. W. Yaldwin, R. W. Iverson, and J. Harris, all for benevolence; at the termination of which, the brethren repaired to the ball room, and for a couple of hours indulged in the terpsichorean art, to the strains of an excellent quadrille band, Mr. J. P. Croft, M.C. Thus terminated one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent for the good cause.

ANNUAL SUMMER TREAT FOR WORKHOUSE CHILDREN.

At the present season of the year, when all who can eagerly snatch a few weeks', or even days', pleasure in the country, or at the seaside, from the busy toil of town life, it is very agreeable to meet with those who have a thought for the many poor and destitute ones to whom one day's glimpse of the bright fields is an almost unknown pleasure. Such an event occurred on Wednesday last, when 300 children from the Mile End Workhouse were taken for a day's trip by rail to that interesting resort, the Rye House.

This, we are informed, is the tenth annual trip which these "Tiny Tims" owe the enjoyment of to Bro. Dr. T. Loane, Medical Officer to the Board of Guardians, who, by permission of the guardians, and assisted by a few brethren and friends in the locality, has carried on this good work in a highly commendable manner.

On their arrival at the pleasant grounds of Mrs. Teale and Son, the youngsters dispersed and found ample objects of enjoyment. Later on a substantial dinner and tea were enjoyed with that zest which outdoor enjoyments lend to young people. The boy's band was in the hands of Bro. Froggatt, bandmaster, and discoursed some stirring music both on the way out and home. Availing themselves of an early train for their return, home was safely reached before dark.

The interest displayed by many friends was truly gratifying to witness, several ladies accompanying the party as also did several brethren, to render any assistance the little folks might require. The staff, too, of the workhouse entered heart and soul into the good work, and thereby stamped the occasion as a success. The children were greeted on their approach to home by a grand display of coloured fire by several sympathising neighbours; and each one must have been glad to seek in their comfortable beds "tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," and to enjoy indulgence of an extra hour or so in bed the following morning, which was so considerably allowed. Great pleasure was derived from the kindness of Mrs. Teale in allowing the use of the barge for trips upon the silver Lea, which was highly enjoyed. We scarcely need add a lusty cheer or two went out from the young people's throats to Bro. Dr. and Mrs. Loane for again giving them so admirable a change in the country.

Obituary.

BRO. MARSHALL WOOD.

We much regret to announce the death of the eminent sculptor, Bro. Marshall Wood, which took place at Powis House, Powis-square, Brighton, on the 16th inst., immediately after his return from Australia. Bro. Marshall Wood was initiated into Masonry a few years ago in the Lodge of Unions, No. 256. A contemporary states that Bro. Marshall Wood was commissioned by the Colonial Governments to execute statues of Her Majesty for Montreal, Ottawa, Melbourne, Sydney, and Calcutta. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and also the Princess, honoured Bro. Wood with a sitting for busts. His ideal conceptions included Daphne, Psyche, Hebe, Sappho, Danaia, and Proserpine. The Cobden statue in Manchester was given to Bro. Wood, after models had been sent in by the late John Foley, R.A., and Macdowall. His loss will be felt in art circles, both at home and in the colonies.

FUNERAL OF BRO. THE LATE MAJOR-GENERAL MUNBEE.

In our last issue we recorded the death of Major-General Gore Boland Munbee, R.E., the senior magistrate resident in the town, one of the founders and senior P.M. of the St. Kew Lodge, 1222, and a leading member of society in Weston-super-Mare for many years past. The remains of our gallant brother were interred in the Cemetery on the 20th inst., at mid-day. In consideration of his rank and distinguished services both as a military officer and as a member of the Masonic body, the funeral partook of a military and Masonic character, the General having himself expressed a wish that he should be "buried in an unostentatious manner, yet in a manner befitting his rank."

The cortege left Highbury-villas, the late residence of the deceased, at twelve o'clock. A slight shower of rain was falling at the time, but the clouds soon dispersed, and the sun shone out in its glory upon the imposing procession. First came the Weston-super-Mare detachment of the first Gloucestershire Volunteer Engineers (arms reversed), under the command of Capt. Scoones, Capt. Pilgrim, Lieut. Matthews, and Lieut. and Hon. Capt. Nunn. Then followed the members of the B Company of the Third Somerset Rifles, bearing their arms in a similar position, under the command of Capt. C. E. Whitting, who was accompanied by Hon. Surgeon Hitchins. The united bands of the two Companies, with a detachment from the band of the Nailsea Engineer Corps came next, the instruments being craped. These bands alternately played the "Dead March" from the house to the Cemetery.

Immediately preceding the Doctor's carriage and the funeral car walked the Freemasons. The brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall at 10.45, where a short service was held, after which they proceeded to No. 1, Glentworth-terrace, the residence of Mrs. Cox, who very kindly accommodated them with a large dining room, in which they put on their Masonic clothing. All the members were ordinary mourning with white kid gloves; they also carried a sprig of acacia, and crape rosettes were fastened to the aprons and collars.

Preceded by the Tyler, with drawn sword, and the Stewards, the brethren followed according to seniority and rank, the seniors as usual on these occasions being last.

Among the brethren present were Bros. G. Yates, W.M.; E. S. Blundell, P.M., S.W.; W. E. Perrett, I.P.M.; B. Cox, P.M.; Sidney Jones, P.M.; G. Glossop, P.M.; F. W. S. Wickstead, J.W.; Felix Thomas, Treas.; Sidney Lewis, P.M., Sec.; G. Gibbons, S.D.; E. T. Dew, J.D.; F. S. P. Seale, P.P. G. Chaplain; W. M. Forty, P.M., D.C.; G. H. Perrett and J. Tytherleigh, Stewards; G. E. Alford, I.G.; W. Cousins, Tyler; W. E. Perrett, E. N. Marsh, Theo. Palmer, S. Sellick, J. Gale, W. B. Frampton, W. Beavan, G. B. Fraser, W. Fisher, H. Bryan, J. E. Hughes, H. Hyssett, S. Norton, W. Smith, W. H. Edwards, Major Desmond Adair, 30, C. L. F. Edwards, W.M. 1750, P.M. 1199, and P.P.G.J.D.; W. Blundell, 858; Rev. Maunsell Eyre, 141; J. Freke Evans; F. Soars, 280; and E. White, P.M. Royal Sussex, and P.P.G.S.W.

At the Cemetery, the cortege was met by the Rev. A. J. Edmonds, curate of the Parish Church, who led the way into the little chapel where the coffin was deposited by the pall-bearers on the bier which stood in the centre. The chapel was filled by the few relatives and friends of the deceased and Masonic brethren. After the usual portion of the service had been proceeded with, those in the chapel followed the remains of the deceased to the grave, which is situated in a well sheltered spot in the western part of the Cemetery.

After the burial service a most touching an eloquent Masonic oration was delivered by Bro. F. S. P. Seale, P.P. Grand Chaplain, vicar of St. John's, Bridgwater.

At the conclusion of the oration, the W.M. said the following sentences:—

"May we be true and faithful, and may we live and die in love!"

"May we profess what is good, and always act agreeably to our profession."

"May the Lord bless us and prosper us, and may all our good intentions be crowned with success!"

"Glory be to God on high! on earth peace, good will towards men!"

To each of these the brethren responded, "So mote it be." This portion of the ceremony was closed by the brethren dropping their sprigs of acacia into the grave. Under the command of Captain Scoones, the Volunteers fired three volleys over the grave, the rattle of the cartridges being maintained between each volley upon the drums. The friends and relations of the deceased having taken a last look at the coffin, they retraced their steps, the mourners returning home in the coaches, the brethren to their hall to conclude their portion of the ceremony, and the Volunteers to a lively march, proceeded through High Street as far as the Railway Station, where they were dismissed.

As a mark of esteem and respect a large number of the tradesmen put up their shutters, and some thousands of the inhabitants turned out to witness the progress of the procession, and followed it to the Cemetery. At the time of the funeral the bell at the Parish Church was kept tolling, and in the evening, at the request of the brethren of St. Kew Lodge, a muffled peal was rung. Flags were hoisted half-mast high at the Townhall, the Parish Church, the College, and other places.

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Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549.
Whitwell Mark Lodge, No. 151.
Mount Calvary Chapter, A. and A. Rite.
Dykes Conclave, No. 36, Red Cross of Constantine.
The Deputy G.M. on Church Work.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"El Taller," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The West London Advertiser," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Broad Arrow," "Keystone," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Masonic Chronicle," "The Citizen," "The Maidstone and Kentish Journal," "The Court Circular," "Die Bauhütte," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Caygill's Tourist's Chronicle," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Masonic Record," "The Freemasons' Chronicle" (Sydney).



SATURDAY, JULY 29, 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.]

ARCH NAMES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I felt some interest as to what many of your readers would think, and probably reply, to the letter headed "Arch-Names" in your impression of the 1st inst., and would liked to have seen more opinion expressed, in a friendly and Masonic way, upon it.

Being disappointed to find the subject dropped altogether, I venture, without presuming to be an authority on R.A. nomenclature, to agree with both your correspondents in your issue of the 8th inst. The second, in my humble opinion, miscalls himself; and Comp. Budden, in the first letter, gives what may prove to be the essence of the question by the statement, "We must seek for the title in the customs and usages of Royal Arch Masons and in older regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter." "One of the Z.'s" will find the First Principal of a private chapter referred to as M.E.Z. in the Laws and Regulations of 5th February, 1823; see article on private chapters page 23.

Yours fraternally,

P.Z.

THE "JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND."
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It may interest the subscribers to the above-named fund to know that the donations now amount to nearly £1000, of which the sum of £900 has been invested in New Three Per Cent. Stock in the joint names of Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and three other Trustees.

The Committee (consisting of nineteen members, all personally known to the late Bro. Hervey, and some of them on the closest terms of intimacy with him, and consequently fully conversant with his affairs) have never thought it necessary to deviate from their original plan, namely, to secure a permanent memorial of the late Grand Secretary by appropriating the income arising from investments to the four highest unsuccessful candidates (two male and two female) at the annual election of the Royal Masonic

Benevolent Institution, in what may be termed "consolation prizes," under the title of the "John Hervey Benefactions," and the first such application of the dividend took place at the recent election in May, to the no small satisfaction of the recipients.

By this means the name of our late respected Bro. John Hervey will, once a year, be prominently brought forward, long after the promoters of the scheme shall have passed away from this transitory scene; and thus his memory will continue to be respected by generations of Freemasons yet unborn.

By your kindness, I purpose to send you next week a list of donations to the present date; and I am happy to announce that sympathy with the object is not confined to the members of the Craft at home, but that the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, and the lodges under its jurisdiction have, through the activity of Bro. Walter Adlard, Deputy District Grand Master of the Punjab, P.M. 1483, &c., the son of our old friend, Bro. Frederick Adlard, P.M. and Treas. No. 7, made a liberal response to the appeal.

Thanking you for the kind manner in which you have co-operated with us, I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256.

Hon. Sec. "John Hervey Memorial Fund."

Melville Lodge, Manor-road, Wallington, Surrey,
24th July.

A POINT OF LAW.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With reference to "M. M.'s" letter in last week's *Freemason*, I think it is perfectly clear from the Book of Constitutions that supposing a brother, who is a P.M. of two lodges and W.M. of a third lodge, resigns his membership of the two former lodges, he is still a P.M. in the Craft, and has still three qualifications for Grand Lodge; but in attending two of the lodges from which he takes his qualifications, he can only do so as a visitor.

Then, supposing he ultimately resigns the W. Mastership of the third lodge, he has still three qualifications for Grand Lodge for the term of twelve months from his last resignation, and if he wishes to retain them he has only to become a member of a fourth lodge before the expiration of the twelve months, and keep up his subscriptions.

Yours fraternally,

W. 726.

A WARNING TO THE BENEVOLENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you kindly insert the following lines, in order to warn the charitably-disposed against a man who is on his way north, and professes to belong to St. Peter's Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, No. 481. He reached Lancaster on Thursday, the 20th inst., and, after looking up some of the brethren, stated that he was a discharged soldier, having served six years in the service. He and his wife had their fare paid from Manchester to Preston, and when walking forward she was, as he alleged, taken ill at a village four miles south of Lancaster, and there confined of twins. He was afforded temporary relief, with a promise that additional help would be forthcoming if his statement was found to be correct. Inquiries were made, and the man's statement was found to be totally devoid of truth. On Friday, it appears, he went down to Morecambe, and imposed upon the brethren there with the same tale. On Saturday afternoon he was again seen in Lancaster, and when confronted with those who had assisted him, he declared most positively that his statement was correct, adding a number of minor details, which gave the appearance of truth. In order to set the matter at rest, one of the brethren went to the village where the man said his wife was, when it was proved on the most undoubted testimony that the whole story was a fabrication. The brethren preferred to be imposed upon rather than expose the fellow in the police-court, and which he richly deserved.

The individual in question is a tall, good-looking man, of military bearing, about 5 ft. 10 in. in height, full florid complexion, and has apparently weak eyes. If he should present himself to any of the brethren in future it is to be hoped he will be recognised, and meet with the treatment he deserves.

Yours truly,

PAST MASTER No. 281.

MONEY OR ABILITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of 22nd July, p. 410, head of first column, there appears the following: "One of our great errors in the past has been making Freemasonry too cheap and easy of admittance," &c.

I beg leave to be permitted to take exception to any such principle; for I know for a fact, and my experience is that of many years, and gained in many lands, that very many men of very superior ability and the highest attainments, and who would undoubtedly be a credit to the Craft, are precluded from joining, or from continuing their connection with the Craft, on account of the very heavy incidental expenses, that can be but ill-afforded by all but a percentage who are so fortunate as to possess money.

The ability to spend sums of money as fees or on banquets, or for subscriptions, is a most unsound basis upon which to estimate a man's eligibility for the honour of entrance to Freemasonry, and for promotion therein; for, as all well know from practical experience, it is not those who

are merely possessed of an abundance of "filthy lucre" that make the best Craftsmen.

I should be sincerely glad to see lodges formed wherein the refreshment and banquet element was entirely excluded, and where the test of fitness was founded upon ability and zeal for the Craft; where the time of the members was devoted to energetic study and practice of ennobling teachings and work of the pure and ancient Freemasonry; and I should be rejoiced to see the principle recognised that a public-house was not the most fitting place for lodges of instruction or other Masonic meetings.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

C. PFOUNDEN.

ERRATA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish very much to express my regret, that in two of my leaderettes, the following French errata occur: "Sien" is substituted for "sein;" "ecvasante" for "ecrasante." Probably those who understand French will have spotted the blunders, and which I fancy arose from the recent hot weather, and the excitement everybody is in just now in England, not even excepting "Typists," in respect of the proceedings in Egypt, and the treacheries and cruelties of "Horrible Pasha."

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THEM TWO LEADERETTES.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN HERVEY.

We have been requested to publish the following:

"Mrs. Mackenzie is much distressed at seeing her name in a public paper. She begs to state that her beloved brother left her much better off than she could have possibly expected."

"If Mr. 'Nemo' (who she supposes is ashamed of his name, and who seems to have had the curiosity to go to examine the will) had read it properly, he would have seen that the property was under £3000, but as £1000 had been lent to a friend by Mr. Hervey, and neither principal nor interest has been yet recovered, of course Mrs. Mackenzie's income is much reduced from what it would otherwise be if such were not the case. Besides this, Mr. Hervey had taken his house for a term of three years, and the rent (£120 per annum) had to be paid up to the end of the term."

"Mrs. Mackenzie does not wish for any charity; and her only object in advertising the biscuit box was to obtain a little ready money to assist in paying for the moving from a house where the drainage is in such a shocking state that she and her family have been suffering from sore throat, fever, &c., for a long time."



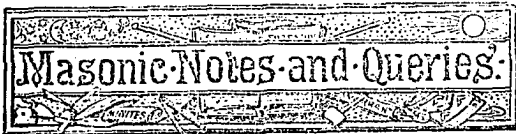
LE MONDE MACONNIQUE for July.

Under Bro. Grimaux's able editorship this well-known Parisian Masonic serial takes a high literary position. It was very ably conducted by Bro. Caubet, though we did not quite agree with him, and Bro. Grimaux seems determined to keep up its established prestige. We do not, as he knows, always agree either with our esteemed confrere, but differences, like misfortunes and accidents, will occur even in the best regulated families, and we make great allowances for the special exigencies of the position of French Freemasonry, and a of French editor under exciting circumstances. In this question, as regards the "fusion," Bro. Grimaux takes, more or less, our view of the situation. He sees, as we see, the utter absurdity of the whole movement on the lines laid down; the ridiculousness of the pretensions of the so-called Grand Loge Symbolique; and the really humiliating part the Grand Orient is made to play, and the unbecoming position in which it is sought to place it. We do not approve of the recent proceedings of the Grand Orient. We have often said so, and shall probably often have to say so again. But the Grand Orient, for good or ill, is the recognised head of Craft Masonry in France, and though its position is alike abnormal and hazardous, and leads on to fair questions, how far its departure from the cosmopolitan landmarks of Freemasonry enables it to retain its jurisdictional authority, still it is a jurisdiction, and has a somewhat striking past to look back upon. Whereas the Grand Loge Symbolique, as it terms itself, is the mushroom creation of a couple of years. It is the product of a mutiny from the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and constitutes in its very creation as a supposed Grand Body, and its acknowledgment as such by the Grand Orient, a stern if laughable commentary on the forgetfulness of all Masonic precedent, and a serious invasion of all constitutional authority. Why the Grand Orient ever recognised such a body none have, so far, explained, for it could not safely be contended that members of a Third Degree in a collection of Thirty-three Degrees were in a position to negotiate with the Grand Orient. Neither does the recognition of the Grand Orient affect the question, Masonically or objectively. Subjectively, of course, in France the recognition is available, but not out of France; and we are quite certain that no other legal Masonic Body could, or would, recognize such a creation. We think Bro. Grimaux in his able article has only taken too much trouble to answer absurdities and fallacies, to destroy the twice-slain paradoxes of the movement party. We wish that there was some central place in London where all foreign Masonic serials and periodicals might be taken and perused by English Freemasons.

SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE GRAPHIC—BOMBARDMENT OF ALEXANDRIA.

This is a most interesting issue of our very remarkable contemporary, which will be greedily devoured and much admired by countless readers of all ages and conditions. His must be a cold English heart which does not warm up at the gallant doings of our blue jackets, and which does not exult, for the sake of the peace and progress, the comfort and civilization of the world, at the prowess of Old

England on sea as well as on land. These most striking illustrations from the *Graphic's* correspondent, an officer of the Royal Navy, show us Jack in his element and in his glory, in his coolness and his daring, his good spirits and his warm heart, always ready to cheer a brave comrade, always anxious to lend a hand to lift up a wounded friend or a fallen foe. Having silenced the threatening batteries which bore upon the fleet, Jack is sent on shore to restore order and suppress pillage. In either capacity he is sure to be "A 1," and, despite peace-at-any-price-men and fanatics, and idiosyncraticists of every species, so ripe just now, we are glad in the *Freemason* to avow our belief in Jack as a great English institution, and proud to express our unchanged opinion and reliance in the invincible character of our ironclads. Nay, we are quite ready to join in the chorus, "*Britannia still rules the waves.*" The names of the Invincible, the Monarch, the Téméraire, recall the old fighting days of the English Navy, while the Sultan, the Inflexible, the Alexandra, the Penelope, and others tell us of the advance of steam and the sterner nature and the bigger guns of our indomitable ironclads. We have no doubt but that this special issue of the *Graphic* will have a large sale, as it well deserves.



33.] ARMS OF THE "ANCIENTS."

I have been pleased to notice the researches of Bro. W. H. Rylands as to the Rabbi Leon, (&c.) but should like much to know if either of his works mentioned in No. 31 Notes and Queries, *Freemason*, furnish any authority for connecting the Rabbi named with the arms, as given by Dermott, in the "Ahiman Rezon." I notice that in the 7th edition of the latter "Book of Constitutions" (of the "Ancients," revised by Bro. Harper, the D.G.M., "from the original of the late Laurence Dermott Esq.," the explanation of the frontispiece states that the "armorial bearings of the Fraternity, taken from Holy Writ" are as then follows.

I incline to the opinion expressed by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford in the "Cyclopædia," that "for these arms we are indebted to Dermott alone."

Evidently no such arms were in use when Dermott joined the Seceders, and he was not the man to be long short of anything that zeal and determination could obtain.

W. J. HUGHAN.

34.] ROSICRUCIAN WORKS.

Can anyone tell me anything of the following works: "Die Löbliche Bruderschaft zum Leichtschiß," 1617; "Reparation des Athenischen verfallener Gebäudes Palladis," 1605.

TWO OLD WORKS.

I am anxious to know if I can get a clue also to the following books: "Francisco Ribeira de Templo Hierosolymitano, &c.," 1613; "Lettre Mistique, &c.," a Leiden, 1602. Kloss knows of the last two but not apparently of the two former works.

BOOKWORM.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual meeting of the Prov. 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 200 brethren from all parts of the province to support the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, who presided.

After the reading of the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, which were duly confirmed, the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts, which had been printed and circulated throughout the province, were taken as read, and on the motion of the Dep. P.G.M., were passed.

On the motion of the Prov. Grand Chaplain, seconded by the Prov. G.S.W. the Prov. Grand Treasurer was re-elected, and returned thanks for the continued confidence which Prov. Grand Lodge reposed in him.

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

Bro. John J. Hamilton, P.M. 1692	Prov. G.S.W.
" R. Harrison, P.M. 1206	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Wm. Taylor-Jones, P.M. 125	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. Canon Baynes, P.M. 558 (who being unavoidably absent was invested by deputy)	Prov. G. Chap.
" B. K. Thorpe	Prov. G. Treas.
" Alfred Spencer	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. B. Smith, P.M. 1062 (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)	Prov. G. Reg.
" Chas. E. Hatten, P.M. 1464	Prov. G.S.D.
" E. J. Sears, P.M. 209	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. Stone, P.M. 615	Prov. G.J.D.
" John E. Apps, P.M. 784	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. E. Wiltsher, P.M. 31	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John Coulter, P.M. 20	Prov. G.D. of C.
" F. J. Seale, P.M. 1273	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Edward Kirby, P.M. 1096	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. H. Drake, P.M. 133	Prov. G. Org.
" C. Strallford, P.M. 483	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. H. Rankin, P.M. 184	Prov. G.A. Purst.

It was proposed by the Dep. P.G.M., and seconded and carried, that Bro. Eastley be re-elected P.G. Tyler, whereupon Bro. Eastley was summoned and invested; and the following brethren were appointed Prov. Grand Stewards: —Bros John R. Brett, P.M. 158; H.D.M. Williams, 874; Edwin Beer, P.M. 1449; F. Butler, P.M. 1174; John Serra, P.M. 972; and Henry Shaw, 1536.

The Prov. Grand Master said they had now a very pleasant duty to perform. They had a brother Freemason with them who had recently been honoured by the M.W. G.M. with the collar of a Grand Chaplain of England. It was very gratifying to the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent that that honour had been conferred upon one of its members. They were quite sure, however, that it could not have been bestowed upon a worthier brother. This appointment had caused them to consider whether

they should not take some notice, on the occasion, of the long and valuable services which Bro. Robinson had rendered to Freemasonry. For his own part, he must say that he had never found him at fault, and unwilling to take any amount of trouble if he could advance the cause of Masonry; and he was sure that there must be many present who must have had the same experience of Bro. Robinson, and must have wondered at his intimate acquaintance with all the ceremonies of Freemasonry. But it was not within the limits of that province that that knowledge had been acquired, for he had left in many foreign parts traces of his services, for the name of Bro. Robinson was known among our colonies and dependencies. He (the P.G.M.) considered it a most happy thought that when Bro. Robinson received the collar of the Grand Chaplain they should make it the occasion of recognising his services to Freemasonry. Lord Holmesdale said that 186 brethren had taken part in the movement belonging to many lodges, many chapters, and many Mark lodges. They thought that the most convenient thing to do would be to present Bro. Robinson with his Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing, and jewels, and out of the balance, as a pleasant reminder of that day, to present him with a piece of plate for his side-board, and with a purse containing 180 sovereigns. These, he continued, I request you, Bro. Robinson, to accept at my hands, in the name of the province, your Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing and jewels, and I would express our unanimous hope that you may long be spared to wear them.

The Rev. Bro. ROBINSON said: I thank you most heartily my lord, for the very kind words you have just spoken to me, and I accept, with pride and deep gratitude, this handsome testimonial which you have given to me; and then, addressing the Prov. Grand Lodge generally, he thanked the brethren for the courteous way in which they had marked their sense of the services, which they had been pleased to say through the P.G.M., he had performed in that and other parts of the world. He was a Mason of forty years' standing, and had been a hard worker and a student of Masonry; and after so much study it was not surprising that he had been much at fault in the ceremonies or ritual. He could not hope on that occasion to express his sentiments; there were occasions when a man could speak well and some when words failed us. There were some of the brethren doing him this kindness who were members of the Mark Degree, and he hoped that he would not be considered exactly out of order if he begged leave to express to his Mark brethren in the province, and in the province which was a little beyond the province in the Craft, his thanks for helping him on this occasion. In conclusion, he said that he trusted that brethren of the province would not remember him so much as Grand Chaplain of England, but would address him still by the old familiar name of Bro. Robinson.

The next business was to consider the following notices of motion by the D.P.G.M.: "That the children of a late brother of the Lodge 784, Deal, receive £20; a brother of the Lodge 829, £20; the widow of a brother of Lodge 1424, £10; the widow of a brother of Lodge 1678, £10; and £10 to Bro. M. W. West, Lodge 184, if required, before receiving the benefit of his election in the Benevolent Institution;" also, "That £52 10s. be given to the Male Fund of the Royal Benevolent Institution in the name of the P.G. Treasurer, making him Vice-President, and £52 10s. to the Girls' School in the name of the P.G. Secretary."

By the P.G.M.: "That the following grants be made from the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Fund: £10 10s. each to the Boys' School, for 1464, Northfleet; 1531, Chislehurst; 1536, Plumstead; 125, Hythe; 127, Margate, 133, Faversham; 158, Sheerness; 184, Brompton; 199, Dover; 209, Dartford; and 429, Ramsgate; to the Girls' School, £21 each for 972, Canterbury; 1050, Rochester; and 1063, Malling; to the Royal Benevolent Institution, £21 each for 1096, Walmer; 1107, Swanley; 1174, Chatham; and 1206, Sandwich."

These motions having been duly seconded, were put to the vote, and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G.M. read a communication which he had received from the Grand Secretary respecting Bro. Clabon's proposition for the increase in the amount of the quarterly payable to Grand Lodge, the consideration of which has been postponed until the Quarterly Communication in December next, in order that the opinions of the Provincial Grand Lodges might be obtained before discussing the question. His lordship said he did not think that they could consider the question that day, as they had not the time for the purpose, but suggested that each lodge in the province should discuss the matter and communicate the results to the Provincial Grand Secretary, when he, the P.G.M., would consider the question, and communicate with the Grand Secretary.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then adjourned, and the Provincial Grand Master and brethren attended Divine service at St. Clements Church, which by the kind permission of the Rev. A. M. Chichester, B.A., had been placed at their disposal for a special service. The service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. Jamblin, P.P. Grand Chaplain, and the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. William Taylor Jones, preached the sermon, taking his text from Corinthians iii., 11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." It was, as might have been expected, a thoroughly Masonic sermon. The reverend brother mentioned Freemasonry as having existed in the time of Abraham, with the probability that it existed at a date anterior to the patriarch's time, and that the Freemasons or sacred builders erected the Pyramids of Egypt. Coming down to more recent antiquity, he referred to the privileges conferred upon Freemasons by bulls of the Roman pontiffs, who, unlike their successors in modern times, encouraged Freemasonry, exempting them from all kinds of taxation, and from being subject to any but Masonic laws; the temple at Jerusalem, the cathedrals and churches of Strasbourg and Milan, and our own St. Paul's Cathedral were the work of Freemasons, mentioning, in connection with the latter, Sir Christopher Wren, who belonged to the Lodge of Antiquity, from which all other lodges in England had emanated. He said that Freemasonry had always been closely connected with religion, and that its tenets inspired its members with reverence and admiration of the glorious works of creation, and with the most elevated ideas of the Divine Creator. It was of importance to all Masons to secure a solid foundation for their buildings, and in like manner Free and Accepted Masons selected a firm foundation for their institutions, and that foundation was charity—not merely charity in the narrow sense which signified mere almsgiving—but charity in its widest and

more complete sense, love to the brotherhood, which included the supreme doctrine of love to the Creator.

After the sermon a collection was made, the proceeds of which were to be divided between local and Masonic charities. The collection amounted to nearly £20.

The service at the church was choral, and the singing very effective. The church was embellished with floral decorations; those at the altar particularly were very pretty.

Upon the Provincial Grand Lodge being resumed at the Assembly Rooms, the R.W.P.G.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of his church. This was seconded by the D.P.G.M. and carried unanimously.

The R.W.P.G.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Capt. Mate, for the use of the Drill Hall, where the brethren were about to dine. This was also seconded by the D.P.G.M. and carried.

A third vote of thanks, proposed by the R.W.P.G.M. and seconded by the P.G.S.W., to the Prov. G. Chap., the Rev. Bro. William Taylor Jones, for the excellent Masonic sermon he had preached, was also carried unanimously.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form. More than two hundred brethren attended the meeting.

The presentation clothing and jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The company then adjourned to the drill shed, which was gay with flowers, mirrors, and bunting. Here dinner was served, and at its conclusion the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, but the Masonic "living" was omitted on account of the untiled condition of the hall. "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed from the chair without any speech at all, and was, of course, very heartily received.

"The Health of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Earl of Carnarvon" was next proposed; and, in proposing it, the CHAIRMAN referred to the disappointment which the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent had sustained in not meeting their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at Swanley on Saturday last. Whoever was to blame it was not the fault of His Royal Highness or Her Royal Highness, who, after they had been stopped by telegram, telegraphed again that they were still ready to come down if a message to that effect was sent them. Referring to the Prince in his character of Grand Master, he reminded the brethren how fortunate the Craft were in having such a head. They were also fortunate in having such a Pro Grand Master as the Earl of Carnarvon, who, in the absence of the Prince, was a most worthy substitute.

In proposing "The Health of the Earl of Latham, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," the CHAIRMAN said they were always ready, as they should be, to recognise the services of Lord Latham, upon whose shoulders a large amount of Masonic work devolved as Deputy for the Grand Master, and who discharged that task with great grace and tact. With the toast he coupled the name of the Rev. Bro. Robinson, Grand Chaplain of England.

Bro. ROBINSON said that he felt it a very great honour indeed to return thanks for the toast which had just been so heartily responded to. The Chairman had just described well the duties of the Deputy Grand Master, in the distinguished position which that nobleman, the Earl of Latham, enjoyed in Grand Lodge. On behalf of him and other Grand Officers, he begged to say, "We will, with the utmost allegiance to His Royal Highness, and the deepest fidelity to the Craft, perform our offices to the best of our skill and ability during our year of appointment."

The D.P.G.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M.," said that it appeared to him scarcely possible that more than twelve months had elapsed since they were holding their festival at Rochester, where the speaker had the honour on behalf of the brethren, to present a testimonial to the Provincial Grand Master for his invaluable services to Freemasonry in that province. Another year had passed, however, and he found himself again privileged to propose that toast, which they must all consider the most important on the list, "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master." He could safely assert, and he was sure they would all agree with him, that there was no province or district under the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England that had greater reason to be proud of their chief officer than the Province of Kent, whether they regarded his lordship's great love and admiration for the principles of the Craft, which he so thoroughly carried out, or his administrative ability, they had every reason to be proud of having an excellent Grand Master. He could not let that occasion pass without pointing out, what all of them perhaps did not know, the very great deal of trouble that was taken by the Provincial Grand Master with regard to that fiasco on Saturday last; if the arrangements had only been carried out they would have been most successful; but such was not to be, and they could only express their sympathy. He knew it afforded the R.W.P.G.M. great pleasure to see so large and influential a body of Masons as met on that occasion, and he should ask him to use his personal influence still to secure, if possible, the honour of the Royal visit which they had lost on Saturday. He was sure that the company would all join with him in the hope that his lordship might be spared to them for many years, and that for so long a time he might continue to be their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. He asked them to drink to his lordship's long life, health, and happiness.

Bro. Lord HOLMESDALE, in reply, said at the annual recurrence of that toast the brethren had never yet failed heartily to accept it. It had always been very kindly proposed and received by the Province of Kent during his twenty-two years of office, and he hoped there would never be any difference. They had had a very busy year in the Province of Kent, and altogether he thought he might say that Freemasonry had prospered during the past twelve months, and he was sure that afforded great pleasure to every one interested in Freemasonry. The progress of Freemasonry gave him great pleasure, and he hoped the increase would continue, even though their numbers increased beyond what they were now. The only fear he had was that they would become so numerous that the question would arise where to receive the Provincial Grand Lodge; even the spacious apartment they were in that day was none too big. If they were to increase at the present rate they would have to vote the funds of Grand Lodge to buy tents with which to encamp in the wilderness. If this was evidence of over much prosperity, he was sure that there were none of them who would wish to see that prosperity diminished, no one who would wish to see that himself inconvenienced with Freemasonry on the increase

than find himself with plenty of space in a large hall with Freemasonry diminishing. So long as he represented them he should always do his best for Freemasonry; as he had done it in the past he should hope to do it in the future. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had spoken of the trouble the speaker had had in making the arrangements for last Saturday. His Royal Highness had been good enough to send for him and place the Masonic arrangements in his hands; and, of course, in such a case he was bound to take some trouble that they should be able to meet their Royal Highnesses as the brethren of Kent would wish to meet them. Unhappily the meeting was adjourned—he was afraid it was adjourned *sine die*. If his Royal Highness would come down, he, for one, would not fail to take sufficient care that the meeting should be worthy of the Province of Kent.

The CHAIRMAN said that he should not like to go away without proposing the health of one without whose assistance he did not know what he should do; one who had very worthily fulfilled the duties of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and who, when the speaker's social engagements prevented him from visiting so many lodges as he could wish, acted as his Deputy, and supported the dignity of the office. The P.G.M. said that when he heard, as he often did, the success of Freemasonry in the province attributed to his headship, he thought a great deal of it was due to his worthy Deputy. He hoped that the time might be long distant when that Deputy would not be found in his accustomed place—at, or near, the right hand of the Worshipful Master.

Bro. EASTES, D.P.G.M., thanked the P.G.M. for the very complimentary manner in which he had been pleased to propose his health, but he could not help smiling at the remarks with regard to the duties of the Deputy, which were light in comparison with those of the Prov. Grand Master. The Chairman had referred to the progress they had made in the past year, and it might be interesting to the brethren to learn that, whereas last year when they met at Rochester there were 45 lodges in the province, with 2520 members, there were now 48 lodges, with 2588 members. In conclusion, he reminded the brethren that they could not please their Prov. Grand Master better than by exercising great care as to those introduced into Freemasonry—initiating good men only. This would lessen the number of applicants to the Masonic Charities. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which this toast had been received.

The P.G.M. said he was forced to go by the arrangements of a most unmasonic railway, but before going, he must propose "The Health of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past." The province was much indebted to those gentlemen. He was pleased to see so many present. The Grand Officers of the past year had been very attentive. At each ceremony he had had to perform there had been a remarkably full attendance, and none had been more attentive than the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens; the former, as a professional man with large calls upon his time, had yet been able on this occasion to subordinate his professional to his Masonic duties, though it must be at a considerable sacrifice on his part; the Junior Grand Warden had never failed on one occasion, and he thanked him heartily. Unless Grand Officers attended the ceremonies they could not be carried out properly, and he hoped that those who accepted purple would not look upon it as merely a collar to wear for a year, but that there were important duties attached to the office. His difficulty in appointing his officers had been not the finding brethren willing to accept office, but in selecting his officers from the large number who were eligible. He hoped that those he had selected, would uphold the honour of the purple, and not suffer its lustre to diminish in their hands. He would associate this toast with the Senior Grand Warden for the year, wishing for a happy year of office for him and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers.

Several other toasts were proposed, including "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," for which Bro. Binckes responded with his accustomed ability.

The signature book showed the names of the following Grand and Prov. Grand Officers present: Bros. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M.; Eastes, D.P.G.M.; W. T. Jones, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Thos. Robinson, G. Chap. Eng.; J. Fenwick, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Cessford, P.P.G.P.; Herbert Murray, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Foord, P.P.G.D.C.; F. Wells, P.P.G.S.W.; P. Harvey, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Gosby, P.P.G.S.B.; E. G. Sears, P.G.S.D.; W. Call, P.P.J.D.C.; George Pelcher, P.P.G.D.C.; Christopher Park, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon; Henry Naylor, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Knight, P.P.G.D.C.; John Marshall, P.G.S.W.; J. L. Terson, P.P.G.S.D.; Noah Martin, P.P.G.S.B.; Jos. Hazeldine, P.P.G.D.C.; R. J. Fynmore, P.G. S. of W.; J. T. Brady, P.P.G.P.; T. G. Grove-Snowden, P.P.G. J.W.; George H. Chexfield, P.P.G.J.W.; S. J. Chancellor, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Spears, P.P.G. Org.; F. Baker, P.P.G.S.W.; Austin Gardner, P.P.G.D.; W. Wood, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Branfill Harrison, P.P.G. Chap.; H. M. Baker, P.G.S.D.; J. Lucas Worship, P.S.G.W.; F. J. Searle, P.G.S.D.; P. T. Syre, P.P.G. Chap.; George Page, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Boughton-Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; John Bourdeaux, P.P.G.D.; John Storey, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Seaman, P.G.D.C.; R. J. Emmerson, P.P.G.J.W.; B. Complan, P.P.G.J.W.; Edward Coste, P.P.D.C.; Alfred Avery, P.P.G.R.; E. Danton, P.P.G.P.; D. M. Paget, P.P.G.D.; A. P. Atkin, P.P.G. Reg.; Thomas Asher, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Ralph, P.P.G. Reg.; J. V. Eve, P.G.A.D.C.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S., and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Somerset was held on Wednesday, the 19th, at the Town-hall, Burnham, under the banner of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, Highbridge. The fixture, we believe, was made as a compliment to the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else (who was initiated into Freemasonry in the Highbridge Lodge), and having just been appointed to the dignified office of Grand Deacon of England, it was determined to present him on this occasion with a suit of Grand Lodge clothing, which had been purchased by the joint contributions of all the lodges in the Province. The attendance of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and brethren was very large, all the lodges in the Province being represented, and included the following:—The M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. Grand Master of England,

Provincial Grand Master; W. Bro. R. C. Else, G.D. of England, D.P.G.M.; Colonel Adair; the R.W.P.P.G.M.; Capt. Long, P.P.S.G.W.; Bro. C. L. F. Edwards, P.P.J.G.D.; Bro. Edmund White, P.P.S.G.W., and many others. Highbridge Lodge (No. 291), was represented by Bros. H. M. Kemmis, I.P.M.; C. Lucette, S.W., W.M. elect; H. W. Batten, P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer; Rev. J. C. Lyons, Chaplain; John Burnett, P.M., R. Brodie, P.M., and most of the brethren. The Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199 (Congresbury), was represented by Bros. Edgar Thatcher, W.M.; C. L. F. Edwards, Treasurer (who also represented the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, Clevedon); A. Knowles, W. Reece, J. E. Waddon, and other brethren. St. Kew, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, was represented by Bros. G. Yates, W.M.; W. E. Perrett, jun., I.P.M.; Felix Thomas, Treasurer; Sidney Lewis, P.M. P.P.G. Swd. B., Secretary; B. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; G. Glossop, P.M., G. H. Perrett and J. Tytherleigh, Stewards; S. Norton, W. E. Perrett, G. H. Perrett, J. F. Hughes, H. J. Sellick, W. Fisher, W. H. Edwards.

The roll of lodges having been called and the minutes read, Bro. E. TURNER PAYNE, P.G. Treas., submitted his accounts, showing a balance in favour of the province of £116 os. 6d. The great increase in the number of lodges largely accounted, he said, for the improved position of Prov. Grand Lodge. Opening his accounts at random at the year 1860, he found that the returns from the lodges in that twelvemonth amounted to £58; in the past year they produced £113 1s. They had £450 invested in Consols as a nest egg. The accounts were passed upon the motion of Bro. Radway, P.S.G.W.

All the offices having been declared vacant, Bro. Payne was re-elected P.G. Treasurer by acclamation, the P.G.M. expressing his own great satisfaction that the choice of the province had again fallen upon one whose tried loyalty to the Craft was undoubted. Bro. Payne, in acknowledgment, mentioned that he had filled the office for twenty-two years.

The officers for the ensuing year were then invested as follows:—

Bros. John Burnett, P.M. 291 ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. Stuart Boyd, P.M. 976 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. J. Anderson, 135 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. A. G. How, W.M. 53 ...	Prov. G.A.C.
" E. Turner Payne, P.M. 53 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. W. Evans, P.M. 1296 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Hunt, P.M. 135 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. H. Pollard, P.M. 251 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" N. Crisp, P.M. 1833 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Edward Howell, 329 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. E. Perrett, P.M. 1222 ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Brock, P.M. 772 ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" F. Bendle, P.M. 973 ...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" James C. Trelling, P.M. 135 ...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Minns, P.M. 1755 ...	Prov. G. Purs.
" J. Graham, P.M. 1187 ...	Prov. G.A.Purs.
" W. Woodward, 291 ...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" A. J. Salter, 53 ...	Prov. G.A. Tyler.
" E. W. Coombs, 814, A. Holmes, 53, T. Sheldon, 346, J. C. Hodges, 285, A. Knowles, Sec. 1199, R. B. Wybrants, W.M. 437	Prov. G. Stwds.

In investing Bro. Woodward, the Tyler, the P.G.M. observed that he had exercised that office for more than the lifetime of a whole generation, with the approval, good will, respect and regard of his brethren in the province.

A report was read from the Charity Organisation Committee, the most interesting statements in which were that the organisation continued to work most satisfactorily, and that every case taken in hand had been carried.

The next subject discussed was the amount of quarterages to Grand Lodge, and it was introduced by the P.G.M. He explained that at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in June last, it was proposed for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, that all members of London lodges should pay 1s. 6d. per quarter to the fund instead of 1s., and that the members of country lodges should pay 6d. instead of 6d. The consideration of the subject was deferred in order that the opinion of the Provincial Grand Lodges might be ascertained. His lordship remarked that the Lodge of Benevolence had already dispensed about £5000 a year, and he doubted whether it was necessary or desirable to increase very largely the votes, which were calculated upon a very liberal basis. They in Somerset must consider what were their own interests in the matter. They had established a very valuable body, the Charity Organisation Committee, and the tendency of all their work was to an increase of expenditure. Such being the case they should be a little chary of increasing these quarterages. They had interests nearer home, and he did not think it right that they should burden themselves with an additional payment unless the case was abundantly clear, and one of strong necessity.

The D.P.G.M. asked why the Lodge of Benevolence wanted more money now than it had done for years past? It must either be that the grants were increased in number and size, or that the character of the Masonic body was altering, that they had amongst them a more needy class of men than they had years ago. He questioned whether many of the private lodges could afford to pay increased quarterages.

Bro. RADWAY observed that from March, 1881, to June of the present year, the Lodge of Benevolence had dispensed £12,795, in such grants as these, two of £250, three of £200, five of £150, twelve of £100, and so on. They should be more cautious in making the grants. He moved that in the opinion of the Province of Somerset it was inexpedient to increase the quarterages at present paid to Grand Lodge.

Bro. B. Cox seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "That the sum of £20 be contributed by the Prov. Grand Lodge to the Masonic Memorial Fund now being raised by the W.M. and brethren of Lodge 1222 for the purpose of assisting in completing the structure of the West of England Sanatorium, the foundation-stone of which was laid by the R.W.P.G.M. eleven years ago." An objection, he said, might be taken by some that this was not strictly a Masonic work, but when he reminded the brethren that eleven years ago the Prov. Grand Master of Somerset laid the foundation-stone of that splendid charitable institution, he thought it became them, as good Masons, to do all they possibly could to assist in the erection of the superstructure.

Bro. Dr. HUGHES seconded the resolution.

The P.G.M., in putting the motion, said that so far as his own opinion went, he thought it was a proper object to which the proposed £20 might be devoted. While he always felt that the funds of the Craft should be applied, strictly speaking, to Craft objects, he did not think they must be too narrow in their interpretation of those objects, and in a great work of charity and benevolence, such as this, especially when it was in the county with which they were all connected, it was reasonable and right that the sum should be voted.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. YATES, W.M. of St. Kew, on behalf of the brethren of that lodge, briefly thanked the D.P.G.M. for proposing the handsome donation, and the members of Prov. Grand Lodge for unanimously voting it. He also took occasion to thank those brethren who had sent individual donations to the object. He hoped, he said, to raise £100 (a great part of which was already forthcoming) to be spent in fitting up a ward in the Sanatorium to be called the Freemasons' Ward, thus permanently and practically associating the Masonic body with a great county institution.

The P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. were appointed joint trustees, with Col. Adair, of the funds and property of the province, the vacancies being caused by the deaths of Bros. C. J. Vigne and Dr. Falconer.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having by acclamation voted fifteen guineas for the purchase of a jewel of office for presentation to Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., on his appointment as Grand Deacon.

The P.G.M., addressing Bro. Else as his "excellent and respected, and long proved D.P.G.M.," said it gave him the most unfeigned pleasure to communicate the resolution which had just been passed by acclamation. But his pleasing duty did not end there. He had been requested, and he esteemed it as much honour as pleasure, to offer for his (Bro. Else's) acceptance a suit of Grand Lodge clothing, a proof of how much the province felt the honour which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, had been pleased to confer upon him. It was, and he thought it should be accepted as a great honour, for he might mention that in forming his list of Grand Officers for the year, His Royal Highness went into the matter with great minuteness, and took some trouble and pains upon this subject, as they all knew he did in so many other matters. For himself, he wished to say how great were his obligations to Bro. Else during the time he had filled the office of D.P.G.M. He also wished to convey what he was sure was the unanimous feeling of every lodge in the province—how much they owed to him for his indefatigable labour, his conciliatory temper, his tact and patience, for the time he had devoted, for the sacrifice of other occupations, for all, in fact, that he had done for many years for the province and for every lodge in the province. The clothing, which he trusted he would long wear, was the gift of every lodge in the province. Every lodge had contributed an equal sum, but he understood that they had accompanied their contributions with separate letters, and that while expressing their feeling in different terms, there was but one single conclusion running through the whole, viz., of great pleasure at the honour which His Royal Highness had conferred upon him, and their earnest and sincere hope that he might live long to wear the clothing, and to be among them and render many more services than he had already given. If anything could increase their satisfaction it would be the recollection that he had recently passed through a long and severe illness, and that the Great Architect of the Universe had been pleased to restore him to health, to those who valued him, respected him, and whose hope it was that he might long be amongst them.

The D.P.G.M., who was heartily cheered on rising to return thanks, expressed his obligations to the P.G.M. for placing him on the list of nominations for Grand office, and his gratitude that H.R.H. the Grand Master had been pleased to sanction the appointment. He regarded the honour in a two-fold light, first as a personal distinction to himself, and secondly as a great compliment to the province, and as an evidence that the true work of the brethren of the province was appreciated by H.R.H. the Grand Master, as well as by their own P.G.M. He sincerely thanked Prov. Grand Lodge for the jewel of office which the members had been so good as to vote to him; and he asked all the lodges in the province to accept his heartfelt thanks for the magnificent suit of Grand Lodge clothing which they had so kindly presented to him, and if anything could add to the pleasure with which he received it, it would be the graceful, eloquent, but too flattering language addressed to him by the P.G.M. He trusted that in the future he should be able, by his Masonic work and labour, to prove himself more worthy of the kindness he had received at the hands of his brethren.

The Rev. C. G. ANDERSON, P.G.C., proposed a resolution affirming the desirability of granting a patent to the Grand Officers of the Province on their appointment, but on the suggestion of the D.P.G.M. it was withdrawn, on the ground that it somewhat entrenched upon the prerogative of the P.G.M.

Lord CARNARVON promised to consider the matter, remarking that the request was one which he thought might be granted.

Bro. WOODFORDE had a notice on the paper to propose a grant of fifteen guineas to Bro. C. L. F. Edwards towards the expenses incurred by the publication of the "Masonic Calendar," but, at the request of Bro. Edwards, he withdrew it.

The P.G.M. thought the province was under very great obligation to Bro. Edwards for the work he had undertaken, since it was of great utility to the whole province.

Bro. ASHLEY suggested that Prov. Grand Lodge itself should undertake the work.

Bro. ALFRED PRATT brought forward a resolution with the view of forming a Prov. Grand Lodge Charity Fund, but it was ruled to be "ultra vires," and was withdrawn. Bro. Pratt mentioned that from 1875 to 1881 inclusive, the province had given £1033 to the Boys' School; £1041 to the Girls' School; and £525 to the Benevolent Institution, making an average annual grant of £375. On the other side there had been spent per annum on five boys from the province £225; seven girls, £280; and the men and women, £62, making a total of £577, as against the donations of £375.

Before closing the lodge, the P.G.M. referred in feeling terms to the deaths of two distinguished members of Prov. Grand Lodge, Bros. General Munbee and Major Vaughan

Lec. The former was at one time a very constant attendant, took deep interest in Masonry, and was deservedly respected and liked in the province. The latter was, perhaps, less known, but there was but one feeling of regret and sorrow at the loss of so genial and kind-hearted a man. The lodge was soon afterwards closed. The alms collected were voted to the Highbridge Church Extension Fund.

The banquet took place at the Public Gardens, Bro. Kellaway, of Highbridge, serving an excellent cold collation, followed by a welcome and bountiful dessert. The P.G.M. presided, supported by the D.P.G.M.; Bros. Col. Adair, P.P.G.M.; E. Turner Payne, Treas.; Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Kemmis, and others. Grace was said by the P.P.G. Chaplain, Bro. Seale. The P.G.M. being obliged to leave ere the toast list was reached, his health was proposed by the D.P.G.M., who congratulated his lordship on his improved health, and on behalf of the province offered him a truly Masonic welcome.

The Earl of CARNARVON, in responding, said the Province of Somerset had for him so many and so great attractions that he always felt himself very much better when he was down in the West. But it had one single disadvantage, and only one that he knew of, and that was that in spite of the rapid communication of modern days—he did not know what it might be when they had electric railways—it took several hours to pass from London to Somerset, and unhappily the last train for London would leave in a very short time, so that he was compelled, sorely against his will, to wish them good-bye far earlier than he could desire in order to return to London. There was much he might congratulate them upon—he might congratulate them on the returning hopes of fine weather. That was not a matter to which any of them in these days could be indifferent, and one really thanked T.G.A.O.T.U. for this as for all His multitudinous favours. He might congratulate them upon the success of that day's meeting. He could not forbear from saying how much he rejoiced at seeing their excellent D.P.G.M. restored to almost complete health, and hoped that he might long live to enjoy the honours that had come upon him amidst the respect and esteem and affectionate regard of his brethren in the province. His lordship having especially thanked the members of the Rural and Philanthropic Lodge for the splendid reception they had given to Prov. Grand Lodge that day, retired amidst the general cheers of the company.

The toasts next honoured were "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master." Bro. KEMMIS proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge," and the D.P.G.M. Bros. ADAIR and PAYNE responded.

"The Health of the P.P.G.M." was very heartily proposed by the D.P.G.M., and acknowledged by Col. ADAIR.

The health of the D.P.G.M. having been honoured, Bro. ELSE proposed "The Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," on whose behalf Bro. JOHN BURNETT, the P.S.G.W., returned thanks.

The D.P.G.M. proposed "The Past Masters and Officers of the Receiving Lodge," taking occasion to compliment them upon the hearty reception they had given Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bros. BATTEN and KEMMIS replied, the former mentioning that it was eighteen years since the Prov. Grand Lodge honoured Highbridge with a visit, and thanking the younger members of the lodge for their hearty co-operation.

Bro. FISHER submitted "The W.M.'s, Officers, and Brethren of the other Lodges in the Province."

Bros. G. YATES, W.M. 1222; R. B. WYBRANTS, W.M. 437; Rev. Prebendary KNOWLING, W.M. 1966; and H. HAWKINS, W.M. 722, severally responded.

For "The Visiting Brethren" Bro. HISCOCK (from India) and Bro. TERRY (Secretary of the Benevolent Institution) returned thanks, the latter taking occasion to show the brethren the importance of organisation in securing the election of candidates for the Charities, and to plead for a greater share of support for the old and decayed Masons and their widows.

The concluding toasts were "The Masonic Charities" and the Tyler's toast.

AN ANCIENT AND VALUABLE PAINTING.

We are indebted to the *Camden* (U.S.A.) *Daily Post* of the 5th May last for the following:—

"In his earlier student life, George F. Fort, Esq., of this city, while wandering idly one afternoon through the scholastic rubbish of a second-hand book store, in the vicinity of Fifth and Locust, Philadelphia, nearly stumbled over a large basket filled with a regular 'olla-podrida' of archaic 'detritus' worn out duodecimos, dingy octavos, tattered and torn pamphlets; in a word a gloomy mass of tomes in a dozen languages. The Bibliopole had evidently shoved this aggregation into the basket as a farmer measures up his produce.

"The temptation to explore this sombre repository was something in the nature of the Roman chieftain's inducement to invade Britain—'spes margaritarum.' Mr. Fort somewhat hastily revolutionized the upper contents of the basket, and one of the first objects confronting him was a small mahogany panel, nearly four inches square, upon turning which an oil painting, much soiled with age and dirt, came to view. He bought it at once for a trifle, and upon examination it proved of extraordinary merit. Until lately this panel has slumbered hidden away unframed, but having been recently produced for framing and subjected to a strong test, displayed in faded tracing a monogram of antique letters—an interlaced T. and S., which the eminent artist, John Sartain, pronounces to be the initials of Tobias Stimmel, a Swiss painter and wood carver of the sixteenth century. Stimmel was born at Schaffhausen, about the year 1540, and died towards the close of the century.

"His principal paintings were historical subjects 'al fresco,' at Strassburg and other cities on the Rhine—but have all perished. The great celebrity of this painter may be inferred when it is stated that the famous Reubens himself made Stimmel's pictures the objects of study and high commendation. This painting, the head of an old man, now in Mr. Fort's possession, is perhaps unique, and the sole remnant of the illustrious artist's 'chef d'oeuvre,' a fact which would of itself, independent of its intrinsic value, render it of priceless worth."



Craft Masonry.

NELSON LODGE (No. 700).—The installation meeting of the above lodge, one of the most popular in the district, took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, when Bro. G. Beaver, S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of the lodge as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremony was grandly performed by Bro. E. B. Hobson, W.M., who rendered the concluding portion of the service with rare declamation. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. H. Roberts, S.W.; T. Ovenden, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M. Treas.; C. Norman, P.M. Sec.; W. Ross, S.D.; C. Sweeting, J.D.; W. Lacey, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; J. Sanderson, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hobson for so admirably carrying out the duties of Installing Officer, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. On the motion of Bro. Past Master Butt, it was resolved that the meetings of the lodge in future should be five instead of nine, namely, on the third Wednesday in November, January, March, May, and July, instead of every month between November and July as heretofore.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the New Falcon Hotel at Gravesend, where they partook of a superbly served banquet which enhanced the reputation of Bro. Hubbard's "cuisine" in no ordinary degree, and when the brethren stood up in the handsome and commodious room to sing the National Anthem; after "The Queen and the Craft," the "coup de oil" presented was exceeding striking and pretty. Among the other brethren present were: Bros. Past Masters G. Crawford, E. Bowles, C. Hobson, J. Wilkins, A. Woodley, J. Warren, A. Penfold, P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; G. W. Wrigglesworth, P.M. 975; J. Doherty, P.M. 407; T. Hosgood, W.M. 13; T. Holleyman, W.M. 1536; G. Kenney, S.W. 1536; A. Saunders, J.W. 1536; W. Akers, S.D. 13; W. Rees, S.D. 913; C. Ellis, 13; T. Cooper, 1536; A. Fisher, Sec. 1536; G. Nichols, 1567; W. Reef, 1790; G. Mitchell, I.G. 615; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*); and others.

The usual Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. Hobson rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said he had once more the privilege of using the gavel as an implement of power, but in quite a different position and for quite a different purpose that he had hitherto used it. It was to ask them to drink the health of their esteemed W.M., who had in all the offices of the lodge done his duty so well and with such true Masonic feeling. He knew that he spoke the sentiments of every member of the lodge when he said that from the inside of the door to the chair Bro. Beaver had done good service; and now that he was placed over them as their ruler and governor, his strict attention to those duties would stand him in good stead, and he would be an honour and credit to the lodge. He asked them to accord Bro. Beaver the same support they had him, and then he felt sure the coming year would add even additional lustre to the Nelson Lodge.

The toast having been drunk in bumpers, Bro. Beaver, who was heartily cheered on rising to respond, said he could hardly find words to express his gratitude for the hearty manner in which his health had been received. As Bro. Hobson had so kindly said, he had been through all the subordinate offices, and had in each and all felt it a pleasure to make himself worthy of the office and of the Master's choice; and now that he had arrived at the position he had so long and ardently striven to reach, he could assure them that he should endeavour to emulate the deeds and be worthy of the fame of his predecessors. It was one of the proudest moments of his life, and he could well remember when he was initiated into Freemasonry being told, as their initiates were told the previous evening, that by a steady course of attention and zeal in working he might some day arrive at the chair he now occupied. Well, he had attained it, and they might depend upon it that he should do all in his power to be worthy of the trust reposed in him, and also for the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren.

"The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. E. B. Hobson, P.M." followed, and in putting it, the W.M. said he was sure that every one who heard Bro. Hobson that day must have been gratified at the excellent manner in which he had installed his successor. The addresses were an intellectual treat, and most eloquently delivered; and now he would ask them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved. The W.M. then proceeded to present a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas (specially prepared by Bro. George Kenning) to Bro. Hobson. He said: "Past Master Hobson, I have very great pleasure in pinning this jewel on your breast, as a token of the esteem in which you are held by the brethren, and also to mark their sense of the admirable manner in which you have carried out the duties of W.M. during the past twelve months. I trust that you may long be spared to wear it, and when you look upon it in years to come, may it remind you of many happy hours spent in the Nelson Lodge. I need not assure you that it carries with it the hearty good wishes of every brother in the lodge for your continued health and happiness, but I may say that we heartily supplicate T.G.A.O.T.U. that you may be enabled to take your place among the Past Masters, and continue to render those services to the lodge of the value of which in the past that jewel is the recognition, however inadequate, on the part of the brethren." Bro. Beaver then pointed out to the brethren a handsome chequered carpet that covered the floor of the lodge, which, he said, Bro. Hobson had kindly presented, and concluded an eloquent address by asking them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Bro. Hobson, in returning thanks, said he rose to make his maiden speech as a Past Master, and he did so with a great deal of pleasure, inasmuch as they had so kindly received the very generous remarks of the W.M. in a manner that showed that they appreciated his efforts, the success of which he attributed entirely to his tutors, the Past Masters. He trusted he had sustained the dignity of the lodge, and now that the end of his year of office had

come, it was most gratifying to receive so handsome a recognition of his services as he had received that night. He should prize it as long as he lived, because it was voted unanimously to him, and should endeavour to do his duty as a Past Master by being constantly at the left of the W.M. during lodge hours. He asked them to support the W.M. by every means in their power, and could only say, in conclusion, that if he had satisfied them in the past, he should try even further to do so in the future.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters;" and after Bro. Crawford had briefly replied,

Bro. Graham, in the course of a telling address, impressed upon the younger members the advantage of striving to attain the W.M.'s chair. He advocated the Charities strongly, and spoke of the late festival at Brighton in enthusiastic terms. No one unless they subscribed, and liberally, to the Charities knew what true Masonry was; and he strongly urged them all to help onward the cause of those grand institutions of the Order, that were so helpful, and which called forth the admiration of the whole of the civilised world.

Bros. C. Hobson and Butt also briefly responded; and then "The Initiates, Bros. Bedo, Medlicott, and Shaw," who had been initiated at a lodge of emergency the night previous, had their health drunk, and returned thanks.

"The Visitors" followed; and Bros. Hosgood, Holleyman, and Hayes responded, and in so doing, spoke highly of the work and hospitality always shown in the Nelson Lodge.

Bro. Wrigglesworth returned thanks in his own inimitable droll manner, and convulsed the brethren by singing some exceedingly funny songs.

The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Roberts, S.W., who returned thanks; and after "The Masonic Press" and "The Host" had been complimented, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent songs. Mr. H. J. Roberts, son of the esteemed S.W., accompanied the singers, and performed during the evening a piano solo admirably.

BURDETT LODGE (No. 1293).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Present: Bros. Kentish, W.M.; Sanders, S.W.; Maybury, J.W.; Pearce, Sec.; Maple, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Spratling, I.G.; Gilbert, Tyler; Sindall, P.M.; Raynham Stewart, P.P.G.D. Middx.; Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex; Collings, Smith, Francis, Stewart, Swain, Otway, Eowen, Nelson, Sadler, and Tattersall. Visitors: Bros. Thomas J. Mellish, 32° (Editor "Masonic Review," Cincinnati); W. R. Mellish, 32° (America); George Brown, W.M. 140; Dewar, P.M. 1415; Pakis, P.M. 871; Ockenden, P.M. 1512; Ruf, P.M. 12; and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bros. Otway and Bowen were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bro. Swain was passed to the Second Degree, the work being done in the usual excellent style of the W.M. The resignation of Bro. Buss of his office of Treasurer was accepted with regret; and after other routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the usual pleasant banquet provided by Bro. Sadler, and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—The regular meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held on the 19th inst., at Bro. W. Clark's, George Hotel, Cubitt Town. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Millington, I.P.M., in the regrettable absence of the esteemed W.M., Bro. G. T. Limn, through illness. Bro. Millington was ably supported by Bros. G. B. Smith, S.W.; W. Stapleton, J.W.; J. Carnoby, P.M., Treasurer; Dr. C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; H. Doring, S.D.; C. McLeod acting J.D.; W. Raiker, I.G.; J. Delves, P.M. as I.P.M.; D. Hodges, P.M.; C. Scarell, P.M.; W. Clark, R. J. Perry, J. Laurie, G. W. Medcalf, C. Stoneham, G. A. Saunders, W. Shearman, J. Tuppeny, G. Martin, S. G. Marsh, G. Turton, R. J. Pitt, J. Smith, T. Nye. Visitors: E. Dyer, 781; H. G. Cockie, 1906; G. O. Bray, 387; G. H. Stephens, 1382, and S. D. 1623, *Freemason*.

After the reading of the minutes, the ballot proved favourable for the admission into the Order, of Messrs. William Bowers, Andrew Strachan, and John Charlton, and they were accordingly admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a careful and effective manner. Of the candidates for passing, Bro. Saunders, being present, was tested and entrusted, and in due course was advanced to the degree of F.C. Bro. Tuppeny was next tested, as also was Bro. H. G. Cockie, a F.C., who had been initiated in the John Miller Lodge, 1906, in the Madras presidency, and passed to the F.C. degree in the Coromandel Lodge, 1810, but having returned from India, was, under the sanction of the Grand Secretary, and by the courtesy of the Lodge, a candidate for the third degree, which was conferred upon these two brethren in a highly impressive manner. This concluded an arduous evening's work, and Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to some light refreshments, and the usual loyal and Craft toasts were highly honoured, and an hour enlivened with songs was happily spent.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Present: Bros. J. Vaughn, W.M.; A. J. Hammond, S.W.; T. Eastgate, J.W.; W. Lee, J.D.; T. Jones, S.D.; W. C. Smith, I.G.; Potter, P.M. Tyler; J. E. Shand, I.P.M., Treas.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., P.G.W. Middx.; Thos. White, P.M.; E. J. Scott, P.M. Sec.; Hill, Newman, Köhler, Brander, and others.

Ballot was taken for three candidates, Messrs. W. H. Bolt, Edgar O. Ashby, Wm. Joseph Smith, son of Bro. Smith, I.G., for initiation, and being unanimous in their favour they were duly initiated. Bro. Walter Howard was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bros. Bates and Armstrong had the Third Degree conferred upon them after having proved their proficiency.

The brethren afterwards dined together, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The meeting was enlivened with music by Bro. Walter Howard (Messrs. Moore and Burgess), and the evening closed in perfect harmony.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst. at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. H.

Massey, P.M., W.M.; J. Allen, I.P.M.; H. F. Bussey, S.W.; T. Minstrel, J.W.; W. Mackenzie Duckworth, Treas.; C. Basil Cooke, Sec.; Dr. Griffiths, Chap.; J. Macintyre, S.D.; W. A. Burn, J.D.; R. J. Albery, I.G.; R. Redman and J. C. Duckworth, W. Stwds.; J. Turner, John Moore, W. Potts, O. Willson, C. F. Pardon, W. O. Goldsmith, D.C.; H. Wright, R. A. Hancock, G. Farran, J. H. Thomas, P.M.; T. B. Whitefoot, J. H. Smith, E. E. Peacock, John Bunc, George Welsh, Macdonald, and others. Visitors: Bros. Heckcher (of Hamburg); Barras and Hodge, of the Orpheus Lodge.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. F. Duff, 303, was elected a joining member. Bro. Welsh was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bros. Smith and Peacock were passed.

Bro. Bussey, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; and the W.M., in congratulating his successor, said that Bro. Bussey had gained the confidence of the brethren by his constant attendance, genial manners, and careful working.

The W.M. elect thanked the brethren for his election, and said he should endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren, although that task would be a difficult one, following as he did Bro. Massey, a Mason who had attained great rank in the Craft, and who was so accomplished a workman. He would do his best to follow his example.

Bro. W. Mackenzie Duckworth was re-elected Treasurer; and the W.M., in announcing that fact, spoke of the valuable and ready assistance Bro. Duckworth had rendered him in starting and conducting the first year of the lodge. He trusted that Bro. Duckworth would be re-elected as their Treasurer for many years to come.

Bro. Duckworth briefly acknowledged the compliment. The Audit Committee having been appointed, the W.M. presented to the lodge, on behalf of himself and his brother officers, a large frame, in which the photographs of the first officers of the lodge in full Masonic clothing were arranged. The likenesses, which were admirable, were the work of Messrs. Treble and Co., of the Brixton-road, and the brethren agreed that better photographs could not have been produced.

On the motion of Bro. Wright, the first initiate of the lodge, seconded by Bro. Peacock, as the youngest initiate, the handsome present was accepted.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Heckscher of a Hamburg Lodge—a brother who was well known to most of the members of the Gallery as the Parliamentary representative of Reuter's Telegraphic Company. They were all glad to see him in the Gallery Lodge.

Bro. Heckscher, in response said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I thank you sincerely for the very kind and flattering terms in which you have proposed my health among those of the visitors, and you, my brethren, for the indeed hearty and cordial manner in which you have received the toast. An allusion was made from the chair, to the repeated invitations I had received, and that I have only now at last responded to them. I can only say on that subject, that if it had been within my power, this visit to your lodge to night would not have been the first one. But it depended not upon me, my occupation always stood in the way. But I determined at last to be present, and am indeed happy to have succeeded to night. I feel always of course at home when I enter a lodge, but the more so here, where I see around me old familiar faces of friends, whom I meet every day, and to whom I bear a sincere esteem, and whom I thank for their kind reception. I have seen you at work and enjoyed your hospitality, and can but say that I have been the greatest loser by not having more frequently attended your meetings. To show you how highly I do appreciate being among you, I will use my best effort in future to be, if you will receive me, oftener your guest, and I hope it will not be long before I shall be present here not only as a visitor, but as one belonging to the fold of the Gallery Lodge, so worthily presided over by your Worshipful Master.

A most pleasant evening was spent, and several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the proceedings by their vocal efforts.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, when there was a fair muster of brethren, considering the hot season. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted by Bros. J. Wood, I.P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M., as S.W.; M. H. Dodd, P.M., as J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M., M.C.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; W. M. Pybus, S.D.; E. Shewbrooks, J.D.; W. Dalrymple, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Brown, S.S.; and J. Curry, Tyler. The following members and visitors also attended: Bros. R. L. Armstrong, P.M.; G. J. Scott, W. Whitfield, A. Simpson, W. Stafford, R. Tate, J. G. Turnbull, T. Thompson, J. G. Joicey, C. B. Ford, W.M. 471; T. Dunning, J.W. 481; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; A. P. Anderson, W.M. 424; Thos. S. Wraith, P.M. 424; G. W. Weallens, J.W. 424; J. C. Lawson, S.D. 424; J. A. Reid, J.D. 424; J. G. Greener, S.S. 424; J. H. Elliott, 424; J. T. Ridley, 406; G. Wilson, 406; and M. Valentine, 406.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and Bro. G. J. Scott was then accorded the test of merit, and afterwards passed as a F.C. by Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., the acting S.W. explaining the working tools. Bro. J. G. Turnbull received the Degree of a M.M. from the W.M., who also explained the tracing boards and tools.

The lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the refreshment board, where the brethren enjoyed themselves with glee and songs until 10.45 p.m.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—This prosperous lodge held its first meeting at the Swan Hotel, on the 19th instant, when a goodly muster of brethren assembled, with the idea perhaps of criticising, but, with the result of unanimously admiring the arrangements made for their comfort and convenience by their host and W.M., Bro. Senior. There were present: Bro. James Senior, W.M.; John Baker, S.W.; John Mottram, J.W.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., Chaplain; F. Woolley, Secretary; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Wooldridge, J.D.; J. Bervon, Organist; T. Rigby, I.G.; W. D. Batkin, H. Thorn, W. Brown, Stewards; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; J. Bodenham, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; T. Wood, I.P.M.,

P.P.G.R.; J. I. Evans, G. Griffith, F. Espley, W. H. Frith, W. P. Duncalf, A. C. Poemore, S. S. Plant, S. Parton, H. Belcher, S. Scott, C. A. Ash, T. B. Mottram, A. C. Ward, J. Nevitt, and J. Taylor. Visitors: Bros. W. Blackshaw, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, Cheshire; J. W. C. Warrington, 1284; T. W. Chalmers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a favourable ballot was taken for Mr. W. T. Moss, proposed by Bro. T. Wood, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Mottram, J.W.; and also for Mr. S. Moss, proposed by Bro. Senior, W.M., and seconded by Bro. Baker, S.W. Bros. Parton and Belcher were then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M., and the traditional history, and the tracing board and working tools were fully explained by Bro. Wood, I.P.M., P.P.G.R. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual toasts were duly honoured, and the vocal abilities of Bros. Senior, W.M.; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Bervon, Organist; and J. W. C. Warrington, highly appreciated; these brethren contributing much to the harmony of the evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The brethren of this celebrated lodge—at once the most numerous and amongst the best worked in the province of West Lancashire—met together at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when there was a very large and influential gathering of the Fraternity. There was an exceedingly numerous gathering of the leaders of the Craft; the visitors including Bros. H. S. Alpass, G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; W. J. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; John Dutton, P.G.S.W. Cheshire; the Rev. W. H. Harpur, G.C. Western India; R. H. Evans, P.P.S.G.D.; Councillor Joseph Ball, P.M. 673; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. John Beesley, was presented by Bros. Councillor Lunt and W. Wilson, and the ceremony of installation was admirably conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Henry Carefull, who was assisted by Bros. W. Wilson and John Houlding, P.P.G.R. The following were the officers invested: Bros. Thomas H. Carefull, I.P.M.; William Brassey, S.W.; John Melling King, J.W.; John Houlding, P.M., M.C.; Wm. John Lunt, P.M., Treas.; Robt. H. Webster, Sec.; John Galley, S.D.; R. W. Gow, J.D.; Wm. Maddox, I.G.; R. S. Milne, S.S.; Robt. Britten, J.S.; C. H. Ashton and J. Mantle, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

A valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge. The gift was accompanied by a pleasing souvenir of his year of office, the brethren who had been initiated by him during the twelve months having subscribed for a handsome photographic album containing their portraits, which they handed to Bro. Carefull as a token of their esteem.

The annual picnic in connection with the lodge was held on the following day at Gresford, and proved a most enjoyable excursion. The pleasure party was a very large one, and ample provision was made for their amusement and comfort.

SIDCUP.—Sydney Lodge, No. 829.—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Black Horse, Sidcup, when Bro. John Parsons, W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted in the several degrees. He then appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. R. Arson, I.P.M.; W. Hawkins, S.W.; J. Coombes, J.W.; T. Hastings, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, Treasurer; W. Moulder, P.M., Secretary; Britten, S.D.; W. Etheridge, J.D.; Grenner, I.G.; Lee, D.C.; and Lackland, Tyler. The ceremony was performed by Bro. M. Paget, P.M., P.P.G.O. Kent, and the brethren afterwards partook of a well served banquet, and passed a very pleasant evening together.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in the Masonic-rooms, Athenæum, and was numerously attended; several visitors being also present. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities and the preliminary business transacted, Bro. Benjamin Taylor, P.M. 99, 935, 1345, P.P.G. Treasurer, East Lancashire, took the chair of the Installing Officer. A board of Installed Masters was then formed as follows: Bros. John Acton, I.P.M.; H. Hartley, S.W.; J. Ellershaw, J.W.; and James Taylor, I.G. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Richard Clemenson, was then presented by Bros. John Barrow and John Bell, and the ceremony of installation was carefully and impressively gone through by the Installing Officer. Prior to the newly-installed Master appointing his officers, Bro. John Acton, P.M., resigned the office of Secretary, which he has held for the past nine years, and Bro. King resigned his office as Treasurer. Subsequently the W.M. appointed and the Installing Master invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. E. Ogilthorpe, S.W.; J. D. Bell, J.W.; W. King, Sec.; W. C. Stork, S.D.; P. Dutton, J.D.; D. Shaw, I.G.; W. Drinkall, D.C.; T. Abbott, S.S.; J. Simpson, J.S.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. The office of Treasurer was not filled up. Before the lodge closed a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Acton for his long services as Secretary to the lodge.

The installation banquet was held at the house of Bro. H. Coates, the Flying Horse Shoe, Clapham, on the 12th inst. The majority of the brethren left Lancaster by the 10.33 a.m. train, and arrived at their destination soon after eleven o'clock. During the afternoon the famous Clapham Caves were visited, and the members rambled through the beautiful grounds belonging to Mr. Farrar. The time passed swiftly and pleasantly, and towards four o'clock the members began to draw to the centre of attraction—the Flying Horse Shoe—where an excellent banquet awaited their sharpened appetites. Bro. R. Clemenson, the newly-elected W.M., presided, and was supported on his left by the Installing Officer, Bro. Benjamin Taylor, P.M., and P. Prov. G. Treas. East Lanc.; Bros. C. Hartley, P.M.; J. Barrow, P.M.; J. Bell, P.M.; Robt. Wolfenden, P.M.; T. Bailey, J.W.; and R. Bond; and on his left by Bros. Hartley, I.P.M.; J. Case, 995, P. Prov. S.W. West Lanc.; G. Clemenson; J. Conlan, P.M.; Jas. Ellershaw, P.M.; and G. King, Secretary. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. J. E. Ogilthorpe, S.W., and J. D. Bell, J.W., and there were also present Bros. T. Abbott, T. Derome, Jas. Taylor, P.M., F. T.

Webb, W. J. Stork, J. S. Stork, Nuttall, Blezard, W. Bell, Miller, Beesley, Sandham, Jackson, I. Brash, W. S. Carr, Beardmore, Jos. Taylor, J. Simpson, sen., J. Simpson, jun., Mortimer, H. Worbrick, Hamer, Allinson, and others.

The Chairman proposed the loyal toasts, which were duly honoured.

"The Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire" were also proposed from the chair, and drunk with Masonic honours.

Bro. R. Bond, by request, proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers." The toast did not appear in the printed list of toasts, but was introduced on account of the special interest which at the moment was aroused by the attack on the forts of Alexandria by the British fleet. Bro. Bond eulogised the valour of British troops and marines in days gone by, and referred to the experience before Alexandria as proof that Englishmen are still ready to maintain the honour and credit of the country by deeds of bravery such as had rendered our soldiers and sailors famous in history. The toast was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Jas. Conlon briefly responded.

Bro. H. Hartley proposed "The Health of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. R. Clemenson." He said he had done his duty most zealously as a junior officer, and he had every confidence that he would exhibit equal efficiency in the performance of the more responsible and important duties which devolved upon the Master of a Masons lodge. The toast was heartily received, and drunk with Masonic honours.

The W. Master returned thanks for the friendly manner in which his health had been received, and thanked the brethren for having elected him to the proud position of principal officer of the lodge. He appreciated the honour very highly. It had been a source of great pleasure to him in becoming a Mason; he had received much enjoyment and instruction from his connection with the lodge, and had learned many useful lessons in the exercise of kindly feelings, and as to the necessity of order and obedience to the powers that be. In fact, he felt it to be a great privilege to be a Mason. He looked upon Masonry as one of the greatest and noblest institutions in existence. It ignored the petty narrowness which too often characterised religious creeds, and steered clear of the personal feeling which affected political parties. Masons were united on the grand and broad principle of humanity, and recognised that principle whenever and wherever a brother was found in distress. Great objections had been raised to Freemasonry on the ground of its secret obligations. Those who were practically acquainted with its objects and working looked upon the secret character of its operations with different eyes. To his mind it was one of the greatest recommendations of Freemasonry that its charities were administered unknown to the world, and this was one of the reasons, he believed, which maintained Masonry in its high position. He again thanked the brethren for the confidence they had placed in him, and promised to do all in his power to discharge the duties of his office with satisfaction to the lodge.

Bro. Jas. Ellershaw proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Benjamin Taylor," and spoke in high terms of the admirable way in which Bro. Taylor had performed the duties of Installing Master. The toast was heartily drunk with Masonic honours.

Bro. Taylor, in responding, thanked the brethren for the flattering manner in which they had received the toast. It had given him great pleasure to be present, and he was at all times glad to do anything in his power to promote Freemasonry. If he could be of any assistance at any time to the Duke of Lancaster Lodge he should be glad to come. It had afforded him very great pleasure to come to Lancaster to instal Bro. Clemenson; he had known him for twenty years, and he was one whom to know was to respect. He was exceedingly glad to find his friend made Master of his lodge; he had only been seven years a Mason, and it fell to the lot of few Masons in a lodge like the Duke of Lancaster to be raised to the highest office in so short a time. He had every confidence that their newly-installed Master would fill the office to the satisfaction of the members, and with as much dignity as any of his predecessors.

Other toasts followed, including "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. H. Hartley, who responded.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Wolfenden, and responded to by Bros. G. Clemenson and R. Bond.

"The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. C. Hartley, as the father of the lodge; and Bros. J. Barrow, and J. Bell also responded.

"The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. J. Bell.

"The Wardens," "The Secretary," "The Junior Officers," and "The Duke of Lancaster Lodge," were all duly honoured, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The harmony of several of the members added much to the convivial nature of the meeting, and the brethren returned home by the last train from Clapham highly gratified with the installation festival.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The two month's interregnum enjoyed by the members of the above lodge was a second time interrupted on the 14th inst., when a lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of transacting business which was voted (Masonically) urgent. There was a large attendance of stay-in-town members, and the visitors who were present received a welcome for which the lodge has acquired no mean fame. Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., presided at the opening and during the whole of the business, and his masterly working was ably seconded by the whole of his officers, who included Bros. W. Savage, J.W., acting S.W.; W. Constantine, P.M., acting J.W.; J. M. Boyd, Sec., acting Treas.; H. P. Squire, S.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, J.D.; O. W. Sanderson, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org.; J. J. Monk, Asst. Org.; H. Round, J.S.; W. A. Whittle, S.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members who were present included Bros. Ballard, H. Jones, Edgar Wilson, "Billy" Richardson, W. Parker, E. Graham, F. J. Pitcher, J. Pyer, J. Tudor Rogers, F. A. Macpherson, J. Bramham, E. H. Allen, R. Williams, J. Keet, J. Boardman, G. Redmond, J. Selby Hall, W. Simpson Cook, L. Neubert, H. Williams, A. Hines, W. Addiss. The following were the visitors: Bros. J. Jenaway, W.M. 249; D. Keith, 203; Rev. J. Stowell, Chap. 1350; A. C. Morrison, P.M. 1570; J. Wharton, 1570; W. B. Bridge, 349; and J. Hoskins, 1505.

Mr. Charles Mawson was duly initiated, Bro. E. H. Allen was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. J. T. Rogers, Edgar Wilson, and W. B. Bridge, all hailing from the Mariners Lodge, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

At the close of business the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and during the evening a most enjoyable entertainment was furnished by Bros. Constantine, Dr. Macpherson, "Billy" Richardson, Edgar Wilson, R. Williams, Cook, and Allen, the accompaniments to the songs being played by Bros. Burgess and Monk.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at York on Monday. The W.M., Bro. G. Simpson, presided. The business consisted of the passing of Bro. Waters to the Second Degree. In the absence of the Deacons, through indisposition, Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., conducted the candidate. Before the close of the lodge, Bro. Stubbs presented a very curious old apron, which had come into his possession from the descendants of a very old deceased brother in the East Riding. The apron is covered with emblems of various Degrees, and is a veritable antique. Bro. T. B. Whythead presented a framed photograph of Masonic emblems and a bound volume of the "Voice of Masonry." After the close of the lodge a pleasant party met round the social board, when a very pleasant evening was passed, enlivened by songs and recitations.

INSTRUCTION.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—The regular meetings of the above lodge were continued on Monday last at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C. Bro. J. S. Fraser occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. Jones, S.W.; W. Fraser, J.W.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Preceptor; H. J. Cant, Sec.; L. C. Haslip, Deacon; Sewell, I.G.; Newton, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Newton was tested, and on lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was worked. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing Monday evening. It was also arranged that Bro. Beadell, W.M. 1607, should work the ceremony of installation, and, no doubt, this will attract a good muster of brethren for the 31st inst.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday, the 21st inst., Bro. Henry Baldwin, W.M. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. B. Sarjeant, S.W.; Perks, J.W.; G. Clark, jun., S.D.; Hooper, J.D.; R. Poore, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., Hon. Preceptor; J. Bute, Hubbard, Cachett, Ducher, 1687; Edmonds, 1507; and others. Bro. Baldwin opened the lodge in the three degrees, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. Bute acting as candidate, and afterwards delivering the charge in the M.M. degree. The lodge was closed down, and, instructed by the Preceptor, the brethren had practice in "Entry Drill," a novelty which is much appreciated in this lodge. Bros. Francois Ducher, 1687, Edmonds, P.M., 1507, and Hooper, 1910, were elected members. Bro. Bute was appointed M.W. for the "Preceptor's night," the 28th inst., when the three ceremonies will be worked. Lodge was then closed in due form.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—A highly successful meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last at the Green Dragon, Stepney. Bro. A. W. Ellingford, W.M. 834, ably filled the chair, and had the support of the following brethren: Bros. A. Walter, S.W.; Harper, J.W.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Preceptor; W. Cross, Sec.; J. R. Shingfield, Deacon; G. Price, I.G.; W. Evans, W.M. 1260; W. Howes, G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Evans being the candidate. Bro. Evans was interrogated, and on lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was also very creditably worked, giving great satisfaction. Bro. G. Price was examined as a F.C. seeking the superior Degree, and the lodge was closed down in a careful manner.

Bro. Barnes, P.M., the veteran Preceptor, next introduced his motion to appoint Bro. J. Andrews, P.M., who had been elected Assistant Preceptor some time ago, to the position of the Preceptor of the lodge jointly with himself. Bro. Barnes explained how thoroughly satisfied he was with Bro. Andrews' working, and that he felt that he should have the honour as well as the work. Bro. Barnes also promising that his kindly interest in the lodge would be unabated.

Bro. W. Cross, the Hon. Sec. (whom all were pleased to see again in the lodge), having stated his intention to be regularly in attendance, the other part of Bro. Barnes' motion was dropped.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. G. H. Stephens for the kind and efficient manner in which he had kept the lodge minutes during the unavoidable absence of Bro. Cross, Sec.; and that brother having briefly acknowledged the compliment, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—This lodge met as usual at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. on the 29th inst. The W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Ould, presided, and was supported by Bros. Bull, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Breden, P.M., Sec.; Scheerboom, P.M., S.D.; Past Masters Harvey, Rawe, Ellingford, and Bro. J. H. Pringle, Preceptor, and others.

Lodge having been duly opened and minutes read and confirmed, the lodge was advanced, and Bro. Ellingford was tested and entrusted, and the ceremony of conferring the Sublime Degree was very efficiently worked. Bro. Robinson worked the first and Bro. Ould the third section of the lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Bull was appointed to be W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The summer banquet was next under discussion, and some arrangements made towards carrying the same out on 2nd August. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

TEMPERANCE - IN - THE - EAST LODGE (No. 898).—This lodge met, as usual, at Bro. Brookson's the George IV., Ida-street, Poplar, on the 19th inst., when

there were present Bros. Pulsford, W.M.; Butcher, S.W.; Byford, J.W.; Finch, P.M., Preceptor; C. Scrutton, P.M., Sec.; Wilson, S.D.; Boaz, J.D.; Dewar, I.G.; Chapman, P.M.; Brookson, P.M.; Etling, Gravelly, Carter, and Sidders, and visitor: Bro. J. West, 933.

Lodge was duly opened and minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Finch worked the whole of the Sections of the Second Lecture, assisted by the brethren, the work giving considerable satisfaction to all present. Bro. J. West was unanimously admitted a member of the lodge, and all other formal business being disposed of, lodge was closed in form and adjourned.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—This successful lodge met on Monday last, at Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C. Bro. R. Poore was W.M.; and was ably supported by Bros. R. Knight, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; W. W. Stiles, P.M. Preceptor; Edwin Storr, Secretary; C. J. Scales, P.M. Treasurer; J. Collinson, S.D.; A. E. Albert, J.D.; A. Simner, I.G.; and Bros. Sillis, Mordey, G. Emblin, Ward, Slater, Stephens, Smith, &c.

Lodge was duly opened and the ceremony of initiation worked, Bro. Scales acting as candidate. Bro. Emblin was then questioned as a candidate for the Second Degree, and on lodge being opened up, that ceremony was carefully rendered. Lodge was opened up and the ceremony of closing down regularly practised. Bro. R. Knight was elected W.M. for the next Monday evening. A hearty and cordial vote of thanks was duly passed to the W.M., for the able discharge of the duties appertaining to the chair, for the first time in the lodge; and this having been acknowledged, the lodge was solemnly closed and adjourned until the 31st instant.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623). This successful lodge met at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. Bro. J. W. Hiscox occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. E. Moss, S.W.; H. K. Clisby, J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor; J. Laurence, Hon. Sec.; J. Young, S.D.; J. F. Rumball, J.D.; A. Giddings, I.G.; H. Duncher, Tyler; also Bros. H. J. Lardner, J. Davis, T. M. C. Butt, W. M. C. Butt, R. B. Greenwood, and others.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes submitted and confirmed. Bro. Hiscox worked the ceremony of initiation, after which Bro. Moss took the chair and having opened up the lodge, Bro. Hiscox, as candidate, was tested, &c. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. R. B. Greenwood acting as S.D. Lodge was resumed, and after all business was concluded, closed and adjourned.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Month's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a good attendance of brethren, including Bros. H. Hooper, W.M.; R. Poore, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; H. M. Williams, Sec.; A. E. Albert, S.D.; R. R. Johnstone, J.D.; J. Perry, I.G.; E. Storr, G. Month, G. Millen, W. Millen, G. Flint, and H. Durham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in a most efficient manner, with Bro. Storr as candidate. By the permission of the W.M., Bro. E. Storr worked the Second Degree, with Bro. Flint as candidate, to the great satisfaction of the brethren. The lodge being closed in the Second Degree, the following brethren were unanimously elected members, and duly returned thanks: Bros. H. Durham, 177, and G. Flint, 1287. A resolution was unanimously passed, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, to the W.M., Bro. H. Hooper, thanking him for the able manner in which he had conducted the lodge that evening, for the first time in his Masonic career. Bro. R. Poore having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and other formal business concluded, the lodge was closed in due form.

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GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Chapter (No. 48).—This new chapter which was consecrated by the P.G. Superintendent, the Marquis of Londonderry, in May last, held its first regular meeting at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 20th inst., when there was a good muster. Amongst those present were: Comps. R. B. Reed, M.F.Z.; Robt. Hudson, P.Z., P.G. Scribe E., as H.; John Wood, J.; J. Moulit, S.E.; D. Sinclair, S.N.; J. G. Smith, P.S.; J. Duckett, 1st A.S.; W. F. Carmon, as 2nd A.S.; J. Spearman, P.Z., P.G.J. (Northumberland); M. H. Dodd, J. 1119; Jas. Montgomery, P.Z. 424; M. Corbitt, M.E.Z. 424; J. Curry, J.; J. McLaren, and others.

The ballot was taken for four candidates for exaltation and they were all duly elected. Bro. Robt. Whitfield, P.M. 48, was then exalted by Comp. M. Corbitt, M.E.Z. 424, who afterwards exalted Bro. A. Simpson, 48. Comp. Wood, J., delivered the historical lecture, and Comp. Hudson explained the pedestal and gave the mystical oration. Committees for framing bye laws and for finances were appointed, and the chapter was closed in solemn form.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 21st inst. Present: M. E. Comps. Thomas Atkinson Z., P.G. 1st A.S., George Dalrymple H., P.G.S.B.; Ed. Clarke, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., S.N.; F. Hodgson, P.S.; J. S. Braithwaite and Geo. Sparrow, Assist. S.; W. Bewlay, Treas.; J. M. Salisbury, P.G. Janitor; J. J. Casson, Steward; J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Ed. Tyson, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Rothery, J. Batt, R. Thomas, and Jas. Harper.

The minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. There were two candidates for exaltation but only one being in attendance, Bro. S. J. Newman, 119, he was duly exalted. The Treasurer's statement of accounts were read and passed; after which the election of principals and officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when the following were duly elected: Comps. Geo. Dalrymple, Z.; Ed. Clarke, H.; F. Hodgson, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; J. S. Braithwaite, S.N.; W. Bewlay, P.S. and

Treas.; and J. M. Salisbury, Janitor. After several propositions the chapter was closed with "Hearty Good Wishes" and in solemn form.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hilda Chapter (No. 240).—On Wednesday, the 19th inst., the annual meeting of the above chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a large attendance of companions. The chapter was opened in due form by M.E. Comp. Thos. Coulson, Z., and after the transaction of the ordinary business, M.E. Comp. Benjamin Levy, P.Z. and P.G.H., was conducted to the installing chair, and performed the interesting and imposing ceremony of installing M.E. Comp. J. S. Wilson, as Z.; M.E. Comp. J. T. Wilson, as H.; and M.E. Comp. M. Dodds, as J. The First Principal then invested his officers as follows: Comps. J. Hunter, S.E.; G. S. Shotton, S.N.; Thomas Coulson, P.Z., Treas.; John A. Hall, P.S.; George Robson and Thomas Binks, A.S.; George Wilson, Org.; and John Brown, Janitor.

It was resolved that the chapter subscribe £9 9s. to the Province of Durham Charity Education Scheme, after which the chapter was closed in proper form.

It is worthy of mention that opportunity was taken of the satisfactory balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the financial year to mark the occasion of the installation by renewing most of the furniture of the chapter and renovating the remainder, which through the use of many years had become the worse for wear. The appearance of the chapter when opened was strikingly beautiful, the newly-painted floor-cloth, candlesticks, altar, combined with the handsome new silk banners, gorgeous devices, sceptres, &c., produced a truly fine effect, and earned for M.E. Comp. Thos. Coulson, P.Z., under whose direction and superintendence the change had been wrought, the hearty congratulations of the whole of the companions. The new banners, sceptres, &c., were supplied by Comp. George Kenning, London.

Having concluded the labours of the chapter, the companions, after enjoying a bracing stroll along the magnificent stone pier, which runs three-quarters of a mile out to sea, adjourned to the pleasantly situated marine hotel, Mr. Wm. Armstrong's, at the head of the pier, where the annual festival was held.

The banquet was served up in excellent style. Comp. J. E. Wilson occupied the chair, and was supported, right and left, by Comps. J. T. Wilson, M. Dodds, Benjamin Levy, Hudson, Thos. Coulson, and others. The vice-chair was occupied by Comp. J. A. Hall.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant and harmonious evening was enjoyed by the companions.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at York on the 18th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. J. S. Cumberland), Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., presided. There was very little business to be done. The lodge voted five guineas to the list of the W.M., who represented the brethren at the annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund on the following day. A motion regarding alterations in the days of meeting was withdrawn, in consequence of the small attendance of members.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the lodge-rooms, Station-street, the W.M., Bro. Lewthwaite, in the chair. There were also present: Bros. F. R. Sewell, P.M., D.P.G.M.M.; R. Robinson, P.M., as S.W.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; H. Peacock, M.O.; W. Shillon, S.O.; T. Mason, J.O.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; and Hewson, Tyler.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, when the ballot proved in favour of Bro. R. W. Robinson, and he will be installed into the chair on or about Wednesday, September the 7th next. Bro. Black, was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hewson, Tyler. After "Hearty Good Wishes," the lodge was closed in perfect peace and harmony and the meeting closed.

Knights Templar.

ALDERSHOT.—William Stuart Preceptory (No. 76).—The resuscitation of this Preceptory took place at the Imperial Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th inst., at which meeting the V.E. Prov. G. Prior of Hampshire (W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) presided, surrounded by his Prov. and Past Prov. Great officers. Sir Knt. Richard Eve, E.P. elect was introduced to the Prov. G. Prior by Sir Knt. Edgar Drewett, P.E.P. and received at his hands the benefit of installation. The Eminent Preceptor appointed the following Knights to their respective office for the ensuing year: E. Sir Knt. W. Hickman, Prov. G. Sub. Prior, as Prelate; Sir Knts. J. E. Le Feuvre, Past Prov. Constable, as Con.; Edgar Drewett, P.E.P., as Marshal; Grover, as Sub-Marshal; R. L. Loveland, Past Great Sword Bearer, as Reg.; R. P. Fitzgerald, as Captain of the Guards.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The regular convocation of this college was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when there were present V.W. Fraters J. L. Thomas, Celebrant; W. J. Ferguson, Deputy; H. G. Buss, Treas.-Gen.; W. Wynn Westcott, Medallist; Fraters J. R. Foulger, C. E. Peck, R. H. Giddy, S. L. Mathers, and F. Holland.

A paper was read by Frater C. E. Peck on the "Thien-Teh-Hui," the great secret society of China, which was founded about the year 1664 A.D., in the reign of the Emperor Kang-Hi, with the avowed intention of overthrowing the Chheng dynasty and restoring the Beng to their empire. A drawing of the arrangements of a lodge of the society was also exhibited.

There being no other business before the college, it was closed in due form, and the fraters adjourned to their banquet.



"The Vicar of Bray," after two postponements, was brought out on Saturday night, and well received, even though many of the people doubtless were those who were turned away the previous Saturday owing to the illness of one of the composers. Mr. Grundy, who writes the plot of the opera, has opened a vein not usually associated with comic operas. No doubt his sly hits on High, Low, and Broad Church are not without meaning, nevertheless they are not vicious enough to offend. All of us will remember the story of the Vicar of Bray, how he was at one time a follower of King James, at another of Cromwell, and, like a weathercock, during his tenure of the cure, was Erastian, Puritan and Catholic. And all seemed to him to be right at the time. The story of Mr. Grundy is a little "prosy," the fun flags, but the verses of the songs are well written. In the opera of "The Vicar of Bray" the hero is more changeable by love than by politics, as his original was. He is at first "Broad," but to obtain the hand of Mrs. Merton he does not scruple to be "High." His curate Sandford, is disguised and leaves him, but not before he falls in love with Dorothea himself. Sandford takes himself off to the other end of the world. But being "High" now he ought to be above marriage, and become ascetic. This he soon casts off, and now is a "Low" Church parson. Sandford, while he is in heathen lands, learns something, and, when he returns, wins his Dorothea, and not only that, is inducted into the Vicarage of Bray by the Court of Arches, in the room of its turncoat vicar. Tommy Merton, Mrs. Merton's son, also marries an old flame, Nelly Bly, a ballet girl, of the Bray Theatre Royal. Bro. Hill was, as we knew he would be if he could, very funny as the Vicar; Mr. Cooper Cliffe, as Tommy Merton, throws much life into his part. Mr. Walter Fisher, the Curate, of course, sings well. The ladies' characters are well filled. We do not think Mr. Solomon, the musical composer, has at all out-done himself; his "Billie Taylor," and other operas of his are better and more original; but, on the whole, "The Vicar of Bray" may take with the public; at any rate, seeing the number of theatres closed just now for the season, as detailed by us elsewhere, the Globe may fairly look for support. Many of its friends would be glad of this, for it was for so long a time the home of several pretty operas. The withdrawal of "Les Cloches de Corneville" has been the subject of regret with hundreds of persons. We need scarcely say the dances and choruses in this new work are prettily performed.

The Pandora Theatre, Leicester-square, to which we alluded some months ago, is now fairly on its way to completion, and is likely to be one of the most attractive places in London. The architect is Mr. Thomas Verity, the architect of the Comedy Theatre. The contractors are Messrs. Ashby and Merritt. The entire plan will be carried out under the direction of Mr. Alfred Thompson, who will undertake the management of the theatre. The house is to hold 3000 people, representing £400 a night, while the lounges and refreshment rooms will be larger and more luxurious than those of any existing theatre in Europe or America. The Pandora will be opened about Christmas, with a pantomime of great novelty and beauty. Burlesque, ballets, and farcical comedies will then be the style of the house, and the greatest attention will be given to the artistes as well as to the scenic effects.

Mr. Charles Wyndham's new theatre in Northumberland Avenue, when built, will have a marble stage, divided into two revolving portions; that the curtain will only fall to rise again immediately after each act. This will be the first London theatre with a marble stage.

The Royalty is undergoing most extensive alterations, amounting to almost rebuilding. This is by order of the Lord Chamberlain.

The houses now closed are the Prince of Wales', Royalty, St. James', Opera Comique, Haymarket, Lyceum, and the Strand. The Court will shortly follow. Some of these companies have migrated to the provinces, whilst others are dispersed.

Bro. G. R. Sims has written a new comedy, "The Wise Child," for production at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, Liverpool.

"Pluck" is to be the name of Bro. Augustus Harris' newest venture, not "Luck," as he first called it, as it might have led to legal proceedings, there being several claimants for that title.

"Aladdin" will be produced at the Gaiety on 7th August, and not "Dick Whittington," as has been stated by several of our contemporaries. Bro. Hollingshead "sacred lamp of burlesque," which has been temporarily removed from London to Glasgow, Yarmouth, and some large towns in England, will once more burn in London, and is expected to be brighter than ever, Mr. Reece promising us another of his capital burlesques, founded on the story of "Robinson Crusoe." This will be played later in the autumn. Bro. Edwin Terry, Miss Kate Vaughan, Miss Nellie Farren, Miss Connie Gilchrist, Mr. Squire, and Mr. Dallas will again be the chief artistes. Bro. Meyer Lutz, as usual, being the conductor.

Bro. Wilhelm Ganz will conduct the music at the Theatrical Fund dinner, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, when Bro. G. A. Sala will preside, on which occasion speeches will be delivered by Bros. Henry Irving and J. L. Toole. We hope a goodly sum will be realised.

Bros. Hare and Kendal have sent a cheque for £217 odd to the Syrian Colonisation Fund, of which Bro. Lord Shaftesbury is the President, being the result of a performance of "The Squire" at St. James' Theatre. This is, we believe, the largest amount contributed in one sum. We have always maintained the theatrical profession is the most liberal and charitable of any.

"Roasting a Rogue" is the title of a new piece shortly to be produced by Bro. Poole at his theatre.

The Novelty Theatre, near our own publishing offices, Great Queen-street, is on its way to completion. It will be devoted, we believe, chiefly to amateur performances.

To-day (Saturday) Bro. Henry Irving closes the Lyceum until September. The ever-interesting event of Bro. Irving's benefit takes place to-day, when "Romeo and Juliet" will be played for the last time for the present, supplemented, no doubt, with the speech which Bro. Irving's patrons always expect from their popular manager. Until then we must wait to hear the future programme. "Much Ado about Nothing" and "Coriolanus," of Shakespeare, have long been promised. The Poet Laureate is believed to have written another play for Bro. Irving.

The Prince of Wales's Theatre is now numbered amongst the "closed." By order of the Lord Chamberlain, it is about to undergo changes in its structure, and, we believe, will be rebuilt. We hope this is so, as it is too small for the excellent comedies recently put on its stage. "The Colonel" has run over a year. Mr. Edgar Bruce holds a lease of it from Bro. Bancroft, who, with Mrs. Bancroft, played there until they took the larger house in the Haymarket. The Prince of Wales's has long been amongst the paying houses.



Saturday last saw the close of the opera season, there being little to record since our previous notes save that Madame Patti received quite an ovation and bouquets well nigh innumerable on the occasion of her gala night; while Madame Albani was similarly honoured on hers. Henceforth till March, at the earliest, we have nothing musical to look forward to beyond the usual series of concerts, varied by such exceptional gatherings as the approaching Musical Festival at Birmingham. That these will satisfy the public appetite is likely enough, if we may judge from the experience of past years; yet we see no reason why there should not be a kind of autumnal operatic season, so that the works of the great Italian, French, and German composers might be performed at prices placing them within reach of people who are below the "Upper Ten," at least, as far as means are concerned. Opera at cheap prices, under the direction of an experienced manager, ought to be a profitable undertaking, especially having regard to the vastly-increasing love of music which has made itself apparent everywhere throughout the country, but especially in the metropolis. However, we presume the powers that be know their own business best, and that the patronage of four million Londoners, minus its few thousand votaries of fashion, is not worth the trouble of cultivating.

Bro. Colonel Mapleson is at Mont Dore, arranging for Madame Sarah Bernhardt, and Miss Nilsson to visit the opera house shortly. Bro. Mapleson has offered Madame Crossmond Turner an engagement, but she is unable to accept it.

Dr. Grove, the director of the Royal College of Music, paid a visit to Hastings a few days ago, and addressed a meeting there, by desire of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in aid of the College. A resolution was moved and carried in favour of the scheme, and another, pledging the borough to use its best endeavours to raise a sum worthy of Hastings. It will be seen that the meeting did not pledge itself to any definite sum. We should have thought that £3000, the sum many boroughs of the same size in England have undertaken to raise, might be subscribed in Hastings; seeing that the Prince and Princess of Wales a few weeks ago, troubled themselves to go down to Hastings to open the Alexandra Gardens. Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, one of the borough members, has given £1000 towards the Prince's excellent scheme. During a visit we recently paid to a Mayor of one of the southern boroughs, we noticed the papers of the College lying in his house, and learned that he has steadily set himself to work to support it, by calling a meeting of the inhabitants, and obtaining donations. After the holidays, we trust H.R.H. will find himself in a position to really establish the Royal College of Music.



The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday week over a meeting of the General Committee of the International Fisheries Exhibition to be held next year in London. The report stated, among other things, that a considerable number of prizes—a list of which will shortly be published—had been placed at the disposal of the Committee, by public bodies and private individuals, to be adjudged to exhibitors of objects of special interest. It was announced that the Netherlands Government had applied for from ten to twelve thousand feet of space in one block, and also that, owing to the retirement, through ill health, of Sir Brandreth Gibbs, from the office of Secretary, the Committee had been obliged to seek assistance, and had been so fortunate as to secure the services of Mr. Mollet, who had had great experience at the International Exhibitions of Vienna and Paris. It was added that circular letters had been sent out by Bro. the Lord Mayor to the provincial mayors inviting their co-operation. His Royal Highness announced that the Mayor of Yarmouth was taking, as he did in all relating to fishermen and fisheries, a lively interest in the matter; that the United States had voted a sum of £10,000—not 10,000 dollars, as originally stated—and allotted a special fishery steamer for the use of exhibitors; that the Netherlands had appointed a Special Committee under the presidency of Count de Bylandt, their minister in London; and that Canada, New

Zealand, and New South Wales, had already contributed to the fund. The Prince having also announced that the Committee had obtained a site in the Royal Horticultural Gardens, South Kensington, a vote of thanks to H.R.H. was passed with acclamation.

Mr. Boehm, R.A., has been commissioned by the Duke of Bedford to execute a colossal statue in bronze of the great and gallant circumnavigator, Sir Francis Drake, for the town of Tavistock. On the pedestal will be reliefs depicting scenes from his life. The statue is already in a forward state.

There is now on view at South Kensington a beautiful altar cloth, worked by the pupils of the Royal School of Art in Needlework, which has been presented by H.R.H. the Princess Christian to the English Church Pontresina, and also some large wall panels for Eaton Hall, in completion of a large order given by the Duke of Westminster.

A memorial will shortly be presented to the Government by the Royal Academy with reference to the proposed alterations at Hyde Park Corner, and praying that the late Duke of Wellington's statue may be placed anywhere else than on the arch on which it has stood so long.

The new City of London School, which has been erected on the Thames Embankment at a cost of nearly £200,000, including the value of the land, and occupies, with the playgrounds, some 70,000 feet, will be opened in November, when a distinguished company, it is expected, will be present at the ceremony.

We learn from the *Academy* that in the course of the present year the council of the Camden Society will publish a holograph letter book of Gabriel Harvey, of Saffron Walden, containing rough drafts of his poems and his correspondence—mostly unpublished—with his friend, Edmund Spenser, under the name of "Immerito," about 1579. This part of the book, from its numerous allusions to Sir Philip Sydney, George Gascoigne, Edward Dyer, the jester, Tarleton, and other celebrities of the day, is very valuable and interesting, and is, indeed, the earliest note or scrap book of an English poet and author.

According to the *Athenaeum* the collection of antiquities in the British Museum has lately been enriched with three beautiful boundary-stones from the neighbourhood of Babylon, covered with inscriptions, hieroglyphs (those generally held to be zodiacal signs and fine human figures). One contains the name of Melisikku, who was King of Babylon, about 1175, B.C. Another is dated in the reign of Nabu-Kain-abli, who may probably be set down at the beginning of the seventeenth century B.C., while the third, which has been engraved with great care, and is covered on one side with the so-called zodiacal signs, is said in the inscription to have been set up by order of Nebuchadnezzar as a memorial of the taking back of a piece of land from the Elamites, and its restoration to the country of Akkad.

Testimony has been made to the value of M. Paul Bert's addition to medical science, as to the value of using oxygenised water in surgical cases, the amount of oxygen used varying from twice to six times the volume of the water. This testimony is in the form of a letter lately presented to the French Academy of Science by M. Bert, the writers of which, Messrs. Pean and Baldy, have been following up his researches, and in doing so have, in the course of about a hundred observations, arrived at the conclusion that oxygenised water will replace with advantage the use of alcohol and phenic acid. It can be applied externally in cleansing wounds and ulcers, in injections, and in the form of vapour, not only exercising great local benefit, but likewise generally improving the condition of the patient and moderating the fever which always accompanies a wound. Moreover, according to M. Bert, it is found to destroy parasites, and is invaluable, therefore, in skin diseases. Those who use it, however, are warned to be careful not to make the water so as to contain a dangerous quantity of sulphuric acid.

The professorship of surgery at the University of Edinburgh, which has been rendered vacant by the death of Professor Spence was filled on Monday by the election by the curators of Mr. Chiene, the other candidates being Drs. P. H. Watson, Joseph Bell, and John Duncan. The election, when announced, was received with much applause.

On the occasion of the recent meeting of the Anthropological Institute, at 4, Grosvenor-gardens, the residence of General Pitt-Rivers, its President, Lord Talbot de Malahide read an extremely interesting paper on "The Longevity of the Romans in North Africa," in the course of which his lordship showed from epitaphs and inscriptions on tombs, which he instanced, that numerous cases had occurred in which people had lived to 100 years and upwards, some having attained to 120, 130, and even 140 years. A very interesting discussion followed, after which other papers were read by Captain R. F. Burton and the President himself; the latter treating of the "Egyptian Boomerang," which was illustrated by several specimens. Mr. M. Hutchinson exhibited a large collection of Bushman drawings.

We often hear extraordinary stories of the amazing intelligence exhibited on occasions by some of the higher animals, and especially by dogs. So great is this intelligence, that a large number of people have come to regard it as almost the same as the reason displayed by human beings. Whether or not it is more instinct than reason is a question we shall not attempt to discuss, but we venture to say no more extraordinary instance of this remarkable faculty has ever been cited than that mentioned by a Wiltshire contemporary, according to which a clergyman's dog was in the habit of going every morning to the railway station to fetch his master's *Standard*, which was thrown to him by the guard as the train passed through. One day he returned without any paper at all, and, on inquiry, it turned out that, in mistake, the guard had thrown out a *Daily Telegraph*, with which the dog would have nothing to do.



A warrant for a new lodge, under the title of the Saint Mary Abbott's Lodge, No. 1974, has been granted to the under-mentioned brethren, and will shortly be opened in the Town Hall, Kensington: W. Bros. Captain A. Nicols, Colonel Martin Petrie, Sir George Rendleshaw Prescott, Bart., Francis Charles Compton, Esq. in M. Lott, Bros. Captain H. S. Andrews, Captain C. F. Compton, and F. H. Gruggen. The lodge is established specially for the residents of the neighbourhood.

The Committee of the Homes for Little Boys announced that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have expressed their extreme regret at the loss which the institution has suffered, in consequence of the ceremony not taking place at Swanley, on the 15th inst., as was arranged; and have at the same time graciously intimated that it will give them great pleasure to open the new buildings early next year.

Bro. Bedford Lemere and Co., of 147, Strand, London, took some capital groups of the members and friends of the Lodge of Prosperity and the Royal Jubilee Lodge at Richmond, during their brief visit to that charming summer resort. The photographs recall to us the features of many an old friend.

The summer festival of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction takes place to-day (Saturday), at the Bell Hotel, East Mousley.

Bro. L. C. Haslip, W.M., presided at the summer festival of New Concord Lodge, No. 813, at Rosherville Hotel, Gravesend, on Thursday.

The foundation-stone of a new bridge over the Afton was laid with Masonic ceremony at New Cumnock, on the 15th inst. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next if space permits.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Monmouthshire.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending July 22nd was 974.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., went on Thursday to the Adelphi Theatre to see Mr. Booth as *Richieu*.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen entertained at dinner at their home, in Grosvenor-square, on Wednesday, the Prime Minister and Mrs. Gladstone and a select company.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey was a guest at the Navy Club dinner, held last week at Willis's Rooms.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has made a second appeal to the public to assist with the fund for Egyptian refugees.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe was one of the distinguished visitors at the Wimbledon Camp.

The Marquis of Kildare, eldest son of Bro. the Duke of Leinster, P.G.M. Ireland, Bros. the Earl of Loudoun, Lord Dalhousie, the Earl of Wharfedale, Colonel Stanley Clarke and Bro. Alderman Nottage were amongst the large number at "Almack's" ball, at the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens, last week.

Bro. Major-General the Duke and the Duchess of Connaught visited the Royal Italian Opera on Thursday.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were present at a dinner given by Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield, Upper Grosvenor-street, on Thursday night.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey, who have been staying at St. Moritz, Switzerland, have arrived home at Middleton Park, Bicester.

Bro. Lord Waveney purposes to bring on a motion in the House of Lords with reference to the condition of Cyprus as a colony.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., presided last week at a meeting of the Committee of the Great International Fisheries Exhibition of London, to be held in 1883 at the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens. His Royal Highness detailed what the Mayor of Yarmouth had done towards making the exhibition a success.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, 1, took part in the debate on the Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Bill on Friday night.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough will preach tomorrow (Sunday) in Westminster Abbey, at the afternoon service, in aid of the Bishop of London's Fund, by permission of the Dean.

Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., will command the expedition to Egypt.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., will, after spending a week at Cannes for the regatta, proceed to Carlsbad for the waters.

Bro. the Earl of Bandon has left Claridge's Hotel for Castle Bernard, Bandon.

The last Court of Common Council was attended by, amongst others, Bros. Pearse Morrison (who brought up a report from the City of London School Committee), Sir Charles Whetham, Alderman Staples, 1, Deputy Brass, Sir John Bennett, T. Woodbridge (his first attendance since his election), Hy. Squire, W.S. 1827, R. C. Kalor, Deputy Cripe, J. Perkins, and Horace B. Marshall. The Lord Mayor presided ex-officio.

Bro. the Duke of Athole has let his Lude shooting quarters to Mr. A. B. Walker.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Those who have given these remedies a fair trial will freely admit that they inherently possess every property suitable for healing and removing eruptions, ulcerations, fistulas, abscesses, sores, bad legs, gathered breasts, and all disorders of the glandular system. When carefully rubbed in the Ointment relaxes the swollen muscles, diminishes inflammation, assuages pain, and even alleviates dangerous maladies which may have lasted for months, or even years. Holloway's excellent preparations are effective singly, resist in combination, and have been recommended by grateful patients to be resorted to as alternatives when all other means of retaining health have failed. Their action is temperate, not violent or reducing. —[ADVT.]

Bros. the Marquis of Headfort and the Earl of Zetland were entertained by the Earl and Countess of Faversham at dinner, at their residence in Belgrave-square, on Saturday night.

Bro. A. Brookman moved, at the Court of Common Council, on Tuesday last, the following resolution, and it was accepted as a standing order of the Court: "Upon a Bill in Parliament being referred to a Committee, with instructions to watch progress and report thereon from time to time, no active proceedings for or against the Bill (beyond such steps as may be necessary to acquire a 'locus standi' and the delivery of formal professional retainers) shall be undertaken by such Committee without the express authority of this Court."

Bro. the Earl of Zetland's horse *Esa* won the Great Kingston two-year-old stakes of 500 sovereigns at Sandown last week. H.R.H. the Grand Master drove down in Lord Castlereagh's (son of V.V. Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry) coach, accompanied by Bro. the Earl of Fife.

Bro. the Right Hon. H. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., First Commissioner of Works, has had a plan submitted to him by Lord Elcho, as a substitute for his own, for the improvement of Hyde Park Corner, which will not interfere with the Wellington statue.

Bro. the Crown Prince of Germany on Wednesday, with the Crown Princess and Princess Victoria, arrived in Vienna, and had a visit paid them by the Emperor of Austria.

Bro. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough preached the sermon at the festival of the St. Alban's Church Choral Union, held last week in St. Alban's Abbey.

Bro. Lord Wolverton was a guest at Bro. Sir Arthur Hayter's dinner party on Tuesday, at the family mansion in Grosvenor-square.

Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained by deputy (Bro. Alderman Staples, his brother-in-law) at luncheon at the Mansion House the French Railway Delegates. Bro. the Earl of Aberdeen showed them over the House of Lords, and Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey did the same in the House of Commons, and by relays made arrangements for them to see the proceedings of the lower House from the Strangers Gallery.

Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, immediately on the receipt of the news in London of the finding of the body of the late Earl, left for Duncton with his solicitor, and has had several consultations with the Procurator Fiscal.

Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton distributed the prizes on Thursday, on board the Conway training ship at Liverpool, and held up Lord Charles Beresford to the admiration of the boys as a schoolfellow of his own, who had manifested indomitable pluck, and as one of the most trustful boys he had ever met.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury distributed the prizes to the girls of the King Edward Industrial School, at Oak Lodge, Highgate. The girls of the school presented Bro. Lord Shaftesbury with half a dozen pairs of socks.

The Clothworkers Company have offered £400 towards a memorial of the late Bro. Lord Frederick Cavendish, at York College, Leeds. The memorial is to take the shape of founding a chair of physics.

Bro. the Right Hon. Shaw Lefevre has been appointed to preside over the Commons Select Committee on the Agricultural Tenants' Bill. The Committee met on Monday.

Bro. Major General, the Duke of Connaught, inspected at Aldershot, on Thursday last week, the 1st Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Royal West Kent, and the 2nd Battalion Princess Louise's Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders, late the 93rd.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey have taken Rosetta for the Cowes Regatta week.

Bro. Henry Irving, we believe, will not visit America this year privately as arranged, but will wait until he goes there next year to play with his company.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G., Chaplain; Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G., Chaplain; Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough; and Bro. the Rev. J. Studholm Brownrigg, were amongst the guests at the garden party given by the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House.

The Select Committee of the House of Lords, appointed in 1881 and re-appointed in 1882, to enquire into the state of the law relative to the protection of young girls from artifices, inducing them to lead a corrupt and immoral life, have issued their report. Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, was a member of the select committee, and moved for its appointment. If legislation follows in the report, we may hope to see a great change in the character of our streets at night.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., has been elected delegate for the parish of St. Peter-upon-Cornhill, and Bro. Edwin Freshfield for the parish of St. Margaret, Lothbury, for the London Diocesan Conference.

Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., late M.P. for Gravesend, was amongst those who were present at the meeting of the Middlesex magistrates, held at the Sessions House, Clerkenwell-green, on Thursday week, for the election of a Chairman for the ensuing year. Captain Morley, was unanimously re-elected.

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

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 Lord Steward, and Lady Sydney, Earl Fortescue, Lord Penrhyn, Lord George Hamilton, Lord Houghton, and the Earl of Bradford, were amongst the congregation at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on Sunday. Bro. Winn, Bro. Hodges, W.M. elect., Orpheus Lodge, and Bro. Beckett, were amongst the choir on the occasion.

Bro. the Duke of Athole, K.T., has forwarded a cheque for £193, being half the funds of the recent fancy dress ball in aid of the Royal Caledonian Asylum.

For the information of our readers of the fair sex, and perhaps some of our brethren, we think the following will be of interest: At the Prince of Wales' garden party at Marlborough House, honoured by the presence of the Queen, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales wore a long dress of écaru, mixed with blue. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn's wife was in black, and was also the beautiful Countess of Dudley. Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey's wife wore velvet of the new and fashionable shade of squashed strawberry; the wife of Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton was dressed in blue moire and Spanish black lace.

Bro. the Deputy Grand Master and Prov. G.M. Lancashire (the Earl of Lathom) will entertain, at Ormskirk House, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, on the occasion of his visit to Preston in September, for the celebration of the Guilds.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G. J.W., Bro. Sir Hardinge Gifford, Q.C., M.P., Lieutenant-General Lawrence, Major-General Borden, Sir George, Bowyer, M.P., the Prime Warden of the Dyers' Company, and Bro. Henry Wright were amongst those invited by the new Master and Wardens of the Tallow Chandler's Company, to celebrate their election at their Hall on Thursday.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G.M. Oxfordshire, visited the Wimbledon Camp on the day the Elcho Challenge Shield was shot for and won by the English team again, and the Ashburton Shield, this year won by Charterhouse School, who become the retainers of it for the first time. The Duke of Connaught also visited the Canadian camp and said a few words to the occupants, and reminded them he had such pleasurable recollections of Canada and the happy days he spent there.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Haddington have left Florence and arrived at Pulteney Hotel.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Carnarvonshire, has arrived at Glan Llyn, Bala, from St. James's-square.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G. Chap., will preach before the Weavers' Company at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate-street, on St. James's Day.

Lady Holland gave an "At Home" on Saturday at her charming residence, Holland House, when T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales and three daughters honoured Lady Holland with their presence. The general company invited to meet the Royal guests included Bro. the Pro Grand Master and the Countess of Carnarvon, Bro. the Grand Master of Ireland and his Duchess, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Breadalbane, Bro. the Deputy Grand Master and Countess of Lathom, Bro. Colonel Taylor, Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., Bro. the Grand Senior Warden and Lady Carrington, Bro. Viscount Powerscourt, and Bro. Lord Suffield.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough realised £1000 by Saturday's sale of the Sunderland Library, which is not yet concluded.

Bro. the Earl Ferrers, Provincial Grand Master, Rutlandshire, has arrived at Brown's Hotel, from Staunton Royal.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey was held on Wednesday last, at Teddington. The Grand Master for the year was elected and installed, the Deputy Grand Master appointed, and the officers appointed and invested. A report will appear in our next.

Comp. Lovegrove was installed M.E.Z. of the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on the 12th inst.

Comp. W. B. Lloyd was on Thursday, the 20th inst., installed as M.E.Z. of the Pattison Chapter, No. 913, Plumstead. A full report will appear next week.

"Speech Day" at Christ's Hospital attracted a large assemblage at the institution in Newgate-street, on Wednesday last. Altogether there were 2000 persons present, including just over 700 scholars, so that the great hall was crowded in every part. Amongst those occupying seats at the central table were Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, supported by Bro. Ald. Sir R. Hanson, Sheriff Sir W. Ogg, Bro. D. Aldcroft, Treasurer, Mr. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Sir J. Tyler, and Bro. Sir J. Bennett, Governors, the Bishop of Nelson, and Archdeacons Harrison and Farr. After the performance of a selection of instrumental music and the singing of a hymn by the boys, H. E. Edwards, one of the senior scholars, spoke a prologue written for the occasion, this being followed by orations in Latin, French, Greek, and English, delivered by B. J. Kidd, F. Merk, H. E. Edwards, and C. C. Henn, respectively. According to ancient custom the "glove" was then handed around for contributions to form a purse for the scholars about to proceed to the Universities. This year the Lord Mayor distributed the prizes to the successful students, and cheers for his lordship, as well as for the Governors and the Masters, terminated the proceedings.

An American company has purchased Strawberry-hill, Twickenham, and propose to turn it into an hotel, conducted upon American principles.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, August 5, 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 29.

(No Meetings.)

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Belis, Old Kent-rd., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, JULY 31.

Lodge 1745, Farringdon (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hot. Mark
Grand Masters, M.H., S.A., Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1310, Harrow, King's Head Hot., Harrow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2.

Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.

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, Coat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.

Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-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, AUGUST 4.

Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 99, Balls Pond-rd.
" 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Annerley.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-
house, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanly, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern,
Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5.

Gen Com. Boys' School, at 4.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN- CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, August 5, 1882.

MONDAY, JULY 31.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
Mark Lodge 143, Birchall, Bull Hot., Preston.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1.

Lodge 203, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1505, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4.

Lodge 1375, Didsbury, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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