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The departure of the Household Troops, cavalry and infantry, has been alike remarkable and not a little striking. We who know them so well in London are fully confident that they will do their duty as they have always done it, and earn the admiration of their fellow countrymen and the approval of their sovereign. The whole of our fine army embarks with the warmest aspirations of all classes for its health and its prestige. We have many brother Masons in the ranks of the army and the navy, and our hearty good wishes accompany them. We must all feel the highest admiration for our gallant countrymen of the fleet and army now at Alexandria.

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We regret to note the appearance in some of our contemporaries of a great want of patriotic caution and consideration. A short time ago there was circulated a "special" containing the account of an action which had never been fought, and on Wednesday evening there was announced in conspicuous letters, "Flight of a British Picket," which is not true. We think it right to observe that many of the telegraphic dispatches require to be received with the greatest caution, as some clearly are animated by no friendliness towards England, and others are probably prepared in this country by certain friends of ARABI PACHA.

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We have received from Bro. J. C. D'AZEVEDO, St. Thomas's, a printed extract from the "Sentence Protocol of the Police Court of St. Thomas," which we print elsewhere, and to which, without note or comment on our part, we call attention. There have been some proceedings before our Colonial Board, &c., and Bro. AZEVEDO wishes English brethren to know what the Police Court of St. Thomas thinks and says about him. We will only add that we should have been glad to see the original decree.

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As we have been told that we have taken an "ex parte" and prejudiced view of the Grand Orient of Morocco fiasco, we think it right to give here the deliverance of the *Canadian Craftsman* on the same subject. That Masonic journal, curiously enough, agrees with us "in toto" in our view of the situation: "M.W. Bro. STEWART PATTERSON, 18°, Special Deputy Grand Master of Morocco, P.G.M. G.L. of Manitoba, and P.D.G.M. G.L. of Canada, has a long letter in the *Freemason* of April 29th, regarding the 'Territorial Grand Orient of Morocco and its Dependencies.' We would ask, is this body a 'Territorial' Grand Lodge, and has it assumed the power of granting charters to subordinates? Or is it merely a lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba? We utterly fail to understand upon what authority our M.W. Bro. PATTERSON could establish a 'Territorial Grand Lodge,' which he subsequently termed, as far as we can make out, 'the Grand Orient of Morocco and its Dependencies.' We should like to hear from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary of Manitoba as to the 'status' of this body, and its connection with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The position of this Grand Orient, as far as we can now see, is very questionable. Does it claim to be a sovereign body, or a subordinate organization under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba?"

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We call attention to a letter elsewhere as regards the situation in Canada, signed "EDELWEISS," which appears in the *Canadian Craftsman* (though rather long), and we also think it well to make some remarks upon it. We fancy that its really unconscionable length will indispose many brethren now reading it, as all that it really contains might be summed up in a few telling words. In this hot weather, and these holiday hours, long epistles and needless repetitions are a bore. The argument of the writer may be summed up in one sentence: the Grand Lodge of Quebec has asserted it to

be so, and it is, and it shall be so. The writer begs the whole question when he talks of the law of the Grand Lodge sovereignty being universally accepted and of Masonic authority. It is, on the contrary, quite a modern doctrine arising out of the state sovereignty of America, and is not recognised in England nor in Europe. As far as we in England are concerned, we are simply, in the first place, asserting our own ancient and unfailing principles of Masonic law; upholding lodge rights; and in the third, and last place, keeping our part of the compact. For there was a compact; and, as lawyers know, the English Grand Lodge being no party to a breach of the compact, if one of the parties hands over a portion of the right to a third party, it is "without prejudice" to the original compact. The Grand Lodge of England made a compact with the Grand Lodge of Canada, which is still binding legally on the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as it is another axiom of law undoubted that no "ex post facto" legislation can have a retrospective effect. The Grand Lodge of England has been most considerate and forbearing by its official representatives; most courteous and conciliatory, most legal and Masonic, in every step it has taken, and every assertion it has made; and from such a position it cannot, and will not, recede, happen what may. It is well known that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by the efflux of time, will obtain all that it could legitimately expect, and any hasty or foolish procedure on the part of the Grand Lodge of Quebec can only augment the difficulty, and may immeasurably prolong the struggle. Were, for instance, the English lodges in the Quebec jurisdiction, acting legally, and having broken no Masonic law, their only fault being loyalty to their old mother country and their chartering Grand Lodge, to be placed, (as is threatened), under Masonic interdiction, absurd as the menace really is, it might be even the duty of the English Grand Lodge, in self-defence, to strengthen their own lodges by vivifying the power of the Provincial Grand Lodge. For such a breach of all Masonic courtesy and amity might compel the Grand Lodge of England to withdraw from the compact altogether. As regards the English Grand Lodge itself, it can afford to smile at this little "storm in a teapot," and even hear with equanimity the loud tall talk of those bellicose Masonic (?) writers, who venture to speak of "excommunicating" and "ceasing Masonic intercourse" with the oldest and greatest Grand Lodge in the world. But we think better of the good sense and justice of our Quebec brethren, and having a great regard for the ability and merits of our worthy Bro. GRAHAM, G.M., especially, we yet hope that all this excitement may pass away, and a full, friendly, and kindly intercommunication exist between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec. In our opinion it would be a far better course for the Grand Lodge of Quebec to pursue, to make friendly overtures to the Grand Lodge of England to have a mutual representation, to withdraw, "pro tem," all matters affecting the English lodges, and leave them to the efflux of time, as we said before, and the gradual emulsion of sentiment. The Grand Lodge of England, though it maintains, as it is in honour bound to maintain, the "status quo," will do nothing to perpetuate any question which keeps up unfriendly feelings between its Canadian brethren and itself. We say all this as "amicus curiæ," and, as many know, always anxious to speak words of peace and goodwill.

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We feel it to be our duty also to say that we notice in the *Craftsman*, however several evidences of a desire for independence and severance from the Grand Lodge of England, which we do not profess to understand, and which we regret to record. Now it is the Templars who are bid sever themselves; now it is the English lodges and New South Wales who are entreated to join the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Our worthy confrere, like DIEDRICH KNICKERBOCKER, has evidently been asleep. The English Grand Lodge has unanimously refused to recognise the last unhealthy little bantling of precocious independence, and for the best of all reasons, the utter absurdity and illegality of the whole outcome. There were, when this remarkable little Masonic revolution culminated in the Antipodes, three jurisdictions at work, English, Irish, Scottish. The so-called Grand Lodge was formed out of a few Irish, one or two Scottish, and no English. Now, can that be a legal creation, even according to American or Canadian Masonic law? We ask our esteemed confrere, how are Grand Lodges formed in unoccupied territory? Let us take any tract of country, three lodges are the smallest numbers, and they must represent all the jurisdictions extant. Supposing there were four lodges, two of one jurisdiction, one of a second, and one of a third, could the two and one of two jurisdictions only create a Grand Lodge? Surely there can be but one American or Canadian answer, as we know. The Grand Lodge of England has always, so far, acted on this principle, that there must be a majority of the three consentient jurisdictions in our colonies, or such an immense universal majority of our

English jurisdiction as to render the recognition of an independent Grand Lodge feasible and permissible. It seems to us inevitable, as settlements grow, and lodges increase, and a great distance exists between a colony and the mother country, that the provisions of the District Grand Lodge do not, and will not suffice, and that it is neither wrong nor unreasonable to form independent Grand Lodges. But, then, such must be honest movements, such must be legal Masonic proceedings; the steps that are taken must be such as are in agreement with Masonic statute and common law, or else the severance becomes a personal and a painful one, and feelings are engendered and memories are created which demand a long lapse of years to soften and remove. We are a little afraid that at the bottom of all this hubbub and excitability, and of these noisy protests and Boycotting threats, there are the love of tinsel and tawdry, the ghost of a little brief authority, high-sounding titles, and what may be termed Masonic swelledom, without any or much reference to the higher claims of Masonic duty and loyalty, and the abiding prescriptions of Masonic charity, toleration, good feeling and goodwill.

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OUR correspondent, who writes on "Money or Ability," has quite missed the "point" of our remarks, for otherwise we think he would hardly have taken exception to our words. We did not write to encourage expense; nor were our words written in favour of expensive lodges; but simply to call the attention of our readers to certain facts in Masonic life, past and present, which seriously affect its position and interfere with its usefulness: the one is making the entrance fee too low, the other is not squaring income and expenditure. We by no means wish to set money against ability, as mere money is always an unreliable test of anything; but we object to rendering Freemasonry too cheap, or giving it the character of a benefit order.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. General Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent of Surrey, acted as M.F.Z.; Comp. S. Rawson, Past Superintendent of China, as H.; and Comp. Rucker, P.S., as J. The other Grand Officers present were—

Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Lt.-Col. Creaton, S.N.; Frank Richardson, P.S.; W. G. Harrison, Q.C., 1st. Asst.; J. S. Peirce, 2nd Asst.; James Lewis Thomas, as Sword Bearer; Charles Greenwood, D.C.; Magnus Ohren, J. S. Scott, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, H. Maudslay, H. J. S. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, H. G. Buss, Assistant S.E.; and Wilhelm Ganz, Organist.

The other Comps. present were—

Comps. Rev. Thomas Robinson; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; W. H. Dean, J. 77; Edgar Bowyer, Z. 174; R. R. Davis, Z. 7; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; Nathan Moss, M.E.Z. 185; T. W. Whitmarsh, J. 217; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; R. Fisher Young, H. 1385; W. George Lemon, P.Z. 414 and 1601; William Stephens, P.Z. 862; C. H. Webb, J. 1549; Henry Sadler, G.J.; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the opening of Grand Chapter, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said he had received letters from Lord de Tabley, H., and several other Grand Officers, apologising for not being able to attend.

The following report was, on the motion of Col. CREATON, seconded by Comp. JOSHUA NUNN, taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

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
	<u>£2400 7 1</u>		<u>£2400 7 1</u>

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

Comp. H. J. P. DUMAS asked for information with respect to the item, "Unappropriated account." He did not rise to make any objection, but thought that many like himself did not know what it meant. He had attended Grand Chapter many years, but had never heard it explained.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said it consisted of sums of money to the credit of certain chapters, which, like lodges, had paid money to Grand Chapter. It frequently occurred that lodges and chapters sent home sums of money which were placed to their credit, and on which they drew from time to time.

On the motion of Col. CREATON, seconded by Comp. J. LEWIS THOMAS, charters were granted in accordance with 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 Grestorex 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.

On the motion of Col. CREATON, seconded by Comp. R. C. ELSE, the companions granted to the Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath, 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, the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years.

The Rev. THOMAS ROBINSON, who had been appointed by the Prince of Wales as 2nd Assistant Sojourner, but who, through illness, was unable to be present at Grand Chapter's last meeting, was invested with his collar, robe, and jewel of office, and took his seat according.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Forest Hotel, Chingford. The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Lord Tenderden, K.C.B., presided, and was supported by R.W. Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, Middx.; Lord Waveney, Prov. Grand Master Suffolk; the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, P.G.W.; Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Rev. H. Cochrane, Grand Chaplain; Brackstone Baker, and a very large number of members of the province, with visitors from neighbouring districts.

After the minutes of last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Southend, 9th August, 1881, had been read and confirmed, several letters of apology were announced. Amongst others who regretted their inability to be present being R.W. Bros. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; T. F. Halsey, P.G.M. Herts; Rev. C. J. Martyn, F. Wilson Iles, Sir J. B. Monckton, Justice Cave, Sheriff Hanson, and Rev. F. B. Shepherd.

On calling over the roll of lodges, all were found to be represented. The numerical strength of the province, as regards membership, showed a slight falling off as compared with the two previous years, but the condition of Masonry in other respects was eminently satisfactory.

After the Auditors' Report had been presented and adopted, the Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren, and announced it to be his intention to continue Wor. Bro. Philbrick in his office of D.P.G.M. The following were then elected Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—

W. Bro. Alfred Buck, W.M. 453	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" E. B. Florence, I.P.M. 214	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Bro. Rev. J. H. Rowley, 1343	...	Prov. G. Chap.
W. Bro. A. Durrant (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. F. Barrett, W.M. 1000	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. E. Dehane, W.M. 1543	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. J. Manning, P.M. 1437	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" F. C. Smith, W.M. 1457	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.M. 160...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. Hempeson, W.M. 1799	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Bro. H. Bowles, 276...	...	Prov. G. Org.
W. Bro. J. M. Farr, W.M. 1817	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" D. J. Wright, I.P.M. 1024	...	Prov. G. Purst.
W. Bro. Wm. Sowman, W.M. 51	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. Shedd, W.M. 276...	...	
" T. G. Mills, W.M. 697...	...	
" A. Mead, J.W. 276...	...	
Bro. R. Clowes, S.W. 650
Bro. T. S. Sarei, 276	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The proposed motion by W. Bro. Andrew Durrant, P.M. 276, P.G. Treasurer:—"That every lodge in the Province add to the present payment to Provincial Grand Lodge a contribution of sixpence for each subscribing member per annum; the amount to be forwarded with the annual return, and to be applied towards making as many lodges in the name of the Worshipful Master for the time being Life Subscribers of the Masonic Charities as the funds will admit. Not less than £10 10s. being subscribed to each Charity, and the lodges to have precedence according to seniority," elicited considerable discussion, but was eventually adopted in the form as worded above. The other business of Prov. Grand Lodge having been transacted, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

A banquet afterwards took place, and subsequently the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

PHILOSOPHY OF FREEMASONRY.—It may not be easy, perhaps, to say in what the philosophy of Freemasonry really consists; but we think it may not improperly be asserted that it is built up on love of God, on love to man, on the great intellectual appreciation and moral development of the "homo," as responsible to his Creator, Preserver, and Judge on the one hand, and bound to display charity, forbearance, and benevolence to his brother man on the other. It is, in fact, a realization of abstract truth, as well as a performance of the concrete duties. This we hold to be the true philosophy of Freemasonry; beyond this we do not go; and we certainly, as Craft Masons, know nothing of hermetic reveries or mystical aspirations. We cannot, therefore, hold with those who seem to consider that the philosophy of Freemasonry is to be found in humanitarianism, positivism, intellectualism, Pantheism, or any other "ism"—or "morale independante," or hermetic mystifications. We believe it to be a religious and practical philosophy, alike honoring God and beneficent to man.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

Jamaica.

TRINIDAD.—Royal Phoenix Lodge (No. 911).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th ult. at the Masonic Rooms, St. Ann's-road, for the purpose of installing Bro. J. W. Prada, J.W., the W.M. elect. This was one of the most numerously attended meetings that have been held in the island for many years, testifying to the high estimation in which Bro. Prada is deservedly held among the brethren. Before seven o'clock p.m. there were already present at the lodge upwards of sixty Masons, and the hall presented a "coup d'oeil" that was truly pleasing. During the Mastership of the out-going W.M., Bro. A. M. Cook, P.P.D.G.M., very many improvements have been made to the lodge, and the decorations of the hall are of a nature which cannot fail to excite the admiration of every visitor to the lodge.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Brigido Natera, member of the Grand Lodge of Caracas, and P.M. of Asilo de la Paz Lodge, Bolivar, was duly announced and admitted, accompanied by Bros. Marques, P.M., and Alcazar, P.M., was received with honours, and conducted to the left of the W.M., Bro. A. M. Cook. The other brethren who sat on the dais were Bros. J. D. Gelizean, W.M. 1788; Thos. Murrell, P.M. 368; W. R. Puzzar, P.M. 1788; and Des Roses, 368. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. W. Prada was presented by Bro. Alcazar, P.M., when Bro. Cook proceeded to instal the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner. After the usual salutations, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. L. N. M. Boussiere, S.W.; G. R. Moore, J.W.; A. L. Nestor, Treas.; Joseph St. Aigne, Sec.; J. Pildain, S.D.; Geo. Ortiz, J.D.; W. Warren and J. N. Pineda, Stewards; Thos. Morgan, I.G.; and Jas. Barclay, Tyler. Bro. Jas. McCracken, P.M., who was absent through illness, was appointed as D.C.

The I.P.M. Bro. Cook, then rose, and said that he felt it a duty to offer his congratulations to the lodge upon the appointment of Bro. Prada. Bro. Prada enjoyed, both in the Masonic and profane community, a high reputation. It was not possible to find a Mason more zealous or who took greater interest in the advancement of the Masonic Institutions of the colony; as a Royal Arch Mason, or as a member of the higher degrees now in full operation among us, Bro. Prada's zeal, the indefatigable interest which he displays in the duties which are imposed upon him has marked him out as one who unquestionably deserves the appreciation which has been bestowed upon him as a bright Mason, and in selecting him as the Master of your lodge, you have adopted a step which cannot fail to be of the greatest advantage to the Royal Phoenix Lodge. It must be borne in mind that owing to the circumstance that the Royal Phoenix Lodge was composed of members who were natives of Venezuela, and who, therefore, spoke Spanish, and knew little of English, it was provided in the bye-laws and approved by the Grand Secretary that the meetings should be held in Spanish and in English—that is, the first meeting of the month in English and the second meeting in Spanish. In fact, the lodge originally worked in Spanish, the warrant of constitution having been obtained for the purpose; but it was afterwards found not practicable, in consequence of the admission amongst its number of English members. The arrangement which we have now adopted will overcome the difficulty, whilst it will be of immense benefit to English Freemasonry. We are all aware with what pains Bro. Prada has succeeded in translating our beautiful ritual into Spanish, and how much it is appreciated by our Spanish brethren. It was not long since that, at an initiation of a candidate in Spanish, the lecture on the tracing board, translated by Bro. Prada and delivered by Bro. Narcisso Vera (whom it has pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. to remove from us), elicited the praise and admiration of all who were present on that occasion. There is this which I must observe, that without a W.M. who understands Spanish it is impossible that the lodge could work with regularity. I could not take it upon myself to work it in Spanish, for I know little of the language, and it has frequently happened that when it was necessary to confer Degrees on Spanish candidates I was compelled to have had recourse to the assistance of some Past Master who could confer them in Spanish. All this was very inconvenient, and in great measure retarded progress. When at my installation in June last, I appointed Bro. Prada as my J.W.; and Bro. Alcazar, as S.W. I did so with a view of meeting and overcoming the difficulty which I felt sure must have arisen unless a W.M. was appointed who could perform the duties of the lodge in Spanish. Bro. Alcazar, as you are all aware, from his knowledge of Spanish, is fully capable of performing those duties, but in consequence of his having, shortly after his appointment as S.W., assumed the mastership of the lodge Eastern Star, S.R. (he being a member of that lodge), he was not able to continue his duties as the S.W. of the Royal Phoenix. It was different however with the J.W., Bro. Prada, he had to perform his duties, and he did them well, and this large gathering of Masons here this evening, is an eloquent manifestation of their approval of the step you have taken in appointing Bro. Prada as your W.M. We have in this colony a large number of Venezuelians who compose our community, either as merchants, planters, professional men, tradesmen, artisans, and labourers; some of our beautiful edifices which ornament our city, have been erected by them. They have their colleges where a large number of their youths are educated; they have their clubs and other institutions; why should they not have as well a Masonic Lodge, under the superintending care of the Grand Lodge of England. The Royal Phoenix Lodge has now opened its portals to them, our beautiful ritual in the several degrees is now translated into Spanish, and let us therefore hope, that far and wide through the continent of Venezuela shall the sublime moral teachings of English Freemasonry be known and appreciated.

Bro. PRADA, who spoke in English, then rose and said, that he felt himself honoured by being appointed as the W.M. of the Royal Phoenix Lodge, but he must confess that he accepted the post with much diffidence, knowing the responsibility which devolved upon him; yet he felt encouraged when he recollected that he had now a better opportunity of rendering himself more serviceable to the lodge, and to Freemasonry generally, than he has hitherto been, whilst the Spanish members will have a means now of better appreciating and valuing the importance of Freemasonry; yet if it were left to him alone he must candidly confess that however high may be his aims, how laudible his intentions, he felt that he would scarcely be successful

without the valuable assistance of P.M. Bro. Cook. It was the conviction that he could depend upon that assistance, upon his knowledge and his abilities, inspired him with the hope of success. He had the noble example of Bro. Cook to follow. His Masonic merits, his social virtues, and other exemplary qualities endeared him to us all, and made him worthy the high position which he held in Freemasonry. The name Phoenix could never be better applied to this lodge. About two years ago the lodge may be said to have been reposing in its ashes, but it was left to the renovating hand of Bro. Cook to raise it from its low estate and place it on its wings again—to bring it from a state of chaos into form and beauty. He had great hopes in the future of the Phoenix, and felt that, with the officers he had appointed this evening, whose love for the Order could not be gainsaid, the Phoenix will rank among the first lodges in the Island, and may the G.A.O.T.U. aid us in our endeavours.

The lodge having closed—the brethren retired to the ante-room, where a *recherché* banquet awaited them. The loyal toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm, and the good things being ended, the brethren retired satisfied with the pleasant evening they had spent.

BRO. D'AZEVEDO.

We are requested to publish the following extract from the Sentence Protocol of the Police Court of Saint Thomas: "In the year 1882, on Wednesday, the 21st June, at twelve o'clock noon, the Police Court of St. Thomas was held at the Police Office, administrated by the police master in the presence of police writer Neumann and constable No. 3, Haack, as court witnesses, in the suit No. 73, 1881. I. C. D'Azevedo versus J. J. Warner, the Court pronounced the following judgment:

"In the present suit instituted by the plaintiff, I. C. D'Azevedo, commercial clerk, against the defendant, Jas. J. Warner, commercial clerk, for defamatory expressions, plaintiff complains that on the 3rd November last, in the Masonic Lodge called the Harmonic, in Saint Thomas, defendant, in the presence of many persons, read out a paper said to be a copy of a letter written by him to the 'Grand Lodge' in England in explanation of his having omitted to open a meeting by him convoked in the first mentioned lodge, and, as a ground of justification, stated that he had omitted to open the meeting because plaintiff was present and he feared that plaintiff would cause disturbance being 'a desperate character of (or in) this community.' The plaintiff further complains that on the 17th November last, defendant, in the same place and in the presence of many persons, read out a similar copy of a letter by him addressed to the same 'Grand Lodge' in England, in which letter defendant, referring to the foregoing letter, repeated that plaintiff is a 'desperate character of (or in) this community,' and added that 'the police (or magistrate) records of this island could prove it.' Plaintiff considers these expressions defamatory, and hence demands that defendant be punished and made to indemnify him the costs of the suit, and that the injurious expressions be adjudged to be null and void.

"The defendant has demanded acquittal, and, whilst admitting that plaintiff, by the evidence of the witnesses examined during the suit, has proved the correctness of his representation, but not admitting its correctness otherwise, has based his demand on the following grounds. He denies plaintiff's competence to bring the suit into the police court, seeing that plaintiff has already had the case before his own and defendant's common superior, the Grand Lodge in England, and hence must be considered to have renounced his right to invoke the intervention of the tribunals. In the next place, defendant asserts that by reading the letters, he has only done his duty toward the other members of the lodge, by informing them of the steps he had in their behalf taken in the matter, and that, consequently, the reading was effected without the intention of insulting or injuring plaintiff. Defendant finally asserts that the expressions used in relation to plaintiff are not injurious, and that, if even they should be considered injurious in themselves, there is no ground for considering them defamatory, seeing that they were used in a private circle.

"The first of these assertions must be dismissed at once, as defendant, against the denial of plaintiff, has failed to prove its correctness, and hence it becomes unnecessary to investigate the point as to whether members of a Masonic lodge, by laying their complaints before the Grand Lodge to which the lodge is subordinate, can be considered to have renounced their right to bring the matter before the tribunals of the State.

"In regard to the second assertion, it is indeed true that the reading in question appears to have been effected with the object stated by defendant, but the absence of injurious intention cannot free defendant from responsibility, if the expressions used are of such a nature as to render him responsible. On the other hand, the assertion that the reading took place within a private circle, and that, therefore, defendant is exempt from responsibility, cannot be considered valid, seeing that the condition for such exemption would be a previous understanding to that effect between the members of the circle—in casu' the Masonic lodge, and that defendant has failed to prove the existence of such a condition in the present case.

"When, finally, defendant demands acquittal on the ground of the non-injurious character of the expressions, the court cannot admit the demand.

"While it must be acknowledged that, in the abstract, to describe a person as a 'desperate character,' i.e., a rash or desperate character, does not involve any violation of such person's right of respect or honour, still, such a description, associated with an occurrence or incident of such a nature as to be derogatory to the person described, changes its general character and becomes defamatory in a higher or lesser degree, according to the circumstances of the case. This being the case in the present instance—seeing that defendant, as a ground of justification for his omitting to open the meeting convoked by him in the Masonic lodge, stated that the plaintiff was present, and that he feared that if he opened the meeting plaintiff would cause disturbance, being as well known to the police of a rash and desperate character, the court finds that the defendant has thereby characterized plaintiff as a turbulent person, thus causing him an injury which cannot but reflect on his good name and reputation, and, consequently, must lower him in the opinion of his fellow-citizens. The court therefore finds that plaintiff's demand in the suit must be admitted in such

a manner that defendant will have to pay a suitable fine to the Police Fund of St. Thomas, say \$20 and to indemnify plaintiff the costs of the suit; such indemnification, however, not to include lawyer's fee, and that the expressions used in relation to plaintiff—'A desperate character of (or in) this community,' and that 'the Police (or Magistrate) records of this island could prove it,' will be nullified.

"Be it therefore adjudged:—
"The defendant, James J. Warner, commercial clerk, shall within three times twenty-four hours after the legal service of this judgment pay a fine of \$20 to the Police Fund of this island, and indemnify the plaintiff, I. C. D'Azevedo, commercial clerk, the costs of the present suit; such indemnification, however, not including lawyer's fee.

"The expressions used relative to the plaintiff, 'A desperate character of (or in) this community,' with the addition that 'the police (or magistrate) records could prove it,' shall be held null and void, and shall in no wise affect the honour and reputation of plaintiff.

"To be complied with according to law.

(Sig.) "H. M. W. FISCHER.

"Certified Copy. (Sig.) "H. M. W. FISCHER.

"Delivered 7th July, 1882."

SUMMER OUTING OF THE HENLEY LODGE.

The annual pleasure trip of the above prosperous little lodge took place on Tuesday, the 25th ult., and was, without exception, one of the most pleasant of the many the brethren have ever participated in. The party, numbering about thirty, got to their destination at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, by various routes—some by train and others by boat, while a few drove down by road, but all arrived pretty punctually by one o'clock p.m., and partook of refreshments. Two waggonettes, handsomely horsed, then carried the party for a country ride, and the beautiful Kentish scenery lying between Gravesend and Wrotham, varied as it is by hill and dale, cultivated garden, and verdure-crowned woodland, was much admired and thoroughly enjoyed. After refreshing man and horse at the Vigo Hotel, some two miles from Wrotham, the party returned to Gravesend, arriving at the Clarendon at six o'clock, where an elegantly served banquet awaited them. The esteemed W.M., Bro. Jas. Elder, presided, supported by Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; D. W. Vance, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; V. J. Holloway, S.W.; C. T. Lewis, J.W.; — Lewis, J. Savage (the last five forming the Committee), J. Paul, and others.

The banquet was graced by a number of ladies, and one or two gentlemen, non-Masons, also attended.

After dinner the Chairman gave the usual loyal toasts; also that of "Prosperity to the Henley Lodge." "The Ladies," "The Committee," "the 'Host,'" and other personal toasts were all honoured and severally responded to.

The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the fine singing of Mr. Elder, brother of the W.M., from Chatham, who, with his accomplished wife at the piano, were the very life and soul of the party, and kept the harmony up most unflaggingly.

The whole affair was most enjoyable, and left behind it nothing but the most pleasing reminiscences.

ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.

The annual festival of the above successful lodge, was celebrated on Saturday last, 20th ult., at the Bell Hotel, East Moulsey, near Hampton Court. The entire event was carried through successfully, the weather being especially warm and fine, and the locality chosen as happy a one as could be desired. Those of the brethren who arrived early, had every means of enjoyment at their disposal, the hostelry affording in its pretty garden grounds, facilities for several capital out door pastimes, and the locality furnishing good fishing and scenery to be enjoyed, either from the pedestrian's point of view, or that of him who ne'er consents to walk.

At six o'clock the banquet was capitally served, under the personal control of Bro. Pinckney, the host, in a manner which gave very great satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. W. Stiles (W.M. 1507), the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge, presided in his usual genial manner, and was very ably supported as S.W., by Bro. E. M. Money; and as J.W., by Bro. G. W. Knight.

The banquet at an end, Bro. STILES gave the usual Loyal and Craft toasts. Bro. Williams kindly furnishing the usual loyal songs, and also presiding, and that ably, at pianoforte during the evening.

Bro. SCALES, P.M., in appropriate terms, toasted "The W.M. of the Mother Lodge and the President of the Evening," and Bro. STILES suitably acknowledged the enthusiastic manner which had greeted the toast.

Bro. SIDE, P.M., gave "Prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction;" and Bro. STILES, as its Preceptor, responded thereto, claiming the good the lodge had done, and was doing, and congratulating the brethren upon the vitality which the lodge displayed even at this season of the year, when many lodges indulge in a recess till the autumn. With the toast were coupled the names of the Preceptor, Bro. Wm. STILES; the Treasurer, Bro. C. J. SCALES; and the Hon. Secretary, Bro. EDWIN STORR, who severally and suitably responded.

The other toasts honoured were "The Officers;" responded to by Bros. E. M. MONEY, S.W., and G. W. KNIGHT; and "The Visitors;" responded to by Bros. CROAKER, P.M. 185, and SNOW.

Some excellent singing pleasantly varied the proceedings, and the party, on breaking up, arrived safely in town, having passed a memorable and successful day of pleasure.

Among those who took part were Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.M., Preceptor, W.M.; E. M. Money, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; Edwin Storr, Sec., P.M.; W. Side, C. J. Scales, J. T. Briggs, G. Clark, Burgess, A. Simmer, J. Collinson, F. Ashton, R. Knight, D. R. Bryce, J. C. Smith, F. W. Sillis, G. Emblin, A. E. Albert, G. Mordey, H. M. Williams, Ward Slater, A. Norman, W. W. Snelling, Rowley, Snow, Croaker, Markie, Dickinson, Fowler, G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*), and others.

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To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Political Summary," "The Bridgwater Mercury," "Jewish Chronicle," "Supplement to the Iowa Times," "The West London Advertiser," "Boletín Masonico," "New York Dispatch," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Masonic Token," "The Court Circular," "Keystone."



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 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.]

BRO. W. G. WEBER.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I sail on Monday, the 31st inst., in the Shannon, one of Messrs. Green's Blackwall liners, in which myself and family have been most comfortably berthed, through the kind care and superintendence of Bro. R. L. Sindall.

May I request that you will insert this letter in your pages, which I know are always open for a kindly action. I desire very much to thank many of my Masonic friends who have shown me kindness at various times, and whom I have been unable to see and thank personally; and as I am sure the *Freemason* is read wherever there is Masonry in England, those brethren who reside in the provinces will thus receive my earnest thanks, as well as my nearer brethren in London.

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

W. G. WEBER,

Late clerk in the office of the R.M.I. for Girls,
102, Oakfield-road, Penge, S.E.,
July 29th, 1882.

MONEY OR ABILITY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Though this fine weather and the holiday time are very much against even Masonic lucubrations of any kind, I wish to say a few words in your pages as to some remarks of Bro. Pfoundes under this somewhat sensational heading. I did not understand the leader alluded to to recommend expense or set any store on money, but simply to point some certain evils prevalent just now, which all who know anything of English Freemasonry are aware markedly exist.

The one is too low initiation fees. Many are attracted to Freemasonry from its material benefits; and for a small initiation fee and two years' subscription claim relief from its fund of Benevolence. To my own certain knowledge many are yearly admitted to Freemasonry whose only idea is that of a benefit society, so much return for so much payment. That is not the theory, or aim, or end of Freemasonry.

As regards lodge expenses, London is in an exceptional position, owing to its normal late dinner hours, and the fact, above all, that a very great majority of our brethren go to Freemasonry after an honest day's work for Masonic, duties and the Masonic social circle.

The experiment of a late lodge might be tried in London, say, meeting at 7 or 7.30 for work and an intellectual course of lectures, to be followed by a light inexpensive social meal. But I doubt very much if any such effort would be successful. Indeed, I believe that this system has been tried in the metropolis and has failed.

In the provinces the lodges meet later than in London, but lectures have not succeeded, except in very rare instances. I think that Bro. Pfoundes writes a little too harshly and severely on the subject.

It is not quite fair to represent Freemasons as stuck up or purse proud.

It is one of the greatest delusions possible that Freemasons are a very wealthy body. They are not. They represent a large class of official and high middle-class personages, belonging to the learned and mercantile, military and naval and clerical professions, bread winners, and having for the most part moderate incomes. The wonderful returns to the Masonic Charities prove that Mason's hearts are in the right place, and that "every mickle makes a muckle," and that the interest in the Charities is properly and generally diffused, but they prove nothing more. The London expenses seem formidable, but they mostly arise from the circumstances of the case.

Surely Bro. Pfoundes can join a good lodge in Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Sussex, Surrey, or Middlesex, where he can find what he wants, without assuming that English Freemasons encourage expense, which they do not; or set money against ability, than which nothing is further from their thoughts.

Yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL BROTHER.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Knowing what great interest you have always taken in all matters appertaining to our Masonic Institutions, I wish to lay before you, subject to your corrections, the following approximate statistics with regard to the Girls' Institution, as deduced from the subscribers' book for 1881. The total cost for the education, maintenance, and various necessary expenses of 199 children and twenty-five adults was, for 1880, £7184 1s. 0d., or about £36 2s. per girl, to

which must be added the sum of £800 7s. 1d. for charges which vary, such as University fees, prizes, gratuities, &c., in round numbers £8000, and the income for that year, from subscriptions £15,180 18s. 11d., and interest on invested capital £1202 10s., making a total of £16,459 8s. 11d., more than double the expenditure. During that time Lyncombe House was made capable of accommodating, together with the main building, 250 pupils. In April last all the candidates for election were placed on the strength of the establishment, bringing the number up to 236, leaving fourteen beds vacant. At the ensuing election the number of accepted candidates is twenty; the vacancies by lapse of time are seven; the fourteen vacant beds would make twenty-one, so that together with the one admitted by purchase, without petition, (radically if not legally wrong), there would be room for all seeking admission.

Now the average for cost for 250 girls would be less in proportion than for the 199, as very nearly the same staff of teachers, etc., would suffice, so I have placed the average general cost for the 250 at £36 per head, equal to £9000, and the variable charges at £1000, or £200 more than for the former number, which, I believe, would be ample; but, for argument sake, put on another £200, which gives a total of £10,200, which would leave the handsome sum of from £2500 to £4000 to invest every year. Such being the case, that is, if my figures are anything like correct, I take it that it is our bounden duty towards the subscribers to admit all the candidates the establishment is adapted to provide for, and as all the candidates can be provided for, I fail to see why the election expenses might not be saved to the advantage of the Institution.

Hoping you will correct the errors, if any,

I remain, yours fraternally,
S, Thurlow-place, July 31. P.M. 1647.

THE "JOHN HERVEY" BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The receipt now and again of further donations, including some from the other side of the world, keeps this fund still open, and, with your kind permission, I should like to report what has been done. At the last election the dividends then accrued, amounting to £20 13s. 1d., were given among the two old ladies and two old brethren who stood highest among the non-successful candidates, and very delighted the poor old people were with the welcome "solatium." The amount now invested in the names of the four trustees in New Three per Cents. is £900. A small balance remains in the London and Westminster Bank, and I earnestly ask those leading brethren, as well as those provinces, from whom nothing as yet has come, to remember the benevolent, as well as the memorial, nature of the fund; and by ever so moderate donation, to enable us to invest, at least, £1000 clear before closing the fund. Our excellent Hon. Secretary, Bro. R. R. Davis, of Melville Lodge, Manor-road, Wallington, Surrey, will gladly give both information and receipts for donations.

I am, very faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Chairman of Committee.

RETURN OF THE JEWS TO PALESTINE, AND THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your short review of Bro. Meiter's brochure on the above subject may fairly give rise to a little discussion thereon; and afford a topic of interest during the dull season.

Apart from the poetic and imaginary views and theories propounded as to the time and mode of this return, one would like to know how the poets and theorists propose to increase the national resources of the Holy Land, so that a rocky, barren country, not half the size of Scotland, and almost destitute of mineral wealth, of natural harbours, and of rivers, can be made to support in comfort and abundance the ten millions of Jews now scattered over the face of the earth?

Yours truly and fraternally, PRACTICAL.

THE STATUS OF P.M.'S.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As remarked by you, in a foot-note to your correspondent "M.M.," in the *Freemason* of July 22nd, the *Book of Constitutions* is exceedingly brief and obscure on the above question. Surely, now that the Constitutions are undergoing revision, this question will receive consideration.

To illustrate one point I will take my own case. Many years ago I served as W.M. in my mother lodge. Whilst still a member of this lodge I joined a second lodge, and subsequently resigned my membership of my mother lodge, in which I had served as W.M.

I infer from the present *Book of Constitutions* that my status as a P.M. lodge in No. 2 is *nil*, and that I am merely a P.M. in the Craft by having ceased my membership of the lodge in which I served as W.M. My argument is that if so, it is manifestly unfair for a P.M. not to carry his status as such into a lodge which he joins. If he were only an E.A.P. or F.C. he would unquestionably take his status as such into the lodge he joined; and why should the case be different with a P.M.?

I contend that a P.M. so joining should take his position as a P.M. immediately below the then junior P.M. of the lodge, in the same way in which he takes his position on the roll of members next below the then junior member, and that he should be entitled to all the privileges of a P.M., the same as if he had served as W.M. of the lodge.

Of course, in this contention I would limit it to those P.M.'s who have not forfeited their position by ceasing to subscribe to a lodge for twelve months, which I consider to be a reasonable condition. At any rate, in the new edition of the Constitutions I trust the status of P.M.'s will be more clearly defined.

Yours fraternally,
P. PROV. G. DEACON EAST LANCASHIRE.

ARCH NAMES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly allow me space for a suggestion to those companions who are in doubt, and who assume the character of "anxious enquirers" on the above subject.

The next time they attend a Royal Arch Chapter, and "assist" at an exaltation, let them pay close attention to the latter ceremony, as well as to the opening service, and they will perhaps have their doubts removed as to the use of "Most Excellent."

Further, let them read Article 50, p. 17, of the present Royal Arch Regulations, and they will also see why H. and J. are entitled to the same prefix, forming, as they do conjointly the Crown of the Arch.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
E. T. BUDDEN, P.Z.

BRO. MACKENZIE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you declined to insert my reply to Bro. Buss, to "P.M.," and to "Nemo," dated the 26th July, I will not trouble you again. The truth will, without doubt, come out in due course, and the brethren who have made these statements will regret them.

In the meantime, I entreat my brethren—if you will insert my letter at all, which I very much doubt—to suspend their judgments on the matter, and remember that my version of the circumstances has not yet been given.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

Clyde House, Hounslow, August 2nd.

[Bro. Mackenzie's original letter could have been published had he been pleased to withdraw one or two passages which were purely personal.—ED. F.M.]



THE LAST PUNIC WAR. SECOND NOTICE.
By Bro. A. M. BROADLEY. W. Blackwood & Sons.

Though it was not in our power, owing to the living and contemporary politics with which the able work of Bro. Broadley bristled, in our original review to do more practically than announce its appearance and commend its perusal, as a literary effort of great ability and value; yet a careful study of it, page by page, enables us to point out one or two special points which will have alike much interest for the general and the Masonic reader! One is the existence of Mahomedan secret societies, a vast confraternity of "Islam," which just now fill North Africa, and from whose organization and energy Bro. Broadley seems to anticipate a somewhat remarkable outcome. We may say en passant "with the Times," that Bro. Broadley gives us a very effective history of Tunis itself from the Norman Conquest; a masterly sketch of its inhabitants and its physical geography; so that his work is likely henceforth to take rank as the standard authority on its various subjects. But to return to the Secret Societies. The Khouan is a semi-political, semi-religious confraternity, which constitutes a sort of Freemasonry. There are seven special associations in Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli, and which though ostensibly formed against the French influences, are purely Moslem, animated by an unextinguishable hatred of Europeans and Christians. Bro. Broadley gives us a wonderful account of Kaiwan and its great Mosque, with its 439 columns, and the little Mosque of one poor room, scarce 30 feet broad by 10 feet deep. It seems that the Mosques are built upon old Roman work, that "Mos Romana" of which we hear so much in the Early Chroniclers, and was not, as some fancy, merely brick work. Bro. Broadley gives us finally some revolting, if truthful pictures, of the Aissaonia sect, whose guiding principle seems to be the greatest possible measure of self-inflicted bodily torture, coupled with the greatest conceivable amount of religious frenzy. As has been long known to travellers, Mahomedanism is really like a "whited sepulchre," of which we have heard. We commend Bro. Broadley's work once again, though we cannot dilate upon it in these neutral pages.

THE SECOND PART OF BRO. FINDEL'S WORKS.

As we said before, Bro. Findel is now publishing his numerous Masonic Treatises in fourteen monthly parts and five volumes. This part completes the first volume, and Bro. Findel supplies an ornamented cover for about sixpence, which anyone can obtain by writing to J. G. Findel, Leipzig. The price of each part is a shilling. This part contains "Der Weg zum Licht," "Der Lichtbund der Freimaurer," "Das Zeitalter der Aufklärung, Freiheit, Gleichheit, Brüderlichkeit," and "Die Gegenwart und das Menschheitsideal." These are probably not the works which will most commend Bro. Findel to English readers, as some of us may think that he is following a "Will o' the Wisp," though they admire his history. Still, it is remarkable to note and to know what Bro. Findel has written. The collection is admirably printed.

HISTORY OF THE AIREDALE LODGE, No. 357.
By Bro. J. R. RILEY, P.M. and P.Z. Bradford: G. F. Sewell.

This is a large paper copy of a very useful, if unpretending, work, which is in itself a great help to Masonic students, and a valuable contribution to our knowledge of past English lodge-life and annals. We have alluded to the work favorably before, and will only add that Bro. Riley seems to have discharged his duty as a Masonic chronicler both efficiently and conscientiously; both discreetly and manfully. We welcome all lodge histories, as, though apparently trite and monotonous, they contain always some one fact of archaeological value.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE. Corrected to June 30th, 1882.

This new "vade mecum" of all members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, 33, Golden-square, as corrected to June 30, 1882, comes before us with official authority, and in careful supervision and arrangement. It is, so to say, the Book of Constitutions of Golden-square, and of the numerous and influential organization under the control of the English Supreme Council, and has for all loyal members of the Rite naturally alike the greatest interest and supreme authority. We, therefore, think it right to announce gratefully its appearance, and to thank those who are responsible for it for its excellent arrangement and clear and distinct information.

THE NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS ON PENN SQUARE IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA. Printed for the Commissioners. Philadelphia: 1880.

If our American cousins have no ancient piles of buildings, such as are found in the countries of the Old World, to boast of, they seem determined to make good the deficiency, and, whenever the necessity arises, are deterred by no thought of expense from making the public edifices they are periodically called upon to erect as commodious, as suitable to the purposes for which they are required, and as magnificent and well-appointed as possible. We have heard it said by those well qualified to offer an opinion, that the New Public Buildings on Penn-square, in the city of Brotherly Love, are as fine and on as grand a scale, if not finer and grander, than any similar structure in any European country, and to judge from the particulars in this pamphlet, we can well believe it. The illustration, which serves as the frontispiece to the descriptive account, demonstrates this beyond the possibility of question, and were confirmation needed, it will be found in the account itself. Nor has any lengthened period of time been consumed in its erection. In April, 1870, the Act, which provided that a building capable of accommodating all the public offices, &c., in the city should be erected, passed both Houses of the State Legislature, and, on the 5th August following, or twelve years exactly to this very day (Saturday), it received the approval of the Governor of the State. The first meeting of the Commissioners appointed under the Act was held at the office of the Mayor of Philadelphia on the 27th August; and on the 15th September, John McArthur was elected architect; and on 4th October a permanent organization was established, with Bro. John Rice, whose place has since been occupied by Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, as President. In the course of the same month, by a majority of voters of the city, Penn-square, the very spot indicated for such a purpose by William Penn, the founder of the State, was chosen in preference to Washington-square, for the site of the buildings. On the 16th August, 1871, the ground was formally broken by Bro. John Rice. On the 7th April, 1872, it was finally resolved on adopting the original idea of placing the structure at the intersection of Market and Broad-streets, and having one block of building instead of a building in four blocks. On the 12th August of the same year the foundation was laid. On the 4th July, 1874 (Independence Day) the corner stone of the superstructure was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. Alfred R. Potter, then Grand Master of Pennsylvania, assisted by his Grand Officers, in the presence of the Mayor of the city, the Select and Common Councils, the heads of Departments, and a large concourse of citizens, the Hon. Benjamin Harris Brewster, the orator of the day, delivering an appropriate address. Up to the 1st January, 1881, the expenditure amounted to over 6,922,000 dollars, or £1,384,400 sterling. On 1st January, 1877, the Supreme Court of the State (including the Prothonotary's Office) took up the quarters assigned to it; the Highway Department followed suit in 1878; the Survey Department and Headquarters of the Division and of the First Brigade of the National Guard in 1879; and in 1880 the Boiler Inspectors, the Board of Revision of Taxes, Markets and City Property Board, and the Receiver of Taxes, while it was expected that in 1881, the City Treasurer, City Controller, City Commissioners, and Commissioners of Fairmount Park would be in occupation of the rooms intended for them. Other of the State Departments have followed or will follow, and in time all the Public Offices, with the archives of the State, will be brought together under one roof. As to the building, a few particulars of its dimensions will be of interest to our readers. From north to south it measures 486½ feet, and from east to west 470 feet, the area it occupies includes 4½ acres. The height of the main tower is 535 feet, and its width at base 90. The centre of the clock face, which has a diameter of 20 feet, is 361 feet above the pavement, and the height of the upper balcony 296 feet. The number of rooms on the building is 320, and the extent of floor-room 14½ acres, while the height of each centre pavilion is 202 feet 10½ inches, and of the corner towers 161 feet. The foundations of the main tower are laid on a bed of solid concrete, 8 feet thick and 90 feet square, and its walls, which are 22 feet thick at the base, are built of dressed dimension stones, weighing from 2 to 5 tons each. The spring of the dome is 395 feet 2 inches above the courtyard, and here the tower represents an octagon of 56 feet in diameter, and tapering to a height of 103 feet 10 inches, is then crowned by a statue, 36 feet high, of the founder of the State. In the centre of the structure is a courtyard, 186 feet north and south by 220 feet east and west, and there are two additional arches, each measuring 45 feet north and south by 69 feet east and west, affording abundance of light and air to all the adjacent portions of the building. Access to the different stories is gained by means of four large elevators, placed at the intersection of the principal corridors, and also by grand staircases in each of the

four corners of the building, and each of the central pavilions on the four several fronts. The style of architecture may be described as coming under the order of the Renaissance, but varied and adapted to the many and extensive requirements of an American Municipality. It is designed in the spirit, but without servile imitation, of French Art. The four fronts are similar in design, there being in the centre of each an entrance pavilion 86 feet wide, and rising to the height of 201 feet, flanked by receding wings 53 feet in length by 130 feet elevation, and receding curtains 68½ feet long by 118 feet elevation, terminating at each of the four corners with towers or pavilions 48 feet square and 161 feet high. The main entrances in the centre of each centre pavilion, are 18 feet wide and 36 feet high. The entire superstructure, with its mural embellishments, is composed of white marble from the quarries at Lee, in Berkshire, Mass., and is surrounded by a grand avenue which on the southern, eastern, and western points is 135 feet wide, and 205 feet wide on the southern front. From the various illustrations we should judge that the exterior and interior, and no doubt also the embellishments, are very beautiful, both in conception and execution. In fine, this magnificent specimen of the architectural capabilities of Philadelphia is one of which its citizens may justly be proud.

THE MAGAZINES FOR THE MONTH.

The magazines are again before us in all their plethora of passing literature. How much of it survives in grateful memory, or is effective for present good, may be a matter of grave question.

"The Century" is indeed to the fore, alike in letterpress and illustrations. It is full of information and instruction, grateful reminiscences and sound teaching. If it had no other article but the "Borderlands of Surrey," it would be worth double its price. Peruse it carefully, good reader of the *Freemason*. It will come in well in a boat on a lake or a sitting under the rocks.

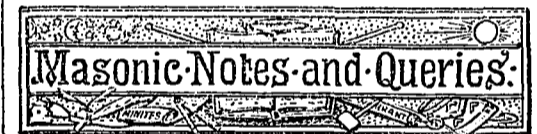
"All the Year Round" for July embraces a very remarkable "Summer Number," and we specially commend it to the notice of our many friends, old and young. We do not like "A Strange Love Story," but "Held at Bay," "All in the Downs," "When the Wicked Man," are excellent readings, and above all the "Romance of Ryde Pier" is simply inimitable. In the normal number Stoddart's last love story, and "In Bonnie Scotland," are very good. "A Catspaw" only shows us well what a woman can and will do.

"Temple Bar" finishes well with "A Ball-room Repentance," and we can safely recommend it. "Letitia's Long Day" is also very good. For the rest of the staple of "Temple" we must refer our readers to No. 261 itself.

"The Antiquary" gives us several most interesting dry-as-dust articles; and "The Bibliographer" pursues the even tenour of its way, full of valuable information for those who con its pages.

"The Canadian Craftsman" is one of the best edited of our Masonic serials.

"The Masonic Monthly," August, No. 2 of the new series, is just out, and is evidently carefully arranged to suit Masonic tastes and reading. We wish we could think, that Masonic readers were in proportion to the expense and trouble undertaken month by month to afford them information, instruction, and amusement combined.



35] REFERENCES.

Our esteemed Bro. Fort has sent a most able and interesting paper to the *Masonic Monthly*, entitled "Art and the builders of Monte Cassino," &c. He seems to have had access to some old monastic chronicle or chronicler. He would confer a great help on all Masonic students if he kindly gave us a reference to the exact source of his most effective paper, and his striking statements. Just now all references are important, as the want of references has constituted a serious trial to all Masonic students. Ask Bro. Gould. I for one have read Bro. Fort's clear and thoughtful paper with very great pleasure, admiring alike his effective style and his Masonic zeal.
MASONIC STUDENT.

36] PIO NONO.

In the *Freemason* of the 15th ult. some remarks of mine on this question were inserted, and our Editor kindly made some general observations in reply which I am afraid have inadvertently prevented others answering my questions. I should like to repeat two of them. 1. Can any brother oblige me with the full title of a Cologne paper which has been described as the "official Masonic paper at Cologne" (date 1865)? 2. Where can I obtain a peep at the minutes of the Grand Orient of Italy?
G. WM. SPETH.

37] THE COMPANY OF MASONS.

Masons were incorporated about the year 1419, having been called the Free Masons, a Fraternity of great account, which have been honoured by several kings and very many nobility and gentry being of their society. They are governed by a Master and two Wardens, twenty-five assistants, and there are sixty-five on the livery, the fine for which is £5, and that for Stewards, £10. Their armorial ensigns are azure, on a chivron, between three castles, argent, a pair of compasses somewhat extended of the first. Crest, a castle of the second. Their hall is in Basing Lane.

[Sent by a correspondent as transcribed from an old Book.—ED. F.M.]

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.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
HERTFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Shire Hall, Hertford, on Wednesday, under the banner of the Hertford Lodge. The R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M., presided, and in addition to the following Prov. Grand Officers, there was a large attendance of brethren from lodges in the province and at a distance:—Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., D.P.G.M.; F. Shillitoe, 449, G.C.W.; Rev. Lewis Deedes, G.C.; George Finch, 404, G.C.; F. Sumner Knyvett, G.T.; John E. Dawson, G.S.; H. Balderson, J.G.D.; J. Knight, G. Supt. of Works; J. Terry, G.D. of C. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held on the 16th July, 1881, were read and confirmed, and the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and of lodges was called. On the motion of Bro. T. S. Carter, Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer. The following brethren were appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and were duly invested in their respective offices:—

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

The PROV. GRAND MASTER brought under the notice of Prov. Grand Lodge the subject of the contributions to the Fund of Benevolence, proposed by Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D. at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on the 7th June, on which occasion the question was postponed in order that an opportunity might be afforded to the Prov. Grand Lodges of considering whether any increase should be made to the quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge. After some discussion, a resolution was proposed approving the increased payment by Prov. Grand Lodges suggested by Bro. J. M. Clabon, whereupon an amendment was moved and subsequently carried to the effect that the matter be referred to the respective lodges in the province for an expression of opinion thereon, in order that the Prov. Grand Master might be in a position to communicate to Grand Lodge the feeling of the province on the subject.

The report of the Board of Finance was then presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer and adopted, and the following resolutions were passed: 1. On the motion of Bro. T. S. Carter "That twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." 2. On the motion of Bro. J. Terry, "That £10 be voted to the Hertford Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge." 3. On the motion of Bro. J. E. Cussans, "That ten guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the General Infirmary at Hertford." 4. On the motion of Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett, "That the sum of £30 be voted from Prov. Grand Lodge to refund to Bro. George Lambert, the amount he advanced to the late Bro. Thomas Thomas, the Prov. Grand Tyler." 5. On the motion of Bro. John E. Dawson, "That the publication of the Prov. Calendar be continued," the usefulness of which was strongly referred to by the Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, moved, pursuant to notice, the desirability of establishing a Charity Organisation for the province, which was favourably received, and a Committee, composed of the Prov. Grand Master, D. Prov. Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the various W.M.'s of lodges and Principals of chapters in the province, was appointed to frame rules for carrying out the proposal.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been closed with the usual ceremonies, the brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet in the Assembly Room, the evident forethought displayed in the arrangements eliciting the hearty appreciation of the brethren.

Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presided, and on his right and left were V.W. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; W. Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; George Lambert, Past G. Svd. Br.; W. Clark, P.G.P.; A. C. S. Paul, P.P.G. Salop; F. H. Wilson, Iles, M.D., D.P.G.M.; John B. Dawson, P.G. Sec.; Thos. S. Carter, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 403; Bros. Abel Smith, M.P., 403; Hon. Baron Dimsdale, 403; Rev. Lewis Deedes, P.M. 403, P.G.C.; Rev. C. C. Ewbank, 449, P.G.C.; A. Stradling, W.M. 574; J. E. Cussans, 403, P.G.W.; W. H. Hobson, 504, P.G.J.W.; F. Sumner Knyvett, 404, P.G.T.; F. Levick, 404, P.G.S.D.; W. E. Gompertz, jun., 869; P.G.J.D.; J. S. Taylor, P.M. 409, P.G. Supt.; W. J. Terry, P.M. 1327, P.G.D.C.; G. F. Cook, 1580, P.G. A.D.C.; J. Fisher, 1327, P.G.S.B.; E. R. P. Francis, 403, P.G.O.; T. Woodman, 1757, G.P.; F. Hall, 403, A.G.P.; S. Neale, 403, G.S.; F. Taylor, 403, G.S.; A. J. Small, 403, G.S.; J. Hunt, 403, G.S.; W. J. Morris, 403, G.S.; T. D. Medcalf, 403, G.S.; T. Wright, 403, P.G.T.; C. Thomas, 1580, P.G.T.; George Mickleby, P.M. 449, P.P.G.J.D.; J. J. Hatton, W.M. 504; W. F. Crutch, P.M. 1278; Geo. Young, S.W. 1757; W. Gilbert, 1327, P.P.G.J.W.; John Royes, S.W. 1327; C. B. Cheese, P.G.A.D.C., W.M. 869; R. Shillitoe, P.M. 449, P.P.G.J.W.; Chas. K. Killick, W.M. 1580; John Purrott, P.M. 1479, P.P. G.S.B.; W. R. Dixon, S.W. 869; C. Willoughby Reynolds, W.M. 1479; Thos. Kent, P.M. 1479, P.P.G.J.D.; T. S. Holland, S.W. 869; J. R. Cocks, Treas. and P.M. 403, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Shilcock, P.M. 449, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Drummond, P.M. 403, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Cutbush, P.M. 1585, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Percy W. Taylor, P.M. 409, P.P.J.

G.W.; J. Boatwright, P.M. 403, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Campkin, P.M. 403, P.P.G.S.D.; H. W. Heard, P.M. 449, P.P.G.J.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.S.G.W.; Stephen Austin, P.P.S.V., P.M. 403; Robt. T. Andrews, P.P. J.W., P.M. 403; W. Warrenner, P.M. 403, P.P.J.D.; Geo. F. Cook, Treas. and P.M. 1380; Geo. Young, 979, I.P.M., S.W. 1757; Geo. Turner, 70; J. W. Newman, 1327; William Lewis, 1385, D.C.; George Webster, 55; J. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.M. 259; L. J. Myers, W.S. 1479; W. Cosens, 31; J. D. Medcalf, P.M. 403, P.P. J.D.; George F. Eigley, M.C. 869; H. Radcliffe, P.M. 858; W. Smith, J.D. 409; J. J. Dorman, 403; W. Sworder, S.D. 449; John H. Rose, 1677; Henry Hughes, 869; James Poulton, 403; C. H. K. Gilbertson, 403; J. F. W. Wells, 403; J. G. Burnard, 403; F. Roberts, 403, and others.

After the dinner had been served, and grace sung, The PROV. G.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was received with great applause, and was drunk, as were all the succeeding toasts, with Masonic honours.

The PROV. G.M. next proposed "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master." He felt convinced that he had only to mention the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to ensure that the toast would be received with the enthusiasm which it so much deserved. During the period—a long period now—he had presided over the Grand Lodge, Masonry, as they all well knew, had made great strides; and some of them also knew that on the occasion of Grand Lodge meeting to congratulate Her Majesty on her escape from the attack of a would-be assassin, the crowd of Masons who attended was so great that many brethren from this province were unable to obtain admission. They had heard something during the day of a proposal to increase their payments and subscriptions to the Fund of Benevolence, but the large attendance on the occasion in question made one almost fear that they would shortly be called upon to face the question of whether it would not be necessary to erect a larger Masonic hall. But he would not go into that question at that time, it being one for the future rather than the present moment, but they must all rejoice at the continued prosperity which is marking the progress of the Craft, not only in its numbers—for an increase merely in numbers was not the best test of its prosperity—but in its increased efficiency, the largely increased amounts given to their charitable institutions, and the good feeling and enthusiasm that seemed to pervade all the brethren, from Grand Lodge to all the private lodges. They must all hope and trust that spirit would continue and prosper still more, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master would be spared for very many years to come to preside over a body whose welfare he knew His Royal Highness had very much at heart, and in whom he was very greatly interested. The toast met with an enthusiastic reception.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he had next to propose a toast which came nearer home to them, inasmuch as they had some of the brethren present to whom it referred. He begged to propose "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said it was not necessary for him to say much respecting the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master. They all knew how efficiently the Earl of Carnarvon discharged the duties of the office when it was necessary for him to preside in the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. They were acquainted with the great interest he took in the progress of the Craft, and the command of language he possessed in which to clothe his thoughts when he addressed them. They also knew the ability of the Earl of Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, who was a true Mason, and in every respect well calculated to uphold the interests of the Craft. The merits of the rest of the Grand Officers were well known to those to whom he was speaking, and they were also acquainted with the zeal and enthusiasm they displayed, as well as the courtesy with which they met the members of the various lodges. They were honoured with the presence of the Grand Secretary, on whose shoulders most of the labour of the Grand Lodge fell. It gave them very great pleasure to have this officer present, and he could not but remember that on the last occasion the Provincial Grand Lodge met in Hertford, the Grand Secretary's predecessor in his office installed him as Provincial Grand Master. It must be gratifying to them all that on the next occasion of visiting Hertford they were honoured with the presence of the present Grand Secretary. Bro. Lambert, whose name was a household word amongst them, was also present; and Bro. Raynham Stewart, whose name was well known to them. Bro. Clark, also, whose name was well known, was present, and he (the Provincial Grand Master) felt sure that when such brethren came to visit them, they would give them such a hearty welcome that they would be induced to come again. He coupled with the toast the name of the Grand Secretary. The toast was received with loud applause.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Sec., on rising to respond to the toast, was received with great applause. After returning his thanks for the very kind way in which the toast had been received, he said the Provincial Grand Master had referred to the more important Grand Lodge Officers in such a manner that it was quite unnecessary, and would be even presumptuous, for him to say anything about them. He might, however, just be allowed to state that they looked up to Lord Lathom for assistance and guidance in all matters of doubt and difficulty, and it was very much in this way that they maintained the prestige of the Grand Lodge of England. He was sorry that all the Grand Lodge Officers were not there on that occasion. All the officers of Grand Lodge felt it to be a very high honour to be appointed to their respective places, and they might be looked to in the future, as in the past, to put their shoulders to the wheel to further the interests of Masonry. It was exceedingly gratifying to them to find that their merits were appreciated, and that they were always so cordially received. Personally, he thanked them for their cordial reception. This was the first time he had visited Hertford; this had not arisen through the default of the Provincial Grand Master, but from the fact that his engagements being so numerous he had hitherto been unable to accept an invitation. He experienced a great deal of pleasure in coming to Hertford, and this partly arose from the fact that he had a personal acquaintance with many members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, whom he was happy to meet. He congratulated the Provincial Grand Master on the position he held. The province was not large; it was

far from that; but numbers, as the Provincial Grand Master had said, were not a test altogether of prosperity. There was in this province a strong fraternal feeling, a bond of unity, which was unsurpassed in any Grand Lodge in England. (Great applause.) They were fortunate in having to preside over them in this province a gentleman who was beloved and esteemed by every one; but while this was the case, he had to turn to the Provincial Grand Master, and congratulate him on presiding over such a province as Hertfordshire.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. F. H. WILSON ILES, M.D., said the pleasing duty devolved on him to propose the next toast, which was "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." He said this province was fortunate in being presided over by a gentleman who took the greatest possible interest in Masonry in all its branches, and in addition to his intimate knowledge of the Craft and ability in it, he was possessed of a large share of courtesy and kindly feeling, which was shown to every Brother in the province. He trusted that he would be enabled for many years to come to preside over them. When the Provincial Grand Master was installed eight years previously, eight lodges in the province were handed over to his care, and now the number of lodges had increased to eleven. He ventured to think that the example set by the Provincial Grand Master had had a good deal to do, not only with this increase in the number, but with the increased general efficiency of the Craft. He now asked them to drink the health of the Provincial Grand Master with the greatest cordiality. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he had to thank them most cordially for the very kind reception they had given to the toast of his health. He could only say that he felt this kindness very deeply, and he ventured to hope that the Provincial Grand Lodge, coming back to Hertford after an absence of seven or eight years, would entitle him to say that he had in some degree fulfilled the promises he made—that he would endeavour to do his duty—when last he had the honour of addressing them and returning thanks in that room as their Provincial Grand Master. He specially thanked them for their cordial reception on this occasion, but he was afraid he must have given the local brethren some considerable amount of trouble. ("No, no.") He could assure them it was unavoidable. At the time when it was originally appointed that the Provincial Grand Lodge should meet, he was reduced to a diet of beef tea; he could hardly swallow, and was only able to make his wants known by means of the deaf and dumb alphabet, with which fortunately he was acquainted. He knew how inconvenient it was to postpone a meeting at so short a notice, and his first thought was to ask his Deputy to take his place, but he found that Bro. Wilson Iles would be unable to be present on the day originally fixed, and, therefore, there was no alternative but to postpone the meeting. He knew by experience that postponed meetings sometimes turned out failures, but he was happy to say that the result had not followed on this occasion. (Great applause.) He had to thank the local brethren for the most kind and cordial manner in which they had received him, and he sincerely trusted that as long as he had the honour to preside over the Provincial Grand Lodge they would go on prospering in the future as they had done in the past. Bro. Iles had mentioned the increase of lodges in the province, and, although they never could hope to see their numbers so large as in some provinces in the North of England, he ventured to think that for a small country province they stood in a remarkable good position, and he hoped that before long at least one more lodge would be added to their roll. He also ventured to think that although they were small in numbers, they stood second to none in a true Masonic spirit, as was shown by their contributions to the various Institutions belonging to them. He had only to repeat that as long as he had the honour to preside over the province he should endeavour faithfully to do his duty in maintaining its efficiency; and he not only trusted that it would continue to prosper, but he was sure it would do so.

The PROV. G.M. said he was sure the next toast would be well received. It was "The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." It had been his good fortune that ever since he had the honour of presiding over the province he had been most ably and efficiently supported by the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers who had served under him, and he trusted that would always be the case. As to their Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he did not think it was necessary for him to say much about him; he was known to all in the province, but he would venture to say that no Grand Master ever had been better served or had more useful work done for him, nor had there ever been a more efficient Deputy. He was most indefatigable in visiting the lodges in the province, and even those lodges that were situated at a distance from his home were not forgotten. He was also diligent in reporting to him the condition of the lodges, and in maintaining their efficiency. In fact, he looked on Bro. Iles as a model Deputy, and as to his efficiency, he did not think there was a brother in the province who could hold a candle to him in respect of the excellent manner in which he conducted their various ceremonies. He trusted that the newly-appointed officers would look up to him, and frame their conduct according to the example he set them; if they did that, and took him as their model in everything, the cause of Masonry would prosper and flourish in the province in the future as it had done in the past. The toast was received with great applause.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER (Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D.) on rising to return thanks for the toast, was received with great applause. He said that by attending there in such large numbers the past officers of the province were showing that their zeal for Masonry had not gone out with their term of office, but that they were still to the front. There were many present on whom the Provincial Grand Master had conferred the purple, but there were also present many on whom his predecessor had conferred it, and he wished particularly to call attention to their distinguished and esteemed Bro. Stephen Austin, who was in the room. They had heard something that night about old members, and they might well look up to and esteem a brother who was as a father in his lodge. Bro. Stephen Austin had been for fifty-three years a subscribing member of his lodge, and although he was not now as physically able as had once been, he was as zealous as ever in the cause of Masonry, and he came there that night to welcome the Provincial Grand Master on this his second official visit to Hertford. He desired to return thanks on

behalf of the officers who had been appointed that day; they were all very well known to him, as he had occasion from time to time to meet them in their various lodges, where he had seen them conducting their ceremonies in the most able manner.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Visitors," and said this province was second to none in dispensing the duties of hospitality, and in giving visitors such a cordial reception that they were sure to see them again.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, who was received with great applause, returned thanks on behalf of himself and the other visitors, and expressed a hope that this would not be the last time they would have the pleasure and gratification of partaking of the hospitality of the Hertfordshire brethren.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER next proposed "The Masonic Institutions," and expressed a hope that their endeavours to support these Charities would be largely increased. At the same time, he said he felt proud in a small province like Hertfordshire to appear as their representative, for during the last four years it had three times headed the list with its contributions.

Bro. BINCKES, in returning thanks for the toast, expressed his gratification at having his name coupled with it. He often saw an analysis of the amounts sent up from various provinces on behalf of their Institutions, and "little Herts," compared most favourably with them all. The county had been called "little Herts," but it was very gratifying to find that the Masons in the province were men who were possessed of very large hearts.

Bro. TERRY, who was loudly called upon, said that after the very complimentary and exhaustive speech of Bro. Binckes nothing remained for him to do but to thank them, which he did very heartily, for all they had done for their Institutions during the last eight years.

The PROV. G.M. said the next toast referred to the foundation of their success. It was "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges of the Province." It must be self-evident to every one that it was owing to the exertions of the Masters that the lodges were kept in a state of efficiency, and that in this way the province was kept in the same position.

Bro. J. E. CUSSANS, Hertford Lodge, said he ought to

have known, but he did not know, that he was to be called on to respond to this toast, or he should have prepared a very nice speech, but had he had weeks of preparation, he could only have said, "I thank you for myself, and for the other members of the Hertford Lodge; they all most heartily thank you, not only for the position to which you have more directly raised me, but for the courtesy and ability you always have shown at the head of this province."

The Tyler's toast was then given, and shortly afterwards the company separated.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. T. Carter, 183, assisted by Bros. H. W. Schartan, 1549, and E. J. Bell, 1319. Bro. Malcolm Heywood, 403, P.P.G.O., presided at the pianoforte.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The annual meeting of this important province was held at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, under the banner of the Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 181. There were present the following officers of the latter lodge: Bros. Sanders, W.M.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.D., I.P.M., who presided; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S., P.G. Swd. Br., S.W.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S. of W., P.M.; W. Hammond, P.G.S., Sec.; Briggs, S.D. Among the members of Prov. Grand Lodge we noticed Bros. Davison, R.W.P.G.M.; Rev. C. de Crespigny, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chap.; C. Hammerton, P.G. Treas.; Klenck, P.G. Sec.; T. W. Adams, S.D.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.I.G.; Florence, Inglis, Willis, and Kipling, Stewards; D. M. Dewar, P.P.G.O.; James Stevens, P.P.G.O.; Ridge, P.P.G.D.; C. Dibdin, P.P.G.D.; Lambert, R. Clutton, Dr. Brodie, and others.

Among the visitors were Bro. Stevens, W.M. 1; Blackman, W.M. 251; McKay, P.M. 234; E. Mitchell, S.W. 139; J. Proffitt, J.W. 3; F. Driver, J.O. 171; Fajja, I.G. 144; Whittaker, 139; Goodenough, 223; Brashier, 223; Johnston, 234; Holloway, 251; Redfearn, 251; Dunkley, and others.

The Francis Burdett Lodge having been closed, Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened by the R.W.D.G.M., who was supported by Bros. Rev. T. Ravenshaw, as D.P.G.M.; T. C. Walls, as S.W.; D. M. Dewar, as J.W.; Rev. C. de Crespigny, Chap.; E. Hopwood, as M.O.; T. Adams, as S.O.; H. J. Lardner, as J.O.; and J. Stevens, as D.C., who discharged his duties admirably.

At the commencement of the proceedings the R.W.D.G.M. announced that at the last moment the P.G.M., Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, was prevented from attending the meeting, a circumstance greatly to be regretted. The roll of Provincial Grand Officers having been called, the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge were read and confirmed. The report of the General Purposes Committee having been read, the roll of lodges was called, and it is pleasing to be able to record that with one or two exceptions all the lodges in the province were represented.

The SECRETARY then reported that two lodges had been added to the province, which now numbered twenty-three, and that forty members had been registered since the last meeting. (Hear, hear.) The term of office of the R.W.P.G.M. having expired, Bro. the Rev. T. Ravenshaw proposed, and Bro. Lambert seconded, that Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett be again nominated to preside over the Province of Middlesex and Surrey. This proposition having been carried by acclamation, Bro. C. Hammerton was unanimously re-elected Treasurer and invested.

Bro. DAVISON then announced that the P.G.M. had again appointed him as his Deputy (applause), and had authorised him to invest the following officers for the year ensuing:—

- Bro. R. Clutton ... Prov. G.S.W.
Dr. Brodie ... Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. C. de Crespigny and J. Maud ... Prov. G. Chaps.
Florence ... Prov. G. R. of M.
Inglis ... Prov. G.M.O.
J. Hammond ... Prov. G.S.O.
R. Lewis ... Prov. G.J.O.
E. Mitchell ... Prov. G.S.D.
W. G. Brighten ... Prov. G. Sec.
McKay ... Prov. G.J.D.
F. Driver ... Prov. G.S. of W.
T. C. Walls ... Prov. G.D. of C.
Fajja ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
G. Blackman ... Prov. G. Swd. Br.
Kipling ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
Dunkley ... Prov. G. Org.
Ousey ... Prov. G.I.G.
J. W. Sanders, W. C. Brashier, and C. Goodenough ... Prov. G. Stwds.
Gilbert ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. G. TREASURER having submitted his report, suggested that as the funds were in a very prosperous state, a banner and sword should be provided for the Prov. Grand Lodge.

After discussion, it was unanimously resolved that a banner and sword for the use of the Prov. Grand Lodge should be purchased at a cost not exceeding fifteen guineas, and that the details should be left to the Committee to carry out.

The election of four members to serve on the Committee then took place, when the following were unanimously appointed: Bros. Klenck, Lardner, Lambert, and Walls.

Previously to the Prov. Grand Lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Klenck for his services as Secretary, and he was recommended for Grand Lodge honours.

After an interval, the majority of the brethren partook of a well-served banquet. In consequence of a number of brethren desiring to leave early, the toasts were curtailed, and but formally given.

Bro. D. DEWAR responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers" in a neat and pertinent speech.

In proposing the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master," Bro. DAVISON expressed regret that their genial chief was absent, but, notwithstanding that, his health would be drunk with enthusiasm, and all present would join with him in hoping that the province under the able rule of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett would continue to flourish. (Hear, hear.)

"The Health of the Deputy Grand Master" was then cordially proposed by Bro. the Rev. T. RAVENSHAW.

Bro. DAVISON, in reply, said he was very grateful for the kindness that had been bestowed upon him by all the members of the province since he had had the distinguished honour of representing them as their deputy.

"The Visitors" followed, and was coupled with the name of Bro. the Rev. T. RAVENSHAW, who responded.

The toast of "The Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. CLUTTON, S.W., in a few happy sentences.

"The Health of Bro. Klenck" was warmly given from the chair, and most heartily received.

The recipient of this special honour said that it was very gratifying to have earned the thanks of the brethren of the province. The duties of Secretary in so large and influential a province were by no means light, but he had endeavoured to carry them out to the best of his ability, and he should to the end of his life look back with pleasure to the time when he held the onerous position of Secretary of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey.

The proceedings then terminated. It is only just to add that the brethren were highly entertained by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Dunkley (Graham), Dibdin, and J. Stevens.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER ON CHURCH WORK.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M., P.G. Master of West Lancashire, on Wednesday afternoon, the 10th ult, laid the foundation stone of a chancel which is to be added to the old and historically interesting church of Upholland, of which the Rev. F. D. Cremer is the incumbent, and which the congregation seek to restore to its former completeness. The chancel will measure 32 feet by 22 feet, and its external appearance will be in keeping with the general architectural character of the rest of the building.

The VICAR stepped forward and presented Bro. the Earl of Lathom with a handsome silver trowel, which had been subscribed for by the members of the committee who had charge of the restoration. In making the presentation, he said that the noble lord had not taken a merely ornamental part in the work as chairman of the committee, but had displayed great interest in the undertaking, as was proved by his coming from London to lay the foundation-stone. (Applause.)

Mr. WINNARD, the contractor, presented Lord Lathom with an oak mallet, the wood of which, he said had been taken from a tree planted about the sixteenth century.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, who was loudly cheered, then laid the stone, and afterwards proceeded to say that it had given him great pleasure in being present. He had assisted at the laying of the foundation-stone in many churches, and had laid many, but none had given him greater pleasure than the laying of this stone. The vicar had said he had taken an active part in the restoration of the church, and he (Lord Lathom) only wished he had been able to take a more useful one. Their forefathers had built the church, and their footsteps had trod its aisles, and he hoped the Committee's efforts would be successful in restoring to the church that perfection which it ought to have had all along. They had overcome a great many of the difficulties which had arisen, and he hoped the good work would be accomplished without any further delay. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks was given to the subscribers on the motion of Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. PRESCOTT, and supported by Mr. C. Aspinall and the Rev. Canon Ferry.

Mr. MACKINSON proposed, and Dr. MARSH (Liverpool) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Lord Lathom for laying the stone.

The vote was most cordially given. The Earl of LATHOM, in replying, said that Lady Lathom had asked him to express her sympathy with the Committee in their work, and to apologise for her absence, which was necessitated by the illness of one of their sons. Since he had arrived at Wigan he had received a telegram informing him that his boy was not so ill as he had at first believed. (Applause.)

A hymn was then sung and a collection was made on behalf of the restoration fund, the result of which was that a considerable amount was realised.

The BISHOP OF MANCHESTER had been struck with the very careful and workmanlike way in which Lord Lathom laid the stone, and one would almost imagine his lordship had served his apprenticeship; but he fancied he was a free and accepted Mason, and perhaps that accounted for it. (Laughter, and "Hear, Hear.") He (the Bishop) thoroughly threw himself into the interest of the work in which they were engaged.

The outdoor proceedings then terminated.

Bro. the Lord Mayor acted with a wise discretion when the case of Mr. Fred. A. Hyndman, barrister, v. Mr. Charles Williams, editor, of the Evening News, was brought before him on Wednesday. The gist of Mr. Hyndman's complaint was that he had given Mr. Williams a month's notice to vacate his appointment as editor. When the month had expired Mr. Hyndman, on entering the editorial office, found Mr. Williams engaged, and having told him he still adhered to the arrangement, requested him to leave the premises. Mr. Williams declined to take orders from the complainant, and in the result (the police having been sent for in the interim) the assault which formed the subject of the summons was committed. Mr. Hyndman having admitted that the other directors of the Constitutional Press Corporation (Limited), who are the proprietors of the Evening News, had cancelled the dismissal, the Lord Mayor suggested an amicable settlement, and to that end adjourned the further hearing of the case till Friday next, at 2 p.m.



Craft Masonry.

TEMPERANCE - IN - THE - EAST LODGE

(No. 898).—An important meeting of the above old lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar, on the 26th ult. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. Chapman, who was well supported as follows: Bros. G. Graveley, S.W.; F. W. Pulsford, J.W.; J. B. Waller, P.M., Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; G. Siddars, S.D.; W. J. Butcher, J.D.; W. Jevcs, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; S. T. Finch, I.P.M.; C. Scrutton, P.M.; T. Thompson, J. Trebell, W. Goatley, T. J. Carter, J. W. Carter, G. Seale, W. Boaz, W. R. Gale, E. R. Wray, J. Darton, T. B. Grimes, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Brookson, P.M. 1604, and G. H. Stephens, 1382 and S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

The proceedings of the previous lodge meeting having been read, were unanimously confirmed as a correct account of the last lodge meeting, and the ballot-box was brought into requisition on behalf of Mr. John McCarthy, a candidate for admission into the Order. This proving favourable, the W.M. proceeded to initiate him in a manner at once careful and impressive. The candidates for the other Degrees not being in attendance, this concluded the ceremonial working, and the brethren proceeded to discuss a notice of motion introduced by the worthy I.P.M., Bro. Finch—"That £25 be taken from the General Fund to form a nucleus of a Benevolent Fund; and that £1 is. be taken from each initiation fee, and 10s. 6d. from each joining fee, and added to such fund." This important step was amply discussed at length, and was finally carried, as was also a motion of Bro. Graveley, S.W., necessarily arising out of the former—"To revise the bye-laws;" a strong Committee being elected for that purpose.

In the course of the discussion, we gathered that the lodge has the proud satisfaction of being Vice-Patrons of two of the Masonic Institutions, and that about £20 more will entitle it to the same honourable position with respect to the remaining Institution. We congratulate the Temperance-in-the-East Lodge upon so satisfactory a position with regard to our Charities, and one which testifies to the capital manner in which that distinguished virtue of the Craft—Charity—is inculcated and practised.

After lodge was closed the brethren spent a pleasant hour with the W.M. and his officers, and the usual toast list was honoured, and the proceedings were capitally enlivened with some excellent songs; Bro. Sherwin, as usual, proving a most able accompanist, and the brethren separated in harmony.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A specially convened meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Bro. W. Clark's hostelry, the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Millwall. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. G. T. Linn, through continued indisposition, the duties of the chair were executed by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Millington, in a highly satisfactory manner. The W.M. was supported by Bro. S. T. Finch, P.M. 217, 898, &c., as S.W.; Stapleton, J.W.; J. Delves, I.P.M.; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treasurer; C. Scarell, P.M., as S.D.; Marsh, as J.D.; W. Clark, as I.G.; and a fair gathering of the brethren, many of whom were prevented putting in an appearance owing to the great pressure caused by the embarkation of the troops drafted to the seat of war in Egypt. The business before the lodge was to initiate two gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order, Messrs. William Blackburn (already balloted for) and José Anacleto Ramos, which work was performed in a careful and impressive manner.

Lodge was closed and a pleasant hour was spent, after partaking of some light refreshments, and the usual loyal and Craft toasts were heartily given and responded to. Some capital songs were furnished by Bros. Stapleton, Clark, Parkinson, Saunders, Delves, Bonner, Marsh, Wilson, and others; Bro. Stephens also giving two readings, all of which were heartily enjoyed.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. S. Finch, P.M. 217, 898, &c.; P. H. Wilson, J. C. Bell, J. B. D'Ardenne, W. Diplock, W. Bonner, and G. H. Stevens (*Freemason*).

ABERCORN LODGE (No. 1549).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on the 5th ult., when the following members were present: Bros. C. Long, W.M.; E. Bamford, S.W.; G. Tidcombe, P.M., as J.W.; C. Veal, secretary; E. J. Villiers, S.D.; R. C. Puckett, I.G.; R. Ray, I.P.M.; J. Middleton, Tyler; Bros. Dalzell, Didsbury, Folman, Haynes; and visitor, Bro. F. H. Bennett, 1280.

The lodge was duly opened, and after confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, Bros. Folman and Didsbury were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. Bamford was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, also Bro. Dr. Rogers again as Treasurer, Bro. Middleton having his appointment renewed as Tyler. The usual Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Long, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The usual enjoyable banquet followed, to which the musical brethren contributed much to the success of the evening.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The election meeting of this successful lodge took place on the 20th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. Lodge was duly opened by Bro. Wm. Malthouse, C.C., W.M., who was supported by Bros. T. M. Butt, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; G. H. Stephens, S.D.; J. J. Howes, J.D.; W. Snow, I.G.; R. B. Greenwood, W.S., D.C.; J. Howes, P.M., Treas.; F. Mallett, P.M., Sec.; W. Pennefather, I.P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; P. H. Clisby, H. K. Clisby, S. H. C. Rumball, Brickdale, Freeman, Francom, Smith, N. Mackay, Rumball, and others. Visitor: Bro. F. Walters, P.M. 1326.

The business before the lodge was the election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler, and Auditors for the annual audit; also to raise Bro. Francom, and discuss some important notices of motion. Bro. F. Mallett, P.M., having submitted the minutes of the last regular meeting, they were unani-

mously confirmed. Bro. Francom was raised to the Second Degree, Bro. Malthouse, in this his final work in the chair, acquitting himself most creditably, and being well supported by his officers. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. T. McCluer Butt, S.W., to be W.M. for the ensuing year, and that brother returned thanks.

Bro. J. Howes, P.M., Treas., next proposed that Bro. Malthouse, their out-going Master, be Treasurer, in his stead; and Bro. Malthouse was unanimously elected to the honourable position of Treasurer of the lodge funds, the duties of which office our brother promised to discharge faithfully.

Bro. W. Smyth was unanimously re-elected to fulfil the duties of Tyler; and some very important topics of lodge interest were thoroughly discussed and adjudicated upon.

Among these should be mentioned the hearty recognition by the lodge of the eminent services tendered by the outgoing W. Master, Bro. W. Malthouse, to whom a sum of ten guineas for a Past Master's jewel was voted with acclamation. The services of Bro. J. Howes, P.M., retiring Treasurer, were also recognised, Bro. Stevens proposing a cordial vote of thanks to be recorded upon the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Howes, who, from the founding of the lodge, as an officer, W.M., Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, and for several years their Treasurer, had shown a marked interest in the welfare and prosperity of the West Smithfield Lodge, which Bro. Stephens trusted would not cease now that Bro. Howes had relieved himself of the duties of the treasury of the lodge. Bro. Lardner, as a co-initiate of Bro. Stephens, seconded this, fully endorsing that brother's remarks; and it was carried with hearty unanimity.

"Hearty good wishes" were given, and lodge was solemnly closed. There being no refreshments provided most of the brethren repaired to the adjacent Holborn Restaurant, where, under the genial superintendence of Bro. Hamp, a capital impromptu repast was enjoyed, and the evening devoted to some excellent music. Bro. Egbert Roberts, Organist, was as obliging as ever at the piano-forte, and sang several of his popular songs. Bros. McButt, Lardner, Mallett, J. King, and Stephens, also contributed to the harmony, and a happy evening was passed.

DURHAM.—Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: S. Wilson, W.M.; S. F. Bousfield, S.W.; H. Lawrence, acting J.W.; Rev. Lawson, Chap.; W. Richardson, Sec.; J. Walker, S.D.; W. Logan, J.D.; W. Robertson, I.G.; J. Coxon, W. Brignall, T. Bell, W. Johnson, Hauxwell, Davison, Carr, Phillips, Goodhead, and others. Visitor: Bro. J. Hedley, 1370.

The lodge was opened in due form, when Mr. Thompson was initiated. Bro. Davison was duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. in a most able manner, the S.W. explaining the working tools. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where, under the presidency of the W.M., a very pleasant evening was passed, to which Bros. Walker and Goodhead, of the Cathedral choir, contributed in no small degree.

GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—The members of the above lodge met on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Garston Hotel, to keep their annual festival and instal the W.M. for the year. Though a suburban lodge, the Harmony can boast of nearly a century's honourable work, and bids fair to keep up its ancient traditions. The chair was taken by Bro. E. Humphries, W.M.; who afterwards installed his successor in an unexceptionable manner. There were present Bros. S. Tickle, P.M.; H. Hatch, P.M.; T. F. Hill, P.M.; P. E. Rothwell, S.W. (W.M. elect.); W. Olver, J.W., &c.; and among the visitors were Bros. H. S. Alpass, G. Std. Br. of England, P.G. Sec.; J. P. Bryan, W.M. 1035; J. G. Fisher, P.M., 1599; Thomas Salter, P.G.S.D.; Thomas Roberts, P.M., 673; W. Hiles, W.M., 1299, and others. The W.M. elect. (Bro. P. E. Rothwell), was presented by Bros. W. Vines, P.P.G. D.C.; and Hatch, P.M.; and after the usual honours, the following officers were invested; Bros. Edgar Humphries, I.P.M.; W. Olver, S.W.; Joseph Williams, J.W.; G. C. Clampit, S.D.; J. R. Wood, J.D.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G. D.C. treasurer (re-elected); James Carter, secretary (re-appointed); H. Hatch, P.M., M.C.; Robert Wright, I.G.; W. Milner, and P. Lott, Stewards; Bro. Robinson was re-elected Tyler. Instead of the usual P.M. jewel, the I.P.M. elected to accept a stewardship to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and thirteen guineas was voted for that object. The brethren afterwards dined together, and a pleasurable evening was spent, a very effective musical programme being provided by Bros. J. P. Bryan, J. R. Wood, E. Humphries, &c.

JARROW.—St. Bede's Lodge (No. 1119).—On Wednesday evening, the 26th ult., the usual meeting of the above lodge was held in the fine new Masonic Hall, Grange-road, the lodge being opened in due form by Bro. A. McDougall, W.M., assisted by his officers and a numerous assembly of members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. D. Roberts, when the candidate was declared to be unanimously elected. Mr. Roberts was in attendance, but, owing to the amount of business, it was arranged to postpone the initiation until an emergency meeting, to be held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Keible was passed to the Second Degree.

The W.M. laid before the lodge the proposal of Grand Lodge to increase the yearly subscriptions to the Fund of Benevolence; and, after some discussion, it was resolved to instruct the Master and his Wardens to vote against the proposed increase at the forthcoming Prov. Grand Lodge, to be held at Darlington in October.

The brethren then proceeded to the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Hugh Golder, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. Thos. Renton, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. James Horner was likewise re-elected Tyler. Bros. W. Creer, David Cameron, and W. Ramsey were elected Auditors. The lodge having been closed in harmony, an adjournment was made to the banqueting-room, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—An important meeting of the above lodge was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., on Monday last. The chair was ably

occupied by Bro. Beedell, W.M. 1607; also present, T. Jones, S.W.; W. Fraser, J.W.; C. H. Webb, P.M. Preceptor; H. J. Cant, Hon. Secretary; L. C. Haslip, S.D.; J. S. Fraser, J.D.; How, I.G.; Past Masters W. Newton, F. Brown, G. Jones, and Bros. Richardson, Sewell, Stephens, and Bro. P.M. Bowes, a visitor. Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of Installation was capitally worked, Bro. Jones acting as W.M. Elect., and subsequently appointed his officers. Lodge was resumed to enable the W.M. to work the ceremony of Initiation, for which Bro. W. Richardson was the candidate. Bro. W. Fraser was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and the services of Bro. Beedell, in working the Installation ceremony, were recognised, a vote of thanks being passed in a highly appreciative manner. Lodge was closed, and next Monday being Bank Holiday, the lodge was adjourned until the 14th inst.

UNITED PILGRIMS (No. 507).—At the meeting of this lodge, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 28th ult., there were present Bros. J. Bate, W.M.; R. Poore, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; A. R. Cranch, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; G. Hubbard, I.G.; John S. Terry, P.M. and Secretary; J. W. Watts, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M., Hon. Preceptor, and others. A very instructive evening resulted from the able working of Bro. Bate, who rehearsed the entire ceremony of the Three Degrees, opening and closing his lodge respectively in each. It was a sufficient evening's work, and the brethren expressed their satisfaction with Bro. Bates's zeal and capacity. Bro. J. B. Sarjeant was the W.M. appointed for the ensuing meeting.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—A very successful meeting of the above lodge was held at the Silver Tavern, Bude-tt-road, on the 2nd inst. Bro. A. W. Ellingford presided, assisted by Bros. Bull, S.W.; F. Robinson, J.W.; J. H. Pringle, Preceptor; C. Breden, P.M., Hon. Sec.; G. H. Stephens, S.D.; Shadrake, J.D.; Harvey, P.M., I.G.; Past Masters, Scheerboom and Raue, and Bros. Cockle, Scanes, E. Gregory, Kiniple, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was carefully worked, Bro. Cockle candidate. The Third Section of the Lecture was then worked by the Preceptor, who was assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gregory was next tested, and in due course the ceremony of passing was well rendered. Lodge was closed down, whereupon the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday. The subject of an annual summer banquet was next under consideration, and the brethren resolved that it should take the form of an outing in the country, to which the brethren could take their wives and their daughters, or, indeed, their sisters, cousins, or their aunts, to enjoy the pleasures of a change in the open country, preferably to having a banquet in a hot room in town. A capital Committee having been appointed to enquire and report to the lodge on Wednesday next, when brethren who are interested in this affair are invited to attend, a highly interesting meeting was brought to a close, and lodge was adjourned.

We are particularly pleased to note the efficient manner in which Bro. Pringle, the recently appointed preceptor, superintends the working of the lodge, following faithfully in the steps of our esteemed Bro. S. Turquand, P.M., the previous Preceptor. The attendance, too, continues to be good, despite the hot weather, and this lodge may fairly be congratulated upon its continued success.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—The regular meetings of the above lodge were continued on Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Catling, W.M.; Smyth, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; W. H. Wallington, P.M. Preceptor; F. Carr, Hon. Secretary; T. Clark, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; Bunker, I.G.; Wardell, Jones, Lorkin, Christian, Edwards, and others. Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was worked, Bro. Gray candidate. Lodge was called off, and on the resumption of Masonic duties, Bro. Gray was tested as a candidate for the Second Degree, and Bro. Clark worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and a profitable meeting was closed in due form and adjourned.

UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).—This capital lodge met as usual on the 27th ult., at the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, Shoreditch. Bro. Horley was W.M., and had the following attendance to support him: Bros. Ford, S.W.; Gieseke, J.W.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Preceptor; C. J. Free, Hon. Sec.; Turbfield, S.D.; Simmonds, J.D.; Oxley, I.G.; Powell, E. Wolf, Hersch, Cars, Moss, Gilbert, Dimsmore, Stephens, Serjeant, G. H. Clark, Richardson, Pearcey, Benjamin Gray, Welch, and others. After the observance of all customary formalities, the ceremony of conferring the Second Degree was worked, Bro. Cars, candidate. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Moss worked the First and Second Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. W. Richardson, 174; Cars, 1707; Simmonds, and Dimsmore were duly admitted members of the lodge. Bro. Ford was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Moss for his kindness in acting as Preceptor during the illness of Bro. Fenner, P.M., Preceptor. This was suitably acknowledged, and all business being disposed of, lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—There was a good muster of the brethren of the above lodge on Monday last, at Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street. Bros. R. Knight, W.M.; G. W. Knight, S.W.; G. Emblem, J.W.; W. Stiles, P.M. Preceptor; Edwin Storr, Hon. Secretary; Scales, P.M. Treasurer; W. Martin, S.D.; Poore, J.D.; Albert, I.G.; and Bros. Sillas, Gent, Seefels, Stephens, Phillips, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the last lodge meeting submitted and confirmed. Bro. Storr, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the First Section of the Lecture. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Seefels being candidate. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Seefels was tested, and on lodge being opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Martin worked the ceremony of raising. Bro. Knight then resumed the chair, and lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bros. Phillips and Seefels were

admitted members of the lodge, and returned thanks. Bro. G. W. Knight was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was next accorded to Bro. R. Knight, for the able manner in which he had presided over the lodge for the first time, that brother having but recently come to the lodge of instruction to benefit by its teaching.

The successful labours of the brethren who formed the committee to arrange the summer outing on the Saturday previous (an account of which will be found in another column) were next recognised by a cordial vote of thanks, acknowledging the perfectly satisfactory manner in which everything had been arranged. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, on Thursday, the 27th ult., and we were pleased to see such a good gathering of the members. Bro. Marshall took the chair, supported by Bros. Barnett, S.W.; Barton, J.W.; Grierson, S.D.; Stoddart, J.D.; Spearing, I.G.; Duret, Preceptor; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Weld, Tanqueray, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge then opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the Second, when Bro. Weld, acting as a candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Third Degree, he was raised to the Degree of a M.M.

After a "call off," the lodge closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. Barnett was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was proposed by Bro. Langton, seconded by Bro. Barrett, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Owen Spearing, 1673, be a member of this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. We may mention that Bro. Duret is kindly fulfilling the duties of Preceptor during Bro. Ludlow's short vacation.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—This lodge met on the 27th ult. at the Eagle Tavern, East India Dock-road, Poplar, E. Bro. J. House, J.W. of the mother lodge, presided, and was supported by Bros. Carter, jun., as S.W.; Wheatley, J.W.; Young, W.M. 1776, Preceptor; W. J. Rundell, Sec., as S.D.; Pittam, J.D.; Welshaw, I.G.; Nichols, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and minutes read. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Nichols was tested and entrusted, and lodge was advanced. The ceremony of raising was ably worked, Bro. Nichols being the candidate. Bro. Young, Preceptor, then assumed the chair, and gave the traditional history, also the lecture on the tracing board, to the general satisfaction of those present. Bro. House re-occupied the chair, and closed the lodge down. Bro. Young, W.M. 1716, in accordance with the bye-laws, will take the chair on the next lodge meeting, when the officers of the mother lodge will hold their respective positions. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. House for his conduct in the chair, and lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

PATTISON CHAPTER (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above influential chapter took place at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when Comps. W. B. Lloyd, H., and M.E.Z. elect, was placed in the chair of Z.; Comp. Captain Eugene Sweny, in the chair of H.; and Comp. H. Mason, in the chair of J. The officers invested were as follows: Comp. H. Pryce, Scribe E.; R. Edmonds, Scribe N.; R. J. Cook, P.S.; A. Penfold, P.Z. and P.G., 1st A.S. Kent, Treas.; W. Rees, 1st Asst. S.; E. B. Hobson, 2nd Asst. S.; W. Myers, P.Z., D.C.; W. Musto, P.Z., W.S.; and H. Mabbett, Janitor.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. Penfold, and never have we heard a better service than the one under notice. It was admirably done, and created a profound impression upon all present. The proceedings were inaugurated by the exaltation of Bro. Dr. W. R. Smith, M.D., to the Supreme Degree, while the working was upon the lines laid down by M.E. Comp. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., P.P.G.H. Kent, and was a perfect exhibition of cultured Royal Arch Masonry by the first Three Principals, Comps. Hayes, as M.E.Z.; Lloyd, as H.; and Sweny, as J. Before the chapter was closed Comp. T. D. Hayes, I.P.Z., was presented with a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel by the M.E.Z., who said he could scarcely find words to tell them how worthy Comp. Hayes was of their esteem and regard, and how little that jewel represented the estimation in which he was held in the chapter; but he knew that Comp. Hayes would receive it with pleasure, knowing that it had been voted him by the unanimous voice of the companions. He need not tell them how much Comp. Hayes had deserved all their commendation, but he trusted he might be spared long to be with them and wear the jewel as an ornament, as he (Comp. Hayes) was and would always be an ornament to the chapter.

Comp. Hayes, in returning thanks, said he should always value the jewel as one of the most precious of his treasures, and they might depend upon it that no effort should ever be wanting on his part to keep up the high prestige of the chapter. The chapter was then closed, and the companions sped away by train to Dartford, where at the Bull, Comp. Bray's famous hostelry, a recherché banquet awaited them. Among those present, beside the companions above named, were T. S. Warne, P.Z. 20 and P.G. Scribe E. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z. and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; C. Coupland, P.Z. and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; H. J. Butter, P.Z.; D. Flaxman Spurrell, P.Z. 829; W. Ritchie, M.E.Z. 51; G. Kennedy, P.S. 13; H. De Gray, 13; Major E. L. Gordon, R.A.; Dr. C. H. Y. Godwin, M.D., A.M.D.; C. Clapham; H. Wilson; A. Randall; W. T. Vincent; E. Hughes; T. R. Richardson; R. Hewitson Wilson; F. Bone; G. Nichols; G. Beaver; J. H. Roberts; G. H. Litton; G. Frost; and C. Jolly (Freemason).

After having enjoyed the excellent fare so liberally provided by Bro. Bray, the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts, and they having been heartily responded to, that of "The Grand Superintendent for Kent, Lord Homesdale," was proposed by the M.E.Z., who said that a more genial or more thorough Mason than his lordship did not live. He asked them to give the toast a

warm reception, and they did. The next toast was that of "M. E. Comp. Eastes, Grand Provincial H." and in putting it the M.E.Z. said Comp. Eastes was a splendid Mason and was of incalculable service to their Grand Superintendent. In fact, without Comp. Eastes the work could not be carried out. Their esteemed companion would have been present that night were it not for the fact that just now he had so many important duties to attend to; but they had a distinguished provincial officer with them; he alluded to Comp. Warne, who he was proud to welcome, and with his name he should couple the toast.

Comp. Warne, who rose amid cheers to return thanks, said he must be permitted on behalf of himself and the absent officers of the province to return them his sincere thanks for the very cordial reception of the toast so ably put by the M.E.Z. With reference to their Grand Superintendent, he must say that it was no small or easy thing to preside over and guide the destinies of Royal Arch Masonry in such a province as that of Kent, and Comp. Eastes, was most indefatigable in his work for both the Craft and Royal Arch; and when he told them that there had been three public gatherings of Masons that week, at two of which Comp. Eastes had been present, they would at once see that it was not well possible that he could be present at this, however Comp. Eastes regretted that inability; and when he (Comp. Warne) left him at Canterbury the previous night, Comp. Eastes said to him "Convey to my very good friends of the Pattison Chapter, my hearty good wishes." It was to Lord Holmesdale and Comp. Eastes that the prestige of Royal Arch Masonry stood so high in Kent, and he knew that they were well supported by the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers. As to the many kind words that had been said about himself, he might say as an American once said on hearing a rather improbable tale, "that it would take forty men to believe it," and as there were forty companions present, beside himself, they just made up the requisite number, according to the American's idea, to believe all that the M.E.Z. had so kindly said about him. Yet his was a service of great pleasure and pride, and as Secretary of the province he was proud to see so many happy faces present, and could only say that the Pattison Chapter was one of the best and most esteemed in the province. He was sorry not to have had the opportunity of being present at the installation, but hoped to have the pleasure, some other day, to come and see them in their new home. He then referred to the handsome present made at the last Grand Lodge meeting at Sandwich, to Bro. and Comp. Robinson, which consisted of a handsome silver salver, selected by Lord Holmesdale, Comp. Eastes, and himself, and suitably inscribed, handsome Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter clothing, and magnificent jewels to match, and £150 in a purse. (The clothing and jewels were made by Bro. George Kenning. He might tell them that Bro. Robinson also regretted his inability to attend, and said, "I tell the companions of the Pattison Chapter how sorry I am that I cannot come, but I am only a country parson, and must attend to my fold.")

Comp. Hayes, I.P.Z. then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and congratulated the chapter upon having such an excellent working Mason at the head of its affairs.

M.E. Comp. Lloyd, in reply, referred back to the last installation, when he was unable to be present, and expressed his gratitude for being placed in the chair of it then. He had tried to do his duty, and would, but scarcely dared to hope to compete with those who had gone before him. As he trusted he had done fair service in the lodge while at its head, so now he hoped to meet with their approbation in his present exalted position as head of the chapter.

Comp. Sweny, replied for "The Second and Third Principals."

Comp. Mason also responded. "The Past Principals" were then honoured; and Comps. Hayes, I.P.Z., and Capt. Penfold replied.

The toasts of "The Visitors" and "The Officers" followed, and Comp. Ritchie and Dr. Gordon replied.

"The Masonic Press," and "The Host" were the other toasts, while a well-deserved vote of thanks to Comp. F. H. Cozens, Comp. F. Carpenter, Comp. A. Hubbard, and Miss May Terry, for their fine rendering of a selection of vocal music, brought the proceedings to a close.

ERA CHAPTER (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 8th ult. Among those present were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; J. W. Baldwin, H.; Faulkner, J.; Dr. Ryley, P.S.; Goodchild, 1st Asst.; Smeed, P.Z.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing Comp. Baldwin as M.E.Z., and Faulkner as H., was most ably performed by Comp. Smeed. Comp. Haslitt, J. elect was unavoidably prevented from attending the convocation. The officers for the year ensuing are Comps. Ryley, S.E.; Goodchild, S.N.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Treas.; Winget, P.S.; John Mason, 1st Asst.; Glover, 2nd Asst.; Gilbert, Janitor. Previous to the chapter being closed a jewel was presented to the I.P.Z., and a vote of thanks unanimously passed to Comp. Smeed for his services as installing officer.

At the banquet which followed, a few of the most important toasts were ably given from the chair. Comp. Smeed responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z. Comp. Baldwin, in reply said that as the members of the Era Chapter had been kind enough to elect him to fill the high position of First Principal, he should endeavour to bring all the influence he possessed to induce brethren of his various lodges to enter the Order of the Royal Arch, through the portals of No. 1423. In conclusion, he believed that at their next meeting several candidates for exaltation would present themselves. "The Second and Third Principal" followed and was responded to by Comp. Faulkner. "The S.E. and Treasurer" was acknowledged by Comp. Ryley; and the toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Comp. Goodchild, who briefly returned thanks, and the proceedings then terminated.

STANMORE CHAPTER (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on the 12th ult. Present: Comps. W. Stephens, M.E.Z.; H. Lovegrove, H.; T. Maidwell, J.; G. Tidcombe, P.Z., Treas.; C. Veal, S.E.; C. H. Webb, S.N.; J. B. King, P.S.; R.

Roy, 1st A.S.; B. Haynes, 2nd A.S.; J. Middleton, Janitor; Pilson, and Villiers. Visitors: Comps. G. E. Edwards, 72; M. Bates, 72; and T. Brown, 538.

The minutes of the previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken in favour of Comp. J. Fraser, 214, as a joining member, and also of Bro. N. P. Vallentine, 1017, and B. Hosegood, 27 and 1446, as candidates for exaltation, the latter brother being afterwards duly exalted. The ceremony of installation was performed in his usual able manner by Comp. Stephens, P.Z., and the following companions duly invested: Comps. Lovegrove, M.E.Z.; Maidwell, H.; Webb, J.; C. Veal, S.E.; Tidcombe, Treas. and D.C.; King, S.N.; Roy, P.S.; Haynes, 1st A.S.; Fraser, 2nd A.S.; and Middleton, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee having been approved, the chapter was closed. The usual banquet completed the proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The usual meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. Bro. G. W. Thompson, W.M.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. J. W. Robinson, S.W.; W. Stoddart, J.W.; T. Weatherstone, M.O.; J. H. Raven, S.O.; J. O. Scott, J.O.; J. Abbott, R. of M.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; J. Holmes, Sec.; J. Messenger, Tyler; J. H. Banks, I.P.M., P.G.S.O.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.S.W.; and J. Dickenson.

Bro. W. Hadfield, of Perseverance Lodge, being a candidate, was balloted for, and approved of, but unfortunately was unable to attend, and there being no work before the lodge, advantage was taken to rehearse portions of the ceremony. The future of this lodge promises well under the able Mastership of W. Bro. G. W. Thompson, P.G.M. Steward, who is very popular with the brethren of the lodge.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—The installation meeting of this old and distinguished chapter was held on the 14th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Dr. Coffin, P.M.W.S., in the chair (in the absence of Bro. Dr. Ace, D.D.); Curlier, H.P.; Alfred Williams, 1st Gen.; T. C. Walls, 2nd Gen.; F. W. Driver, G.M.; C. W. Tayleur, Raphael; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; T. Poore, as C. of G.; E. M. Lott, Org.; E. Gardiner, D.C.; R. W. Stewart, P.M.W.S.; W. Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; C. Driver, P.M.W.S.; D. Nicols, P.M.W.S.; H. J. Lardner, T. W. Adams, W. B. Kidder, J. E. Anderson, and G. Pigache. The visitors were Bros. H. D. Sandeman, G.S.G., 33°, &c.; F. W. Ramsey, M.D.; R. S. Pigott, A. P. Spice, and H. Venn.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. Curlier was duly installed as M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. Coffin. The officers invested were as follows: Bros. A. Williams, H.P.; T. C. Walls, 1st Gen.; F. W. Driver, 2nd Gen.; Tayleur, G.M.; E. J. Gardiner, R.; W. Paas, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; J. J. Murray, C. of G.; Lott, Org.; Gardiner, A.O.; and Berkeley, D.C. The ballot having been favourably taken on behalf of Bros. Smith, Pears, and Mather, the two former brethren, who were in attendance, were ably perfected by the M.W.S. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the convocation was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, where a most excellent banquet was served. The subsequent toasts were given from the chair with commendable brevity.

Ill. Bro. Sandeman responded upon behalf of "The Grand Council" in a speech of some length, and regretted that Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, and Captain Philips, 33°, had at the last moment been prevented from attending the Mount Calvary Chapter.

The other toasts followed in quick succession, and the proceedings, which were throughout most successful, terminated at an early hour.

SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—This large and important chapter held a meeting on the 16th ult., at which the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Dr. Thomas, presided, assisted by his officers. Bro. Wm. Colmar being a candidate for this beautiful Christian Masonic Degree, was perfected by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°. The M.W.S. elect, Ill. Bro. Henry Cornelius Flory, 30°, was presented by the Grand Marshal to Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and I.G. of the Northern District, who delivered the charges and gave the ceremony with his usual correct and impressive manner. Notes of apology for non-attendance were sent from many Ill. brethren who were unable to attend.

Business of the chapter completed, the brethren retired to the dining-hall, where a magnificent banquet awaited them, to which they did justice, and thoroughly appreciated the arrangements made by Ill. Bro. Garnett, P.M.W.S.

"The Queen's Health" was proposed and drunk (as it always is by all Freemasons) with zeal and enthusiasm. Other toasts followed in rotation—"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family;" "The Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree;" "The Members of the Thirty-second, Thirty-first, and Thirtieth Degrees;" "The M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Henry Cornelius Flory, 30°," who responded in most appropriate terms, proposing "The Health of the P.M.W.S.'s;" "The Candidate;" "The Officers;" and the last toast brought a very happy evening to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Chapter (No. 19).—This flourishing Chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. Wm. Syner, assisted by his officers. The M.W.S. elect was presented by the Grand Master to Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. 33° for installation, who performed the ceremony with great care and solemnity.

Business of the Chapter over, the Ill. brethren drove to the Adelphi Hotel, where a magnificent banquet awaited them, presided over by the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. John Holding. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a truly Masonic spirit. The M.W.S. proposed the health of Ill. Bro. H. S. Alpass, 32°, alluding to his recent appointment as Justice of the Peace, and an

officer in the Grand Lodge of England, which was drunk with acclamation; and Bro. Alpass returned thanks in a most feeling and thoroughly fraternal speech. A delightful and happy evening was enjoyed by all.

BOLTON.—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—The last meeting of the above chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. J. W. Taylor, assisted by his officers. Bro. John Barrett was elected a candidate for the Degree, but was not present to take it, in consequence of being away from home. The Auditor's presented each member with the balance sheet, which shows that the chapter is in a flourishing condition. The M.V.S. elect, Bro. James Horrocks, was presented by the Grand Marshal to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, for installation. The ceremony was given with care and solemnity. Ill. Bro. Bannister, at the request of the brethren, and in the name of the chapter, presented Bro. Taylor with a beautiful P.M.W.S.'s jewel in suitable terms, which was responded to by Bro. Taylor most feelingly. Several letters of apology were received from absent members.

The chapter was closed by the M.W.S., and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the M.W.S., who proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts, assisted by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 32°, and Bro. T. Entwistle, 30°, and others.

Knights Templar.

BOLTON.—St. James of Jerusalem Preceptory (No. 33).—The last meeting of this preceptory was held at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present Sir Kts. J. Horrocks, F.C.; S. Crowther, Constable, J. Bromley, Marshal; G. Ferguson, Sub-Marshal; A. Hopkinson, Capt. of Guards; W. Nicholson, Almoner; J. W. Taylor, Org.; C. S. Lane 1st. Std. Br.; R. H. Swindlehurst, Reg.; C. P. Brockbank, Past G. C. Treas.; and V.E. Sir Kt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. Grand Commander of Lancashire.

The Preceptory having been opened in form, the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Kt. Brockbank presented to the Prov. Grand Commander, who had resumed the throne, for installation as E.C. for the ensuing year, Sir Kt. S. Crowther, and he having been duly obligated was proclaimed and saluted in due form.

The following Sir Knights were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year: John Bromley, Constable; Geo. Ferguson, Marshal; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; R. H. Swindlehurst, Reg.; A. Hopkinson, Sub-Marshal; W. Nicholson, Captain of Guards; C. S. Lane, Almoner; J. W. Taylor, Org.; W. D. Hollbrook, 1st Std. Br.; and W. Traffray, 2nd Std. Br.

On the motion of Sir Knight Brockbank, seconded by Sir Knight Taylor, the best thanks of the preceptory were very cordially tendered to the Prov. Grand Commander for his courtesy in attending, at considerable inconvenience, the installation of this day, and congratulating him on his promotion in the Craft and in other Orders of Masonry.

It was resolved that the Prov. Grand Conclave be invited to hold the next annual meeting under the banner of this preceptory.

The Sir Knights then proceeded to banquet, when the customary loyal and Templar toasts were duly given and responded to.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dyke's Conclave (No. 36).—The annual assembly of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The minutes of the preceding assembly were read and confirmed, and the next business was the consecration of Sir Knight H. Peacock as Viceroy, and the enthronement of Sir Knight T. Bird as Sovereign for the ensuing year, after which the following Sir Knights were appointed to office: Sir Knights G. Dalrymple, S.G.; D. Bell, J.G.; Rice, H.P.; Lewthwaite, Treas., Recorder; Baxter, Pref.; Kirkconel, Std. Br.; Ashworth, Orator; Holloway, Herald; Mills, Almoner; Atkinson, D.C.; Dodd and Hunter, Stewards; and Hewson, Sentinel.

QUEBEC AND THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

We take the following from the *Canadian Craftsman*:—

"To the Editor of *The Craftsman*.—I would like to draw the attention of Quebec Masons to an article in the *Freemason* of April 22nd, anent the English lodges now working irregularly in Montreal. It seems plain that the idea of excommunication of the Grand Lodge of England, by the Grand Lodge of Quebec is not a pleasing one. Of course not. The Grand Lodge of England being the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, is above all law, and amenable to no one for any of her eccentricities—in fact, it is a crime for the Grand Lodge of Quebec to point out to the Masonic world how the Mother Grand Lodge is violating Masonic law and precedent. The backwoods Masons of Quebec should be dumb about their wrongs, and blind to the trampling under foot of their rights as a Grand Lodge, and reverentially listen when Sir Oracle opens his mouth. See how nicely Manitoba acted recently on the remonstrance of England and Scotland about a territory that no one claimed exclusive jurisdiction over, but some two or three Grand Lodges were exercising concurrent jurisdiction. It is highly indecorous and unmasonic for Quebec Masons to show any signs of impatience at the wrong doings of their elders, hoary with age. This Quebec Grand Lodge has only been about thirteen years in existence, and it is consequently very bumptious on its part to fancy it possesses any of the rights of a Grand Lodge. Suffering wrong for thirteen years is a mere bagatelle that should not be mentioned. England recognises the independence of the Quebec Grand Lodge. What more, then, is necessary? This ought to settle everything, of course. Some of the Quebec Masons are vain enough to imagine their Grand Lodge the peer of any Grand Lodge in the world, and possessing equal rights with any of them; and that one Grand Master possesses at least a share of intelligence that seems sufficient to cope with the requirements of his position, even if he is not fully as deferential as the

Freemason would have him to be, or as oblivious of the rights of his Grand Lodge as would be agreeable to that same authority in Masonic matters. In order to realise the impatience of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it is well to recall the fact that the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) has been in existence some twenty-five years, and that the Grand Lodge of England has for this period sustained these lodges in resisting the Masonic authority of the land, although the ancient charges declare that a Mason is 'cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country.' Since the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, time and again overtures have been made to these lodges, and remonstrances made with the Mother Grand Lodge, and all to no purpose. The more they were piped to, the more they would not dance. The English Grand Lodge says to them, We will sustain you as long as you wish to remain under our banner; and they (the English lodges) say, As long as the Grand Lodge of England protects us, we will remain as we are. And they call this loyalty. Now, the question arises, is this loyalty due to the Mother Grand Lodge or to Masonry? It seems to some of us that the interest of the Craft has the first claim upon us, and not the claim of any particular Grand Lodge; and the Grand Lodge of Quebec being the recognised lawful authority, it would seem, according to the ancient charges, to be the duty of every Mason to 'cheerfully conform' to it, but it would not appear, to judge by their acts, that these English Masons recognise the force of such teaching. It might interest the *Freemason* to know that it is entirely owing to the pleading, year after year, for another chance for these wayward brethren, on the part of Grand Master Graham, that has so far kept them from being interdicted. On him rests the responsibility that the edict has not been issued. In fact, he has rather exceeded the instructions of Grand Lodge in not issuing it long ago. But these brethren should remember that this cannot go on for ever, and that the Quebec Masons are not disposed to be longer trifled with in this style. The farce has been played quite long enough, and unless some arrangement is come to by next January (when our Grand Lodge will meet again), some tall talking and rough handling may be looked for. For my own part, I have decided that no English Mason shall, during the interim visit the lodge of which I am a member, and at next session of Grand Lodge I shall vote for coercion. The Masons in Montreal have a good deal in their own hands if they chose to exercise their power, and the ice once broken, it will not take long to settle the question. It will be well for the Grand Master to have the matter well in hand for the coming meeting of Grand Lodge, or he may not be able again to charm away righteous indignation and longer delay summary proceedings. We are tired of this barren delay—something like the punishment of Tantalus—the settlement always near, we are told, but never within our grasp. The fight evidently has to come, and it may as well come on now as later. The sooner it is begun, the sooner it will be over. It seems to be pretty well understood Masonic doctrine, that when a Grand Lodge is established in a territory all the lodges therein are to come under the new Grand Lodge, or else surrender their warrants to the authority from whence they were derived. Now, this is either the law or else it is not. If law, every Grand Lodge in the world is interested in seeing it upheld, and it becomes the duty of every Grand Lodge to see its dictates complied with, or in default to punish the offender, which may disintegrate the whole Masonic family for a time. But disregard of law will only bring confusion worse confounded. The stability of every Grand Lodge is bound up in seeing the laws of the Craft complied with, or else the Order will resolve into chaos. The duty of England in this matter is very plain. If she wants an example of an isolated Grand Lodge, let her look to France. "EDELWEISS."

Obituary.

BRO. WALTER BERKLEY WILSON, W.M., 574.

A very sad and sudden bereavement has befallen the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, at Newbury, by the death of the W.M. Bro. Walter Berkley Wilson, son of Alfred Wilson, J.P., of that town, whom he assisted in his business as butcher. The deceased, a fine grown young man, 32 years of age, was in his usual health and spirits up to Friday evening, when he spent a few hours at the house of a mutual friend. As he did not make his appearance at the usual hour the next morning, his brother went to Bro. Wilson's bedroom and found him lying in bed quite dead. He was lying in a natural position with the bedclothes undisturbed, and his countenance was quite placid as if in sleep. Dr. Ryott was immediately called in and pronounced life to have been extinct for some time, although the trunk of the body was still warm. There being nothing to account for death, the Coroner, Bro. Dr. Watson, directed a post mortem examination, which was made by Dr. Ryott, in the presence of two other medical men, viz., Bro. Montagu Palmer (the Mayor), and Mr. Birch. The examination showed that the whole of the organs of the body were in a healthy state, and there was no symptom that enabled the medical men to assign the cause of the death; and Dr. Ryott suggested it was not improbable that the deceased was seized with a fainting fit in his sleep, and suddenly expired. The case was a most unusual one. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict that the deceased died by the visitation of God, at the same time expressing their deep sympathy with the relatives in their bereavement, and mentioning also that by Bro. Wilson's death the town had lost a very promising young man. His sudden death created a profound sensation in the town and neighbourhood, where he was well-known and highly esteemed.

The deceased had passed through all the offices in the Lodge of Hope, and was installed last January as W.M. by P.M. Stephen Knight. At the Berks and Bucks Prov. Grand Lodge, recently held at Reading, the deceased received from the hands of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., the charity jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Charitable Institutions of the Order. The deceased brother also occupied one of the Overseer's chairs in the Porchester Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and he spared no time or trouble in promoting the interests of Masonry. He also took an active part in town matters, and was sergeant in the Volunteer Fire Brigade, his brother being captain.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, and it was of a very imposing character. All the business establishments in the town where wholly or partially closed, and thousands of people lined the streets along the route taken by the procession. The coffin, covered with floral wreaths, and also with the deceased's uniform as a fireman, was drawn on the fire engine by four greys, and the members of the Brigade acted as bearers. The Masonic brethren joined the procession, and a large number of the members of the Odd Fellows' lodges also attended.

The procession moved slowly through the town to the cemetery, where a large concourse of persons assembled. The burial service was performed by the Chaplain of the Lodge of Hope, Bro. the Rev. John Atkins, LL.B., assisted by the Hon. and Rev. J. Horatio Nelson, Rector of Shaw, and the Rev. W. B. Banting, Curate of Newbury. After the relatives had quitted the grave, each of the Masons filed round it, and dropped in a sprig of acacia. The greatest possible decorum was observed, and the arrangements, which largely devolved on Bro. S. Knight, P.M., were carried out in a very satisfactory manner. The Masons propose erecting a broken column over the grave of their much lamented W.M. A muffled peal was rung on the church bells during the afternoon.

BRO. ELLIS JONES.

We announce with regret the death of Bro. Ellis Jones, late senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Ellis Jones, Son, and Company, woollen warehousemen, of Fore Street, London, which event occurred under somewhat distressing circumstances, early on Sunday morning last. On the preceding Wednesday evening, Bro. Jones left the City by his usual train for Mill Platt Hall, Isleworth, where he had for some time resided, and found his carriage awaiting him at the station, which was reached about a quarter to seven o'clock. Accompanying him was an old friend, Mr. George Reynolds, ex-mayor of Grahamstown, South Africa, and his groom. Driving down from the station, and just as he was passing into the main road, Bro. Jones observed a cab standing at the entrance gates, on which he shouted to the driver in charge of it not to move, as he was coming out. The man took no notice of the precaution given him, however, but deliberately came through the gateway, the result of which was that Bro. Jones's carriage had to be suddenly pulled up by the side of the kerb, when cannoning against a post it was overturned, and its occupants thrown violently into the roadway. Fortunately, Mr. Reynolds and his groom escaped unhurt; but Bro. Jones was thrown out over a distance of five or six feet from the vehicle, falling heavily on to the hard road, and it was speedily found he had sustained severe internal injuries. He was conveyed home as speedily as possible, and Dr. Bott, a resident surgeon, having been called in, did all he could to alleviate the sufferings of his patient, pending the arrival of Sir James Paget, who was telegraphed for from town. Sir James, however, was not at home, and Dr. Savory, the eminent surgeon, of Brook-street, attended in his stead, when it was found the unfortunate sufferer had sustained a fracture of three ribs, in addition to a severe shock to the system. Pleurisy set in, and about 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, much earlier than had been anticipated by his medical advisers, death ensued. The sad event has caused a deep sense of sorrow and regret, not only amongst the deceased's immediate relatives, from whom he has been taken at the comparatively early age of fifty-six years, but amongst those also in commercial circles who knew and appreciated him for his force of will and his indomitable perseverance in matters of business. Coming up from Wales, when he was but 16 years of age, he was apprenticed for 8 years at Brentford, only a mile and a half from where he lately resided. After that he was for twenty years in the employ of Messrs. Cook, Son, and Co., of St. Paul's-churchyard, where he passed through all the grades before reaching the highest responsible post under the proprietors, and subsequently he was for ten years and a half associated in partnership with Bro. T. J. Thomas, C.C., formerly of Watling-street, and of late years of Queen Victoria-street. A few months ago this partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, Bro. Ellis Jones and his son starting in Fore-street, and Bro. Thomas continuing in Queen Victoria-street. His death under such solemn circumstances will be deeply and widely deplored. Deceased was for many years connected with the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion, was Past Master of the Wheelwrights' Company, and also a member of the Old King's Arms Lodge, 28. He leaves a widow, his son, and partner, and two daughters to deplore their loss. Bro. Jones was insured in the Accident Insurance Company.

On Tuesday an inquest on the remains of our lamented brother was held at Isleworth, before Dr. Diplock, the coroner for the district, when the jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of Accidental death, at the same time suggesting that the attention of the railway company should be directed to the very dangerous condition of the entrance to the station yard, and requesting that some alteration be made as soon as possible, in the interest of the public safety. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, at Ealing Cemetery.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

GOLDSMITH.—On the 18th ult., at Cams Cottage, Hambleton, Hants, the wife of Mr. Edward Goldsmith, of a son.

PEARSE.—On the 1st inst., at 30, Handen-road, Lee, S.E., the wife of Mr. William Earle Pearse, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

KIRKALDY—WYLES.—On the 29th ult., Thomas Kirkaldy, of 13, Stainsby-road, E., to Maggie, daughter of Captain Wyles.

WRIGHT—HARD.—On the 28th ult., at Bursted Church, Bognor, Sussex, Mr. Alfred Henry Wright, son of Mr. William Wright, of Nunhead-lane, Peckham Rye, to Josephine Fanny Jane Hard, daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Woodin, of Bond-street.

DEATHS.

JONES.—On the 30th ult., at Mill Plat Hall, Isleworth, from the effects of an accident, Bro. Ellis Jones, of Fore-street, E.C., in his 56th year.

WILSON.—On the 28th ult., suddenly, at Newbury, Bro. Walter Berkley Wilson, W.M. Lodge 574, aged 32.



Whatever may be said about the decline of melodrama, and the altered taste of the present generation, there can be no doubt whatever that such dramas as "The Lights o' London" and "The Romany Rye" appeal to a very large class indeed of playgoers, and the nightly crowd at the Princess's, attests this fact. It is more than probable—indeed, we may take it as a well-determined fact—that Bro. George R. Sims's play of "The Romany Rye" is one of the best that has been produced for many a day, and, in a certain sense, revives our recollections of the good old times of the Adelphi, when our recently-deceased Bro. Benjamin Webster was in his palmyest of melodramatic and managerial days. The Princess's, in fact, has latterly been producing a succession of admirable pieces, and "The Romany Rye" will bear comparison with the best of them. It is the misfortune of a journal like the *Freemason* that it is occasionally a little behind its colleagues in its criticisms on current drama. It is unnecessary therefore, we should give a lengthened sketch of the play. Suffice it to say, that it is admirably put together, and that in the cast which has been engaged the several characters find as capable exponents as are to be found on the English stage. Mr. Wilson Barrett, as the hero, and Miss Eastlake, as the heroine, acquit themselves splendidly, and the merit of their acting is made all the more conspicuous by reason of the strength exhibited by the other members of the company—Messrs. Willard, Coote, Cathcart, and G. Barrett; Mesdames Ormsby, Masson, Vincent, &c. The piece is well mounted, and the other accessories are in keeping.

Bro. Irving having discovered that his contemplated visit to America would not be as private as he desired, seeing it was to be a holiday, and not in any way connected with business, has given up all idea of going.



The events of the season 1882 will compare successfully with those of former years, and deserve at our hands some last *adieu*. Bro. Carl Rosa opened the ball at Her Majesty's with a series of operatic performances, mostly Wagnerian, in English. His company has established for itself a high reputation, and in the members composing it the works he set before the public found able interpreters. They—that is, of course, the works, not the members of the company—were, moreover, splendidly mounted, so that the eye, as well as the ear, of the British public was taken captive; and the one by scenic beauty, the other by the beauties of sound. There is, then, the hope in which we may legitimately indulge, that next year our worthy brother will repeat his experience of the season now terminated.

The appearance (for the first time) of a German Opera Company in our midst is an event that would, of itself, suffice to make the year 1882 a memorable one in our musical annals. It was an experiment which, as it happens, has turned out disastrously for Herr Franke, the enterprising director who engaged in it, and he has our full sympathy. But, even though it has proved financially disastrous, an experiment which introduced to our acquaintance a company so capable, both collectively and individually, even to its humblest members, stage accessories so admirable, an orchestra so well trained, and a conductor so painstaking and efficient as Herr Richter, is certainly not to be regretted. Weber, Beethoven, and Wagner were the composers whose works were selected for performance; the first named being represented by his "Euryanthe," and the second by his "Fidelio," while the last had allotted to him the lion's share, in the shape of "Die Meistersinger," which at once established itself as a universal favourite, "Lohengrin," and other of his operas. There is a well-known proverb about people who have been "once bitten" being "twice shy," and Herr Franke may not be disposed to repeat an experiment which has been the reverse of a benefit to him. Yet he must have gained some experience as to how so vast an enterprise should be conducted, so as to turn out a profit instead of a loss. He must be in a position to know whether, and, if so, where his expenditure might be reasonably, and yet without sacrifice of excellence, curtailed. Other changes of programme may suggest themselves, and the failure of 1882, converted into a success in 1883. Or be failing Herr Franke, some other experienced "entrepreneur" may be induced to repeat the venture. At all events, though the outlook for the moment is confessedly not a promising one, let us hope we have not yet seen the last of German Opera as it was a short time since presented to us on the boards of "Old Drury," not only on the score of its own merits, but because it must stimulate the authorities at the "Garden" to make their company something else than a mere framework, which, by its very inferiority, makes still more prominent the excellencies of a "prima donna."

The Italian opera season, though it has been pretty much what it has been in former years, has been signalled by more than one event which calls for observation. In the first place, the management was, for the first time placed in the hands of a limited company, with Mr. Gye as the managing director, and there is now one, instead of two rival companies. The re-appearance on the London boards of so admirable an artist as Madame Pauline Lucca is also noteworthy; and, as may be well imagined, the reception accorded her, after an absence of some ten years, was worthy of her reputation, and cannot have been otherwise than most gratifying to her. Madame Adelina Patti and Madame Albani were the other "prime donne," and but for the breakdown of the arrangements with

Madame Nilsson the company would have been able to boast of no less than four "first ladies." Lastly a new opera, "Velleda," was produced, but though the reception was not unfavourable, we shall, in all probability, hear little of it in the future. Another opera, produced for the first time in 1880, at Her Majesty's—Boito's "Mefistofele"—was revived, and from the manner in which it was received we may look upon it as a permanent addition to the repertory of English opera in this country.

One other item remains to be noted, and we shall have completed our review. The "Nibelung's Ring," in four cycles, was produced by Bro. Mapleson at Her Majesty's Theatre, under the immediate auspices of Herr Angelo Neumann. That the performances had in them much to commend them to the public is beyond question. Yet we are in doubt if they have established themselves sufficiently in the favour of that public to warrant their being produced another year. And, saying this, we bid farewell to the season of 1882.

Mr. A. Gwyllym Crowe, commences to-day (Saturday), his second series of Promenade Concerts. Among the principal instrumentalists, whose services Mr. Crowe has succeeded in engaging, are Mr. Carrodus, Mr. Viotti Collins, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Val. Nicholson, &c., &c.; Miss Marie Schumann as solo violinist. It is hardly necessary to say that the concerts will be held at Covent Garden, which, with the Floral Hall—the latter being turned to account as a smoking lounge—will be lighted by the electric light.

The Birmingham Musical Festival is fixed for Tuesday, the 29th inst., and three following days, and we rejoice that, bar accident in the interim, Bro. Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W. England, will wield his baton as conductor. The vocalists engaged are Mesdames Albani, Marie Roze, Patey, and Trebelli, Miss Anna Williams, Messrs. E. Lloyd, J. Maas, F. King, Signor Foli, and Bro. Santley. The chorus will number 357, and the band 142: Organist, Mr. Stimpson. The arrangements are as follow: Tuesday—morning, "Elijah;" evening, Sir J. Benedict's new cantata, "Graziella," and a miscellaneous selection. Wednesday—morning, Gounod's new oratorio, "The Redemption;" evening, Mr. A. R. Gaul's new cantata, "The Holy City," together with a new orchestral work by Mr. Villiers Stanford. Thursday—morning, "The Messiah;" evening, Herr Gade's new cantata, "Psyche," with a miscellaneous selection. Friday—morning, Cherubini's "Mass in C," Beethoven's "Mount of Olives," Brahms's "Triumph Lied," and a symphony; evening, "The Redemption." The executive are to be congratulated on a programme which, in addition to such splendid and familiar works as "The Messiah," "Elijah," &c., &c., includes a new oratorio, three new cantatas, and other novelties. It is needless to say the chief interest will centre in Gounod's oratorio, "The Redemption," which he regards as the work of his life, and for which the immense sum of £4000 has been paid to him.

The next important annual event will be the Festival of the Three Choirs, which will be held this year at Hereford, a fortnight later, on Tuesday, 12th September, and three following days. The artistes include Mesdames Albani and Patey, Miss Marian Fenna, Miss Anna Williams, and Miss Hilda Wilson; Messrs. E. Lloyd, F. King, C. W. Fredericks, and Frank Boyle, and Bro. Santley. The festival commences, as at Birmingham, with Mendelssohn's "Elijah." On Wednesday morning Handel's "Judas Maccabeus," Beethoven's "Symphony No. 4," Goetz's "137th Psalm," and Bach's "Magnificat in D Major;" evening, Mendelssohn's "St. Paul." Thursday morning, Dr. Garrett's "Shunammite," Beethoven's "Mass in C," and a selection from Moliere's "Abraham." Friday morning, Handel's "Messiah." There will be a full choral service in the cathedral daily, as well as concerts in the Shire Hall, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and a chamber concert on the evening of Friday. Here, again, we must congratulate the management on the excellence of the programme.

A new opera by Herr Wagner, entitled "Parsifal," has recently been produced at Bayreuth, and will, doubtless, find its way over to this country at an early date, when the musical world will have an opportunity of judging of its merits.

There are few of those who make it their business to cater for the public amusement, both on ordinary and special occasions, who acquit themselves more to the general satisfaction than Bros. Bertram and Roberts. Monday next, as our readers are aware, will be Bank Holiday, and, if only the weather remains such as it has been the last few days, the Crystal Palace may look forward to an unusually large gathering on the occasion. Certain it is that those who visit the Palace at Sydenham on Monday will be more than ordinarily difficult to please if they do not express themselves satisfied with the varied and extensive programme which has been arranged for their gratification. This is not the place to speak of the general items of the entertainment, but it is worth while mentioning that one of its most attractive features will no doubt be the great military concert, in which the combined bands of the Scots Guards and Royal Engineers, under the direction of Mr. J. P. Clarke and Herr J. K. Rawenthal, will take part. This will be sure to prove attractive, especially as there is just now prevalent both in London and the provinces an epidemic of "scarlet fever" in a very pronounced form.

Similar remarks will apply to the programme which Messrs. Jones and Barber, of the Alexandra Palace, have announced for the same holiday. Here, likewise, music will form a conspicuous feature of the entertainment. There will, in the first place, be a concert of English, Irish, and Scotch ballads, while the lovers of martial music will

have their appetite satisfied by a performance, with "special startling effects," of the ever-popular "British Army Quadrilles," composed by the late M. Jullien; and should the Clerk of the Weather be as good a boy as he has been latterly, there will no doubt be a monster attendance to listen to and applaud to the echo the inspiring strains of the well-known quadrilles.

This day (Saturday) the Mohawk Minstrels, of which Bro. James Francis, Bro. William Francis, and Mr. Harry Hunter are the proprietors, will return to their old quarters at the Agricultural Hall, after a lengthened tour in the provinces and visits to other parts of the metropolis. Their hall has been entirely reconstructed and redecorated, new talent has been engaged, and a new programme will be forthcoming with, as usual, two performances, at three o'clock p.m. and eight o'clock p.m. respectively, on Bank Holiday.

Further important additions have also been made in the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, St. James's Hall, two celebrated American comedians, Mr. Jake Budd, of the Capitol Theatre, Washington, and Mr. John Robinson, of New York, having been recently added to the company. A new and excellent programme has also been arranged.



It is hardly necessary, in noting the fresh evidences that have been presented during the current week, to the effect that the London season is rapidly drawing to a close, that, to use a familiar phrase, we should go on piling up the agony. Yet time slips away so rapidly, that our readers if they are not reminded of the fact, may be unaware that, to take a conspicuous instance, the exhibition at the Royal Academy will close on Monday next. During the present week it has been open in the evening as well as throughout the day, the charge for admission during the former being, as usual, sixpence, while on Monday, that will be the price charged during the morning as well. When, however, the doors close on the public at 10.30 p.m. of that day they will be closed for the present season.

Another of our Metropolitan attractions will be a thing of the past this time next week, to wit, the Grosvenor Gallery, which likewise closes its doors on Bank Holiday; while the exhibition of Rosa Bonheur's grand picture "The Lion at Home," comes to an end this (Saturday) evening.

On the other hand, there is now on view at the Pall Mall Gallery, 48, Pall Mall, a collection of marine pictures by Aivassovsky, among them being several magnificent Mediterranean, and Crimean coast scenes.

The management of the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, announces a winter Electric Exhibition, at which prizes to the amount of £1000 will be awarded, and which will be opened on the 1st of November, and will remain so till 1st March, 1883. Particulars as to conditions, plans, space, &c., may be had of Capt. Hodgson, Royal Aquarium, Westminster.

One of the chief attractions at the Crystal Palace is the electric railway, on the second terrace, which still continues to interest the numerous visitors who, during the present agreeable weather, pay a visit to this popular resort.

The Electric Lighting Bill has passed its third reading in the House of Commons, and the public will, in due time, be aware of the effect it is likely to have, and whether or not the system of lighting by gas stands a chance of being superseded by the new electric system.

It has been clearly shown, by the system of instantaneous photography, that a horse raises the left fore foot and left hind foot together, and does not, as hitherto imagined, step diagonally.

At Malmesbury, on Wednesday, Lord E. Fitzmaurice, M.P., presided at the meeting of the Archaeological Society, and delivered an inaugural address, in which he descanted on the origin and history of Wilts as a county from the time when it was an old Saxon sub-kingdom.

On Wednesday the Royal Archaeological Institute made an excursion to Penrith, the party comprising some 300 folk. Mr. Evans, President of the Antiquarian Section, Professor Stephens, of Copenhagen, and Mr. Clark, of Dowlais, delivered short addresses. Owing to the shortness of time at their disposal, the party were prevented from paying a visit to Lowther Castle, the seat of the Earl of Lonsdale. In the evening Lord Talbot de Malahide, at a meeting of the Antiquarian Section, read a paper on Algeria.

American men of science—an elastic term, one may remark—are said to be engaged in the preparation of a scheme for the production of artificial rain. Arguing from the well-known fact that most great battles have been succeeded by showers, they propose by a series of shocks or explosions to disturb the atmosphere, in the confident expectation that rain will follow. The idea is an old one, but has never yet been put to the test of experiment.



As announced in our last, a warrant for a new lodge, under the title of the Saint Mary Abbott's Lodge, has been granted to the under-mentioned brethren, and will be consecrated on Thursday, the 10th inst., in the Town Hall, Kensington: W. Bros. Captain A. Nicols, Colonel Martin Petric, Sir George Rendleshaw Prescott, Bart., Francis Charles Compton, Edwin M. Lott, Bros. Captain H. S. Andrews, Captain C. F. Compton, and F. H. Gruggen. Eto. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., will perform the consecration ceremony.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent was held at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Wednesday last, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Superintendent, Viscount Holmesdale, presiding. It was the largest meeting of Royal Arch Masons that has taken place in the county, every chapter in the province being represented. Companion James Eastes was re-appointed Second Grand Principal of the Province, Companion G. Holtum being installed Third Grand Principal. Viscount Holmesdale subsequently presided at a banquet at the Royal Fountain Hotel, nearly 70 brethren being present. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

It is arranged that the Duke and Duchess of Albany will arrive at Preston from the seat of the Earl of Lathom on Tuesday, September 5th. His Royal Highness will, after receiving the address of the Corporation, lay the corner stone of the Free Library with Masonic honours.

Bro. the Rev. George Raymond Portal, Canon of Winchester and Rector of Burghclere, Hants, has returned from the Continent after an absence of several months. We are glad to hear that Canon Portal's health has improved, but his medical advisers consider it desirable that for some time hence he should abstain from work as much as possible. The reverend brother has always been a most active Mason, particularly in connection with the Mark Degree, and it is hoped that ere long his health will be completely re-established.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending July 29th, was 984.

The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, read the lessons at Highclere Church at a special service held on Sunday afternoon for the members of the local branch of the Salvation Army. The church was built some years ago by the noble Earl, and stands within a short distance of Highclere Castle, his lordship's seat.

The will of the late Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., has been proved in the District Court, Bangor, the personality being sworn under £17,000. He leaves to his widow and daughter annuities of £500 each, together with the use for life of Plas Goch, his Anglesey estate, and his town house in St. George's-place, the real estate being held in trust for his grandson, Mr. Hunter. There are legacies of £500 to the widow of his nephew, and £100 to a butler. Sir Llewelyn Turner is nominated trustee.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow was held on Tuesday night, in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. Bro. Dalrymple Duncan discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Master, and Bros. Wm. Oliver and John Morgan, Senior and Junior Wardens, were at their posts. Bro. Halkett reported that during the last three months there had only been two petitions for relief from the Provincial Benevolent Fund, and two applications for casual relief, and the Committee had granted the sum of £12 7s. 6d. It was agreed to remit the question of admission of Past Masters as members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to a Committee as to the time when they should be entered on the roll.

The Duke of Teck leaves Liverpool to-day (Saturday) for Egypt.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., on Tuesday night, presented the Welsh Challenge Cup (value 100 guineas) to the Druids' Football Club, at Ruabon. In proposing the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," he said he feared troublous times were coming upon us in Egypt. We had seen what the British Navy could do in the bombardment of Alexandria. They were as brave now as in the days of Nelson. Our army was now on its way to Egypt, and he believed the men would conduct themselves as the British did against Napoleon. He hoped it would not be necessary to send out the volunteer forces, though he believed they were ready and willing to go.

At the close of the year 1880 there were 379 lodges on the register; two of these, 356 and 557, had been but very recently constituted. In the remaining 377 there were enrolled 34,836 members. — *Philadelphia Keystone*.

Mr. H. B. Marshall, jun., son of Bro. H. B. Marshall, was presented with an illuminated address at a numerously attended meeting, at the St. Alban's Tabernacle, on Monday evening last.

One hundred and fifty Sunday School scholars and teachers were, on Wednesday last, thrown into the canal at Pontypridd by the upsetting of a barge in which they were travelling. Fortunately no lives were lost. The Pastor of the church sustained serious injuries.

Fifty years ago the British Musical Association was established at Worcester. In celebration of that event a jubilee meeting is to be held in that city next week.

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.]

Her Majesty's steam corvette Bacchante, Capt. Lord Charles Scott, having on board the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, arrived at Ferrol, from Gibraltar on Tuesday last, and was to sail for England on Wednesday.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has pronounced against the Rite of Memphis, and decreed that any one conferring it as Masonic may be expelled.

The *Morning Advertiser* understands that the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of the completion of the Channel Tunnel have reported that it may be rendered perfectly safe by the erection of fortifications involving the expenditure of some millions and a permanent garrison of seven thousand men.

The Yorkshire Agricultural Show, which is being held at Halifax, promises to be one of the most successful exhibitions held in connection with the society.

Bro. Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., left Chatham on Thursday morning last, by the 9.45 mail train, for London, on his way to Portsmouth, where he embarked during that day for Egypt. Although the exact time of Sir Evelyn's departure had been kept secret, there was a large number of persons at the station, who heartily cheered the gallant general.

It is stated that the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was notable for the fierce struggle for office and caucusing which preceded it.

The recent death of Garibaldi recalls the fact that he was initiated in a lodge on Staten Island, New York. His son Menotti is also a Freemason.

On Wednesday last a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund was held at the Mansion House, Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presiding.

Photographers and opticians will do well to note an accident which has just taken place in Paris. A photographer in the Avenue de l'Opera, having left his window open and a number of instruments exposed to the sun, the heat acting on the magnifying glasses, caused the blinds to catch alight and set fire to the building. Considerable damage was done before the firemen succeeded in putting out the fire.

The Prince of Wales has promised to attend a concert which is to be held next week in a new pavilion that has been erected on the Clarence Esplanade Pier, Southsea. The affair was originated by the Mayor of Portsmouth (Alderman Whitcomb), and Mr. Henry Leslie is lending valuable help. The proceeds are to go to the Royal College of Music, and as the pavilion will hold 500 persons a good round sum will, it is believed, be netted. The exact date is not yet fixed.

The Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who are exceedingly popular at Portsmouth, on Tuesday assisted at the opening of a bazaar and flower show in aid of the extension of the Parish Church of Portsea.

Companion W. B. Lloyd was on the 20th ult., installed as M.E.Z. of the Pattison Chapter at Plumstead.

The marriage of Colonel Sir William Owen Lanyon, K.C.M.G., C.B., and Miss Florence Levy, youngest daughter of Mr. J. M. Levy, took place on Wednesday afternoon at St. George's Church, Hanover-square.

Mr. Bernard Quaritch, of 15, Piccadilly, is about to publish a memorial edition of the works of Thomas Bewick, the renowned wood engraver, by the express desire of Miss Bewick, his only surviving daughter.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania installed its officers in public at Alleghany City, in presence of 900 people.

Mr. H. F. Bristowe, Q.C., Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, has been appointed President of the Jurisprudence Department at the Congress of the Social Science Association, to be held at Nottingham in September next. Sir John Pope Hennessy has accepted the Chairmanship of the Repression of Crime Section. — *City Press*.

The Honorary Secretary of the London Swimming Club, Golden-lane, writes to the *Evening News* that he has perfected a drill, by which pupils can learn the swimming exercise preparatory to going in the water, and that he will attend to impart this to drill instructors or to the pupils upon their playground on Saturday afternoons.

On Saturday afternoon, the 29th ult., Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Grand Warden, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, drove in state to Bruce Castle College, Bruce-grove, Tottenham, for the purpose of presenting the prizes at the annual distribution. The building is situated in a remarkably pretty part of suburban London, and is an old residence adapted to its present uses, the college being founded in 1827 by Sir Rowland Hill. The grounds are well kept and extensive, and the company on Saturday, previous to the arrival of the Lord Mayor, passed the time in admiring their beauty and watching some athletic sports, and a well-contested cricket match of Past v. Present Bruicians. This was won by the latter eleven, and being but their second success since the institution of the match produced some enthusiastic congratulations. One of the boys, Witherington, was afterwards presented with a large silver challenge cup held for the year by the best all-round player, and adjudged by the head master. The prize distribution took place in the school-room, an addition made to the main building about nineteen years ago. The place was decorated with mottoes of welcome, flags, the city coat of arms, &c. — *City Press*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. — Glad Tidings. — Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let such sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves. — [ADVT.]

Four female clerks were appointed last week by the General Post Office.

The Royal Kent Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 20, held a meeting on Friday the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Eminent Commander, Sir Knight J. Gibson Toull, presiding, assisted by the officers. There being no candidate for the Degree, the evening was spent in mutual instruction, and after the preceptory was closed the Sir Kts. enjoyed a social hour in the dining hall of the institution, happy in meeting, sorry to part, and happy to meet again. A letter of apology was received from the V.E. Pro G. Prior, who was unable to be present.

The Mansion House Egyptian Refugee Fund on Wednesday evening amounted to £6700, of which £4500 has been forwarded for distribution. A large quantity of clothing has been received at the Mansion House for the refugees, and this will be sent out at the earliest opportunity.

The Head Master of Whitchurch Grammar School, the Rev. J. R. Peake, was on Wednesday presented with 800 guineas and a silver casket upon his resignation of the post, which he has filled for over forty years. The amount was subscribed by past scholars.

During the coming autumn the Bimetallists will hold a congress in Cologne. Many supporters of the theory are expected to attend from France, England, and Belgium.

The committee for the statue of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish have entrusted the commission for that work to Mr. Albert Bruce Joy.

It seems that the cost of Cetewayo's visit to this country is put at £2100. That is a big sum to spend on his trip, seeing that he will be in England only for a few weeks, and his suite is of the smallest. — *Echo*.

The eighth annual meeting of the Milner's Safe Company took place on Monday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present: Mr. C. T. Ritchie, M.P. (chairman), presiding, Sir W. T. Charley, Q.C. (Common Sergeant), Sir H. B. Loch, K.C.B., and Mr. D. R. Ratcliff (directors). A report was presented, stating as follows: The nett profit, after making all proper deductions, was £22,157 11s. 4d., from which must be deducted interest on debentures, £1739, leaving £20,418 11s. 4d. The directors propose to declare a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum.

The London and Brighton Railway Company and the Western of France Railway Company have had built to their order, by Messrs. John Elder and Co., a steamship fitted with the electric light and all the latest improvements, for service between Newhaven and Dieppe, which passage is expected to be accomplished, in all kinds of weather, under four hours.

The benefit of insurance is well instanced in the case of the late Bro. Ellis Jones, who had been insured for a comparatively short period before his death in the Accident Insurance Company, Lothbury.

Miss Lucy Cohen, sister of the late Baroness Mayer de Rothschild, has erected a handsome mural tablet to her memory (the design of which, in veined marble, includes a bust, flowers, and inscription) in one of the school-rooms at the Institution for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, Fitzroy Square, of which the Baroness was the founder.

The Grand Lodge of Canada is one of the wealthiest Masonic Bodies in the American Continent, having in cash assets nearly one hundred thousand dollars and no debt.

The Executive Committee of the Great International Fisheries Exhibition took possession of the Horticultural-gardens, at South Kensington, a site covering twenty-two acres, together with all the buildings and offices, on Saturday, the 28th ult., and steps are about to be taken for the erection of large additional buildings. Announcements have been issued by the Committee to the effect that applications for space, and entries for Great Britain and Ireland, should be sent in by the 1st of September; in favour of distant colonies and countries, the date has been extended to the 1st of November. — *Daily News*.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to send, through General Sir Henry F. Ponsonby, a donation of £30 to the Royal Hospital for Incurables, West-hill, Putney Heath.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., has given £1000 towards the establishment of the Royal College of Music.

Lord George G. Campbell has joined the firm of Messrs. Boyle Brothers.

Mdme. Patti was on Monday presented at Craignos Castle, South Wales, with an illuminated address expressive of the pleasure experienced by her neighbours in having one so celebrated dwelling amongst them.

The Stereoscopic Company, Cheapside, have produced realistic portraits of "Marion," the giantess exhibiting as the Amazon Queen in "Babil and Bijou" at the Alhambra.

Bro. Horace Jones (City Architect), Grand Superintendent of Works, has gone to Carlsbad for his holidays.

The Greenwich Hospital pension of £50 a year, vacant by the death of Retired Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, James Taylor, on the 9th of July last, has been conferred upon Retired Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, Charles D. Steel, from that date.

WAR might with advantage be declared against scarlet fever, measles, and small-pox, and an attempt made to prevent further havoc amongst children and adults. Let everyone co-operate, and, in doing so, use WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP as a preventive measure. It can be bought everywhere. See the words "Sapo Carbonis Detergens" (as doctors prescribe) impressed on each tablet and wrapper, without which none is genuine. — ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, August 12, 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.

SAURDAY, AUGUST 5.

Gen Com. Boys' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 7.

(No Meetings).

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 8.

Lodge 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
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., Batter-
sea 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 Edgum be, 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 Arm s, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart H., Upper Norw'd
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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, S.
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.
Pannure, Balham Hot. Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent
Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
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 11.

Lodge 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.

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 12.

Lodge 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1637, Unity, Abercorn Arms, Gt. Stan more.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1929, Mozart, Harewood House, High-st., Croydon.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-
CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE**

For the Week ending Saturday, August 12, 1882.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7.

Lodge 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
" 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near
Liverpool.
Chap. 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 323, Concord, Florist Hall, Stockport.
" 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dunkinfield.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
" 1356, Texteth, M.R., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-
Sands.
Chap. 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale, H. Liverpl.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark Lodge 268, Lathom, M.H., Southport.
Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.

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NOTES.

(a) Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.—The youngest of our three Masonic Charitables is, like the Boys' School, the outcome of two Institutions, namely: the Asylum for Aged and Decayed Masons, Croydon, in the foundation which the late Bro. Dr. Crocifix took a leading part, and the Institution founded in 1842 by Grand Lodge for brethren in reduced circumstances. In 1849 this Male Fund was supplemented by a Fund for Widows, which was commenced by an annual grant of £100. In 1850 the two were happily amalgamated, and, since then, Grand Lodge has augmented its grants till, subject only to the confirmation of the minutes of the last June Communication, they amount to £800 per annum, to each of the two Funds. The number of those in receipt of the benefits of this noble Institution is 155 aged brethren and 160 widows of brethren, the former of whom have each an annuity of £40 per annum, and the latter one of £32 per annum; while there are several widows of male annuitants, to each of whom the Institution allows one half of the late husband's annuity for three years certain, though it mostly happens they are elected on to the fund before that period has expired. Thus, apart from the expenses of administration, the Benevolent Institution is charged with the provision of quite £11,600 annually, of which only about one third part is derived from permanent income. Truly a splendid monument to the Benevolence of the English Craft in so short a period as forty years!

(b) Colorado.—Though a young Grand Lodge, Colorado has already, according to the latest returns to hand, some thirty-seven lodges and a membership of about 2000 brethren. Its headquarters are at Denver, and to judge from a reported balance of 800 dollars at the end of the last year's statement of account, we should say its finances are carefully looked after. It has also a library fund of over 1100 dollars.

(c) Netherlands.—The history of the Craft in this country is involved in obscurity. At first it met with opposition from the magistracy, but this passed away, and the brethren were left to pursue their labours unmolested. The National Grand Lodge was founded in 1756, and Bro. Count Von Bentinck was its second Grand Master in 1758-9.

(d) Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, also known as Lodge "St. Mary's Chapel," is, as far as documentary evidence is concerned, the oldest lodge in the world, its earliest minutes dating back as far as 1598. It was in this lodge that, in July 1634, Lord Alexander and other gentlemen were received into the Craft. It originally stood at the head of the roll of lodges in Scotland, but when the schism caused in 1743 by the secession of Mother Kilwinning Lodge was healed in 1807, the latter was placed above it, without a number. A most valuable history of St. Mary's Chapel, with which is incorporated the history of Freemasonry in Scotland, has been written by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, who worthily fills the office of Grand Secretary to the Scotch Grand Lodge.

(e) Union of German-American Masons, which was founded on the model of the "Union of German Freemasons," has for its purpose, writes Bro. Findel in his well-known History, "to disseminate knowledge on the history, essence, and symbolism of Masonry, to embellish the forms (rituals) and render them most simple and rational, to uphold the rights of the subordinate lodges and to take care of social intercourse." Its headquarters are in New York, and it is supported by the most eminent, learned, and thinking German Masons throughout the United States.

AUG. † HISTORICAL CALENDAR. † 1882.

1	Tu.	Foundation Stone of the South Bridge, Edinburgh, laid by Lord Haddo, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, 1785. Further Edict of Ferdinand VII. of Spain against Freemasonry, 1824. Foundation Stone of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, (a) Croydon, laid by Bro. Alexander Dobie, as proxy for Earl of Zetland, 1850.
2	Wed.	Foundation Stone of the New Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, laid by the Earl of Cromarty, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, 1738. Dedication by the Earl of Zetland of the New Schoolhouse, R.M.I.G., 1852. Grand Lodge of Colorado constituted, (b) 1861. Honorary membership of Grand Lodge of Scotland conferred on the Earl of Zetland, Past Grand Master of England, 1870.
3	Thur.	The Mother Lodge, Royal York of Friendship, Berlin, accepts the new regulations compiled by Fessler and his Committee of Seven, 1796.
4	Fri.	Prince Cambacérés, G.M. of the Lodge of the Philosophic Scotch Rite, presented with a casket containing a gold, a silver, and a bronze medal, 1807.
5	Sat.	Dr. James Anderson, author of the Constitutions of Freemasonry, born at Edinburgh, 1662. Grand Lodge of Scotland frames regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act against Secret Societies, 1799.
6	Sun.	Count Christian Fr. Von Bentinck, Grand Master of the Grand National Lodge of the Netherlands, (c) 1758.
7	Mon.	The Earls of Crawford and Kintore, and Lord Garlies, all three subsequently Grand Masters of Scotland, initiated and passed; and Bros. Patrick Lindsay and Archibald McAulay, former Provosts of Edinburgh, passed in Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, (d) the Earl of Strathmore, Grand Master of England being present, 1733.
8	Tu.	Foundation-stone of the Boys' School, Wood Green, laid by Bro. Algernon Perkins, Past Grand Warden, 1863. The statutes of the "Union of German-American Masons" (e) adopted and officers appointed, 1865.
9	Wed.	Union of the "Souverain Conseil" of the High Degrees, Paris, with the Grand Lodge of France, 1772. Opening of Wearmouth Bridge, by Bro. Rowland Burdon, M.P., in the presence of Prince William of Gloucester, 1796.
10	Thur.	John W. Ellenberger, better known by his later adopted name of Zinnendorf, born at Halle, 1731.
11	Fri.	First School Building at Wood Green (f) inaugurated by the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, 1857.
12	Sat.	The Grand Orient of France entrusts the functions of Grand Master to three Grand Conservators, 1814.
13	Sun.	"Charter of Confirmation" to "Lodge of Edinburgh, St. Mary's Chapel," and Lodge placed first on the roll of Lodges, 1770.
14	Mon.	The Crown Prince of Prussia (afterwards Frederick the Great) (g) initiated in a Lodge at Brunswick, 1738. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales invested as Patron of the Order in Ireland, 1871.
15	Tu.	Edict of Pius VII. against Freemasonry, published by the Cardinal Secretary of State, Consalvi, 1814. Foundation-stone of the Scott (h) Monument, Edinburgh, laid by Sir James Forrest, of Coniston, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, 1840.
16	Wed.	Ordinance of the Elector of Bavaria requiring all civil and military employes to abandon Freemasonry on pain of imprisonment, &c., 1814.
17	Thur.	Institution in France of the Order of Wood Cleavers (<i>des Fendeurs</i>) (i), 1747.
18	Fri.	Provincial Grand Lodge of Hanover, (k) under Grand Lodge ("Moderns") of England, constituted 1762.
19	Sat.	Foundation-stone of the Corn Exchange, Peebles, laid by Duke of Athole, (l) Grand Master Mason of Scotland, 1859.
20	Sun.	Dedication of New Masonic Hall at Hull, built by Rodney Lodge, 1800. Grand Lodge of Quebec constituted, 1869.
21	Mon.	Duke of Leinster, (m) G.M. of Ireland for over sixty years, born 1791.
22	Tues.	Close of the Masonic Congress at Wolfenbuttel, 1779.
23	Wed.	Bro. Wolley elected G.M. of the Grand Lodge all England, at York, 1792. [N.B.—This is the subject of the last minute of this Grand Lodge.]
24	Thur.	Dr. Désaguliers received as member of Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1., 1721.
25	Fri.	Circular issued by Lodge "Théodore au bon Conseil," Munich, protesting against the Elector of Bavaria's Edict against Freemasonry, 1784.
26	Sat.	Edict against Freemasonry by the Regency of Milan, 1814.
27	Sun.	Letters Patent issued by Count Clermont, Grand Master of France, to Stephen Morin, a Jew, granting him full powers as "Grand Inspector" in the New World, to constitute Lodges, &c., 1761.
28	Mon.	Foundation in Paris of the system of Philalèthes (Lovers of Truth), 1773. Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland formed and consecrated, 1817.
29	Tues.	Quorum of Committee or Council of Grand Orient of France fixed at fifteen as a minimum, 1780.
30	Wed.	Old Grand Lodge of France proclaims the new Grand Orient irregular, surreptitious, unlawful, 1773.
31	Thur.	Bro. Robert Morris, Masonic Author, and P.G.M. Kentucky, born 1818.

NOTES—continued.

(f) Boys' School, Wood Green.—Previous to this, the pupils of this Royal Masonic Institution had the cost of their education defrayed out of its funds, but were not housed, &c., as they have been in the majority of cases since the occurrence of this event.

(g) Frederick II. (the Great) of Prussia, was Crown Prince of Prussia at the time of his initiation, and, as the king, his father, was opposed to the Society, the ceremony was performed with the utmost secrecy. Brunswick being selected as being fair time, there was less chance of its reaching the ears of his suspicious parent. A deputation from the Lodge of Hamburg having been ordered to hold itself in readiness, the initiation took place during the night of August 14-15, his companion, Count Von Wartensleben, being subsequently received into the Order at the same meeting. On his return home, a lodge was secretly organised in his Castle of Rheinsberg. In 1740, when King, he wielded the Master's Gavel in the Castle of Charlottenburg; and in September of the same year was founded in Berlin at his instigation the Lodge of the Three Globes, which in 1744 was advanced to the dignity of a Grand Lodge. It is a coincidence worth noting that both Frederick the Great and the Emperor Francis, husband of the Empress Queen Maria Theresa, his great opponent in the wars of the Austrian Succession and seven years' wars, were both Freemasons, Francis, when Grand Duke of Lorraine, having been initiated into the Craft in 1731, at the Hague by a deputation of brethren from England. As to Frederick's alleged connection with the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and his authorization of its Statutes, a reference to Appendix H. of Findel's "History of Freemasonry" will serve to show that Frederick never had anything whatever to do with it.

(h) Scott, Sir Walter, the famous poet and novelist, born in 1771, died 1832, was a member of St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh.

(i) Ordre des Fendeurs, a very harmless Society of the androgynous kind. Its place of meeting was a "Chantier;" its president "Père Maître;" the members, male and female, "Cousins" and "Cousines;" and the candidate "briquet."

(k) Hanover proclaimed itself an independent Grand Lodge in 1828, with the late Duke of Cumberland, who, in 1837, became King of Hanover, as Grand Master. In 1867, after the annexation of the State to Prussia as a consequence of the Austro-Prussian War of the preceding year, it was dissolved by a Cabinet order; and the majority of its lodges joined the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, Berlin.

(l) George, Duke of Athole, (sixth holder of the title), was initiated in November 1841, in St. John's Lodge, Dunkeld, and on St. Andrews' Day of that year, was raised to the dais. Having held the office of Deputy Grand Master for two years, he was in 1843—being at the time Lord Glenlyon—chosen Grand Master in succession to the late Lord Frederick Fitzclarence, and retained office till his death in February, 1864.

(m) Duke of Leinster, born 1791, died 1874, was appointed Grand Master of Ireland in 1813, having been previously initiated into the Fraternity in Grand Master's Lodge, Dublin, and retained office till his death in 1874—a period of sixty-one years, and one that has been exceeded only by the late Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, Grand Master, 1816-82.

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