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ALL our readers, we apprehend, will have been rejoiced to hear of the early collapse of the Egyptian Mutiny, the arrest of its ringleaders, and the triumphant occupation of Cairo by Sir GARNET WOLSELEY and his gallant army. The almost startling rapidity with which the campaign so skilfully planned has been so successfully concluded speaks volumes for the skill of the commander, and the aptitude and devotion of the soldiers and sailors employed. The fighting qualities of the British army and navy, whatever prophets of ill may say, are clearly not on the decline, and now and in the future we may as in the past safely confide in them to achieve all that duty may demand, all that heroism and self-sacrifice entail. Some of us may be inclined to think perhaps, that now the main difficulties of the situation will arise, and that it might all be better left for settlement to the straightforward action of our army and fleet, than to the intrigues of politicians or the protocols of diplomatists.

THE “Tangerine” difficulty is still before us, and we have several letters and communications on the subject to consider and comment upon. It is, perhaps, one of the most complicated, and yet absurd episodes of Masonic manœuvring that have ever come under our notice; and as everything from the first has been done wrong; as everything is emphatically “meddle and muddle;” we always had no difficulty in predicating that such a state of things could not last, and must end in a “fiasco” or an “embroglio.” When we sit down seriously to master the facts, a sense of the ridiculous supervenes, though, really and truly, to a Freemason and Freemasonry, it is very “tragical mirth.” Both the one and the other must be greatly lowered in the opinion of the outside world by all that has taken place, by all that is going on still. Across the Straits, some little distance from Gibraltar, is the old town of Tangiers, (once English), and some Freemasons there wished to have a lodge. It is said that political considerations prevented the Freemasons applying through the D.G.M. of Gibraltar to the Grand Lodge of England, as some brethren wished to have a Spanish, some a French warrant. In this period of difficulty and doubt a “Deus ex machina” appeared in the person of Bro. PATTERSON, who obtained a lodge warrant from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and a special commission for himself. As regards Bro. PATTERSON, giving him credit for good intentions, he seems to have acted with singular indiscretion, and ignorance of Masonic law, custom, and “good form.” There is no dispute as to the abstract right of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to issue a warrant for a lodge in Morocco, unoccupied territory. How far it was reasonable to go to Manitoba for such a warrant is a question which we need not touch upon here. But a very serious question occurs, first as to Bro. PATTERSON’S position, by Masonic law generally, and, secondly, under his special warrant. If “GIB.” is well informed, (see correspondence), Bro. PATTERSON, according to English and American law, has no “locus standi;” and though it is quite clear that, while it was possible for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to grant Bro. PATTERSON a commission of D.G.M. in Morocco, assuming him to be qualified to act, it could not grant him *outside* of Manitoba the rank of D.G.M. And, assuming that Bro. PATTERSON was competent to act at all, he could not create a Territorial Grand Orient or Lodge, which it is averred he only did to consecrate the Lodge Al Moghreb Al Aksa, but which it is quite clear he could equally consecrate without any such organization. But still he did it, and here the matter stands. Whether Bro. PATTERSON, or the D.G.M. and G.S. of Manitoba are correct, Time alone can show; but, anyhow, it is as pretty a little quarrel as ever un-masonic feeling has encouraged, or as Masonic petulance has continued. We do not think that the English authorities in Gibraltar have acted either hastily or unfairly in the matter. Seeing their lawful jurisdiction invaded, they naturally protested, and they as naturally object to a hybrid creation at Tangiers, which appears to be now, “ipso facto” an illegal body. We are very sorry for our

worthy brethren in Tangiers. They seem to have meant well; they wished to carry on the peaceful, and humanizing, and beneficial work of Freemasonry, and they have taken, unfortunately for themselves, unsound advice, they have been misled by injudicious counsels, and their position in the matter, now, and for some time, must be one of great difficulty, requiring much caution and care to “bring the ship’s head round.” In America, and Canada, and Manitoba the action of Bro. PATTERSON seems universally given up and repudiated; and, indeed, it could not be otherwise, seeing, as we have always said, that in creating a Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Orient of Morocco, (call it what you will), Bro. PATTERSON set deliberately at nought the most cherished “canon” of Masonic law on the subject, as upheld alike in the United States and Canada. In Great Britain there has never been but one opinion on the subject, equally shared in by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

THERE is one point we would impress on some good friends of ours at Tangiers. Before you go a step further obtain the sanction of the authorities for your meeting, if you have not done so. No Anglo-Saxon Grand Lodge can properly grant a warrant for brethren to meet as a lodge *against* the wishes of the lawful rulers of the country. Obedience to law is a duty incumbent on all true Freemasons everywhere.

SOME facts relative to Scottish Masonry have been brought before us by the reviewer of a little serial elsewhere, which we think it well to mention here. It seems that in the district of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire there are now eighteen lodges, of which the highest initiation fee is £3 3s., the lowest £1 6s. 6d., and that the average initiation fee of the eighteen lodges is a little over £2 10s. The joining fees are very unequal for those joining from the province, the highest is £2 2s., the lowest 7s. 6d.; from outside the province, the highest is £2 4s. 6d., the lowest 7s. 6d. In four lodges, however, an exception is made for non-Scottish Masons, the highest amount being £2 10s., the lowest 18s. 6d. As regards annual subscriptions, three lodges have none; three lodges have 2s. 6d.; one lodge has 2s., and eleven have 1s. per annum. We apprehend that this one fact, which we believe is symptomatic of all the Scottish Masonic districts, more or less, constitutes a great mistake, and a greater weakness for Scottish Masonry, and forms the basis of that complement of Masonic mendicancy of which our brethren in Yorkshire and Lancashire have such good cause to complain, not only as a serious tax on their resources, but as a standing scandal and running sore for Freemasonry. There are so many worthy and zealous brethren in Scotland, and under the able and effective administration of Bro. D. M. LYON, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has so “picked up its crumbs” that we feel sure a little patience and precaution will initiate a reform in this respect, calculated to do good both to Scottish and English Freemasonry.

WE are glad to note that there is all probability of Bro. D. M. LYON, Grand Secretary in Scotland, becoming Grand Scribe E. of the Scottish Grand Chapter. It will be a proper concentration alike of the duties of the offices and the official responsibility, and will work well we feel persuaded, as with us, both for Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

A STATEMENT is made in the report of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at p. 338, on the authority of a Bro. N. H. GRIGGS, and which we presume refers to German Lodges in America, as to the introduction of a goat into the lodge ceremonial. At first we treated it as a joke, but seeing that it is deliberately printed under the head “Grand Lodge of Nebraska Report of Foreign Correspondence,” we feel constrained to call the attention of several good friends in America to the print. We cannot believe that any such ridiculous or degrading nonsense is permitted in any respectable lodge, and we shall be glad of a refutation of what we feel sure is a slander on our brethren in America. How it came to appear in a Grand Lodge report passes our comprehension. It will be seen that an allusion is made to the “American mode” and the “German mode.” It is needless to add that our only motive in calling attention to the matter is the credit of our Craft.

THE report of the Masonic Orphan School, Dublin, is a very interesting one. It has now thirty-six girls in the Orphanage, two having recently left, whom it has educated well and given a comfortable home to, and i

has assisted eleven others with outfits, &c. It has turned a balance to debit of £600 to a balance of credit of over £500, and has a considerable sum invested. The governing body is now building a new Orphanage, for which £13,000 has been promised, and £10,000 so far paid; and this useful and valuable Institution has a claim and interest for English as well as Irish Masons. Its annual expenditure is about £2000, and its annual income about £2000. The cost per head seems to be in gross £39 10s., and exclusive of office expenses, £37 15s. The average amount expended on former pupils in outfits, &c., was £23. It is calculated that for £30 per annum each all additional pupils can be accommodated, so that £1100 per annum more would enable the Institution to have its complement of seventy pupils. We wish this well-managed and useful and meritorious Institution all success and prosperity.

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ANOTHER Medium caught in the act of spirit representation! What more? What next? How far is credulity to go, on the one hand, or imposture on the other? This wise and cultivated age, which seems in many things to boast of the "credulity of the incredulous," appears to be alternating between abject "fetish," absurd fanaticism, and irrational scepticism.

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THE *Sydney Morning Herald*, of July 15th, notices Bro. HUGHAN'S exposure of the unmasonic tactics of the *Sydney Freemason*. But as it is useless to "slay" the "twice slain," we think it hardly worth while to prolong the discussion. We quite agree with Bro. Hughan's well merited rebuke of even only such "an insignificant" addition. We refer our readers to Bro. Higstrim's letter elsewhere.

REVIEW.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. By Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D. Thomas C. Jack, 45, Ludgate-hill, E.C. Second Notice.

The more we look into this work the more we realize its abstract worth and scientific reality. It deals lucidly and dispassionately with theories and statements which some have denied and others doubted. It is especially rich in its details referring to the Steinmetzen. Bro. Gould has given us the Strasburg Ordinances for the first time in English, and which deserve careful study, as the conclusions to which Bro. Gould has arrived seem to us to be fully warranted, both by the new facts anent the Steinmetzen he so clearly educes, and by the exhaustive manner in which he has touched upon their customs and ordinances, as well as those of synchronous operative bodies. Much that he has now collected is new to English Freemasons. Bro. Gould arrives at results which undoubtedly antagonize the German view of, and treatises on the Steinmetzen. It is surprising to us that those many acute writers in Germany, who have handled this subject, never seem to have realized the paradox they were propounding, and the dilemma for themselves which they had so laboriously established. If their theory was correct, as based on the Abbé Grandidier's facetious assumptions, (the "chaff" of this writer was never appreciated by our good friends in Germany), then the establishment of "The Freimaurer," (a new name), in Germany, under English warrants or Scottish ritual was altogether needless. In England, it will be remembered, the lodges met in 1717, (whatever their actual numbers), and re-established, if their statements be correct, a Grand Lodge, and the Quarterly Communications of an alleged Grand Assembly. The earliest members of the Revival were many of them confessedly of the trade of Masonry, and whatever may have been the true character of seventeenth century Freemasonry, there is no new departure positively in 1717, and such as Freemasonry was before 1717, such it seems to be after. We admit readily that we are still very much in a haze as to seventeenth century Freemasonry. The evidence, such as it is, seems to point in 1646, in 1682, and, according to Dr. Plot, to an Order, partly operative, partly speculative; and the Sloane MS., if it be of seventeenth century verbiage, as, with Dr. Plot, points to Operative Masonry also as part and parcel of the system. Whatever future researches may establish, one thing is already clear, that the position of England and Germany, as regards these Craft Gilds, "Steinmetzen," &c., is essentially different. If the common German theory be true, elaborated by Fallou, Heldmann, and Winzer, and others, and accepted by Findel, the Steinmetzen had a ritual of Benedictine arrangement, very similar to that of Speculative Freemasonry; but of this important reality, if real, no evidence, except assertion, has, so far, been made available. And the known historical facts of the case emphatically contradict any such view of the matter. The Steinmetzen Hutten existed in Germany, as Kloss tells us, up to 1770, and some say even later; the Freimaurer began existence from about 1730 (in round numbers). There is no evidence of any mutual recognition or common nature or work. The Freimaurer lodges are purely speculative, the Steinmetzen Hutten purely operative; and, indeed, German Masonry developed, as we know, into a society of the cultivated classes, culminating in the High Grades, into some of which none but "gentlemen" could be admitted. Hence, it seems to us that the general idea, that modern German Freemasonry hailed from the Steinmetzen, must be abandoned. Bro. Gould shows conclusively that it is doubtful whether they had, like us, a "secreta receptio," or "secreta," or "aporreta more Masonico;" and, if so, we must abandon suppositious coincidences, and that far too general system of hasty and inaccurate induction, and unverified and repetitive assertions. Our remarks on this interesting topic have already extended to such a length that, for fear of trying the patience of our readers, we stop here to-day.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held at the Market Hall, Northwich, on the 6th inst., under the banner of the Lodge of Sincerity No. 428. The Northwich brethren had made great preparations for the event, the Market Hall itself and the principal streets of the otherwise dingy looking town, shewing evidence of many weeks work in the matter of decorations, which were certainly most effective, and elicited many expressions of admiration from the brethren assembled. It must have been, therefore, a source of considerable disappointment to the Northwich brethren, as indeed it was to the three or four hundred Masons present, when it became known, shortly before the hour fixed for opening Provincial Grand Lodge, that the worthy and much-loved chief of the

Province, Bro. Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., was stricken by illness, and unable to attend the meeting. It appears that his lordship had been staying at Scarborough, and had returned to Tabley with the view of taking his accustomed place in the Provincial Grand Lodge at Northwich. On the eve however of the meeting, his Lordship was seized with a slight attack of paralysis which prostrated him, and rendered his attendance at the meeting quite out of the question. We are happy to be able to state that his Lordship's health is improving, slowly but perceptibly, and that his London physician, who has visited him at Tabley, gives good hopes of his recovery.

In the natural course of things, his lordship's place in the Prov. Grand Lodge would have been occupied by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., but he was away from home, engaged at the Preston Guild. It therefore devolved upon the Prov. Grand Senior Warden, Bro. George W. Latham, who was hastily summoned by his Lordship to Tabley, and who came direct from his Lordship to the meeting, to conduct the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and under the circumstances right well did he acquit himself.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at one p.m., Bro. G. W. Latham, P.G.S.W., occupying the throne, Bros. H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. England, and P.P.G.J.W., as Deputy P.G.M.; C. Dutton, P.P.G.S.W., as P.G.S.W.; J. H. Bellyse, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. W. N. Tanner, P.P.G. Chap., as P.G. Chaplain; F. Jackson, jun., P.G. Treas.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; T. Lockett, P.G.S.D.; R. Wood, P.G.J.D.; H. Finch, P.G.D.C.; J. Siddeley, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Dutton, P.G.S.B.; H. Collier, P.G. Org.; J. H. Hartley, P.G. Purs.; W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler; and Bro. C. H. Hordern, P.G. Steward.

Of Past Provincial Grand Officers there were upwards of forty present on the dais, including several visitors, whilst the body of the hall was occupied by the Masters, Past Masters, officers, and other representatives of—as the roll-call showed—all the thirty-nine lodges within the province.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the ACTING GRAND MASTER at once proceeded to address the brethren. He alluded to the sorrowful circumstances under which they had met, and to his own utter incompetence to fill the place of their absent Prov. Grand Master. He had, however, brought to them from Bro. Lord de Tabley, whom he had been with that morning, a message, and that was to give his lordship's fraternal love to the brethren in Prov. Grand Lodge, and to say how deeply disappointed and grieved he was not to be able to meet his brethren of the province that day. Bro. LATHOM then proceeded to touch upon several matters connected with the business of the province, which his lordship had desired him to mention, and concluded a most effective and touching address by reviewing the work of the province during the past twelve months, which had been one of the busiest the province had experienced; and, as regards charitable effort, in which the Prov. Grand Master was so deeply interested, as successful as anyone could wish.

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer were passed, and on the motion of the Acting Prov. Grand Master, Bro. FERDINANDO JACKSON, jun., was re-elected to the office.

The following motions, which were down on the agenda—the first in the name of Bro. Lord De Tabley, and the second in the name of Bro. G. W. Latham, P.G.S.W.—were severally proposed from the throne, and carried unanimously:

1. That this Prov. Grand Lodge fully recognises the importance of maintaining the Fund of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge without trenching on its capital, and is, therefore, willing to assist the Fund by recommending the payment of ninepence per quarter from each member of the lodges in the province.

2. Alteration in Page 11 of the Prov. Grand Lodge bye-laws, so as to read as follows:

The accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer shall be audited by a Committee of three W. Masters or Past W. Masters of lodges in the province, who shall examine the accounts of each lodge at a meeting to be held before the end of July, the time and place of which meeting shall be fixed and called by the Prov. Grand Treasurer. And, after the audit, the Committee shall transmit the accounts, with such observations as they may feel it necessary to make to the Prov. Grand Secretary, who shall circulate the same among the members of the Prov. Grand Lodge, with the notice convening the annual Prov. Grand Lodge; and at such Prov. Grand Lodge the accounts, as audited, shall be presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer for approval.

On the motion of the ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by Bro. DUTTON, acting P.G.S.W., the following brethren were appointed as the Committee for auditing the Prov. Grand Lodge accounts in July, 1883: Bros. Dr. R. Beales, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Finch, P.G.D.C.; and J. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B.

Charity jewel bars were presented to Bros. J. P. Platt, W. Marquis, W. Milner, and E. G. Parker.

The Acting Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to nominate and invest the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P. 321. and 941 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" Lieut. Col. George A. Fernley, J.P. 321 and 1140	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" William Marquis, 537	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Richard Hodgson, 1045 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. Edward Octavius Rawson, 941	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Ferdinando Jackson, jun., 295 and 321 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Cullimore, 321 and 425	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Edward Hounsum Griffiths, 293 and 321 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Francis Lee Bolton, 1289	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Robert Nendich Banks, 425 and 428	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Walter Milner, 537	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Herbert Finch, 104 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Edmund Johnson, 104 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" Thomas Emmott Skidmore, 428	...	...	Prov. G. Sw. Br.
" Henry Collier, 104 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Eustace George Parker, 1045 and 1565	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
" William Candelet Fleming, 323 and 1957 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Thomas Moore, 428, George Thomas Joynson, 428, James Ernest Fletcher, 428, John Henry Edwards, 428, Thomas Ward, 428, James Newell, 428	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

After some other unimportant business the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren formed in procession and attended divine service at Wilton church where a sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. E. O. Rawson, the newly appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, and a collection was made in aid of the Northwich Dispensary and the Provincial Fund of Benevolence.

A banquet followed in the other portion of the Market Hall on the return of the brethren from church, Bro. Latham presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

We have more than once had occasion to note the progress made by Freemasonry in this province, under the excellent rule of its Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P. For the last few years all its operations have been marked by a zeal and earnestness which has lifted this province from comparative obscurity to a rank amongst the foremost. The aid which Worcestershire, with its eleven lodges, has given the Masonic Charities during the past four years is a stirring evidence of the life and interest which can be aroused when the effort is made and encouragement given.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Dudley, under the banner of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 498, and a most successful and enjoyable re-union was the result, the whole proceedings of the day being marked by a completeness and accord most gratifying to those who had the pleasure of participating.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master opened his Grand Lodge at the Public Hall, being supported by Bros. W. K. R. Bedford, Past Grand Chaplain; Baron de Ferrieres, P.P.G.R. Gloster; Chas. Fendelow, P.P.G.W. Staffordshire; Rev. W. Randall, Past P.G. Chap. Warwickshire; Loxdale Warren, P.P.G.R. Stafford; J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and other visitors, with a very large number of Present and Past Grand Officers of Worcestershire and neighbouring provinces.

After the customary honours, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Stourbridge, were read and confirmed. Numerous letters had been received, expressing great regret at inability to be present, amongst others from Bros. the R.W. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire; Colonel Machen, D. Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; Colonel Foster Gough, D.P.G.M. Stafford; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Major Tudor, R.W.P.G.M. Stafford; J. M. P. Montagu, D.P. G.M. Dorset; Capt. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouth; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; Hugh D. Sandeman, F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.; and amongst others from the P. Prov. Grand Masters of the Province, R.W. Bro. A. H. Royds and R.W. Bro. H. C. Vernon.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, before proceeding to the other business of the day, appointed and invested Bro. George Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., as Prov. Grand Secretary. Having pointed out how much he, with all the members of Prov. Grand Lodge, were indebted to Bro. Taylor for having so efficiently performed the duties of the office since the lamented death of the late Secretary, Bro. W. Bristow, the Prov. Grand Master expressed his satisfaction that Bro. Taylor had consented to make those services of a permanent character; and he was sure that satisfaction was shared by every Mason in Worcestershire.

Business arising out of the minutes was then disposed of—one item, consisting of a report on the administration of the "Bristow Testimonial Fund," which had been raised in honour of the late Prov. Grand Secretary, a sum of £531 17s. 6d. had been subscribed, and had been invested, on behalf of Bro. Bristow's children.

The muster roll having been called, it was found that all the lodges in the province were numerously represented.

The Auditors' report showed a balance in hand on the Benevolent Fund of £33 13s. 10d., and on the General Purposes account of £22 3s. 6d. The same was adopted, and Bro. Albert Brown, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Treasurer, who, to the great regret of those present, was prevented by illness from attendance, was re-elected Treasurer. The report on the state of Masonry in the province showed an increase of eighteen members during the past year.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in moving the adoption of this report, took occasion to make further reference to some of its gratifying features. He was pleased to see that, spite of commercial adversity, the returns showed an increase, rather than diminution, of numbers; but he was also pleased to note the financial position of the lodges appeared satisfactory. The number of ceremonies worked, and the fact that nearly every W.M. had installed his successor, was evidence of healthy active life. He (the Prov. Grand Master) had noticed that upwards of thirty installed Masters had attended a recent installation at one of the lodges, and it was a source of pride and pleasure to him to find two lodges at Kidderminster—Hope and Charity, 377, and the Lechmere, 1874—joining in a most Masonic and suitable act of presenting to their Parish Church a set of carillons. Nearly three hundred pounds had been contributed by the members of these lodges, and the chimes were now being erected—a lasting monument to Masonic zeal and generosity in that town.

The operations of the Benevolent Fund Committee for the past year having been approved, and three members duly elected, Bro. GEO. TAYLOR, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the following:

REPORT OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee present their third annual report with every feeling of satisfaction at the progressive character of their work, which continues to receive the hearty co-operation of the brethren of the province. Each element of the Charity scheme, formed a little more than three years ago, is marked by gratifying results, and the aims and objects of the organization are becoming more widely familiar to the brethren of the province, as will be proved by the following facts and figures:

At last October elections, immediately following the last annual report, your Committee received all the Girls' and Boys' votes in the province except seventy-four; the loss of forty of this number was occasioned by a mistake, through the absence abroad of Bro. W. J. Turney, and twenty-six belonged to persons not attached to any lodge in the province.

At the April elections of the present year, your Committee received all except thirty-four votes, of these twenty-two belonged to persons not attached, and hence brethren of the province gave their votes elsewhere to the extent of eight votes only in October, and twelve in April. This manifests a loyal co-operation on their part, which proves a great aid to the objects aimed at. A complete register is kept of every vote received, in the name of the sender, and your Committee have only to regret the almost continuous absence of one lodge from that list.

The Secretary to your Committee received in October 171 Girls' votes, which were loaned to South Wales (E. Division). In April 221 Girls' votes, which were lost, as, in consequence of the candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies, there was no election in April, and they could not be loaned. This unusual circumstance of no election has been the cause of a rather unpleasant incident in connection with one of your loans—that of 309 Girls' votes—the loan of which was continued, but the contracting party afterwards tendered payment; votes, however, then being waste paper, they were declined. Your Committee think it well to enter into no further particulars on this matter at present, nor to give the name of the province, as correspondence is still going on, and they have made an offer to submit the question to arbitration. It is hoped this will be agreed to, and, whatever the result may be, your Committee will embody in their next report.

In Boys' votes, 225 were received in October, and loaned to Wiltshire; 278 Boys' votes were received in April, when your Province had a candidate for the Boys' School,

Francis William Lewis. The Secretary of your Committee, who attended the election, was able, by drawing in loans of Boys' votes, together with aid rendered by the friends of the candidate, to poll no less than 2250 votes, and secure the election of your candidate ninth on the list of the successful fifteen. To accomplish this only 171 votes were borrowed of Wiltshire.

The magnitude of these figures will show the brethren the result of unity and the necessity for every possible vote being brought into one channel.

Your Committee have pleasure in stating that the following votes are still owing the province: 350 Girls' by Wiltshire, 175 by Lincolnshire, 171 by Eastern Division South Wales; 313 Boys' by London Charity Association, 29 by a London brother. Deducting 171 Boys' votes owing to Wiltshire, it leaves a balance of 867 votes, or, including the 309 in dispute, 1176 votes.

Your Committee have adopted Beatrice Emily Knott, daughter of the late Bro. Henry Nicholls Knott, of Worcester Lodge, 280, as a candidate for the October election of the Girls' School, and have every confidence in anticipating her safe return. There will then be in the Masonic Schools from this province two girls and three boys, all elected since the formation of your organization; 34 Girls' and Boys' votes have been lost to the province by the lamented death of Bro. Bristow.

Coming to the other Institution, that for the relief of Aged Freemasons and Widows, at the annual issue of votes last May, the Secretary of your Committee received 233 Widows' votes and 152 Men's votes—the latter were exchanged for 94 Widows' votes—making a total of 327. All these votes were not of the province, which is particularly weak in Benevolent votes, but a large number were obtained through the kind assistance of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, Bro. E. J. McIntyre, M.P., Bro. A. F. Godson, and Bro. W. Clement Green, to whom the best thanks of your Committee are due.

Your Committee were most anxious to secure the election of your candidate, Widow Caswell; but your Secretary, who attended the election, found it impossible, with sixty-three candidates and only thirteen vacancies. He, therefore, threw in his lot with Monmouthshire, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Bristol, and Somersetshire, who owe your province 484 Widows' votes and 191 Men's votes, and stand pledged to assist in endeavouring to secure Widow Caswell's election next May. She has received temporary assistance by two grants of £5 each from the Fund of Benevolence of Prov. Grand Lodge, and is again in great need.

The financial aid from this province to the charities which so greatly contributes to the foregoing results, continues eminently satisfactory. The guinea subscriptions to the ballot scheme, which amounted to thirty guineas in 1880 and increased to ninety-five guineas in 1881, reached in April 1882, 120 guineas, and was made up of 12 subscribers from Lodge No. 252, 19 from 280, 11 from 377, 3 from 498, 21 from 529, 6 from 560, 4 from 564, 6 from 573, nil from 1097, 22 from 1204, 11 from 1874, and from the P.G.M. and P.P.G.M. Vernon; Life Subscriptions of £5 5s. each going to 2 members of No. 252, 4 of 280, 2 of 377, 4 of 529, 2 of 560, 1 of 573, 6 of 1204, 2 of 1874, and to the Prov. Grand Master.

This sum of 120 guineas has been supplemented by the efforts of the following Stewards from this province, Bros. W. Barkley, H. F. Dale, G. H. Williamson, and G. W. Grosvenor to the Benevolent Institution; Bro. J. F. Roberts, to the Girls' Institution; and Bros. W. Barkley, H. F. Dale, G. H. Williamson, W. J. Turney, and Geo. Taylor to the Boys' Institution, with such good effect as to contribute £389 11s. from Worcestershire during this year to the Three Masonic Charities, and completes a total for the past four years of £1671 12s.

In view of the services rendered by the above mentioned brethren and all who serve the province in a similar manner hereafter, and to mark the approbation of their brethren, it is recommended by your Committee, that the Charity jewel shall now and in the future be presented by and in Prov. Grand Lodge to all those brethren who by Stewardships shall render themselves eligible to wear it, and clasps to all those who serve further Stewardships. The expenses of your Committee for the past year amount to £13 7s. 4d.

This report having been received and adopted,

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER rose to propose the re-election of Bro. Geo. Taylor as Charity Secretary. He referred in terms of high praise to the exertions put forth by Bro. Taylor in the formation of the Charity Organisation, and the wonderful progress it had made under his direction. Bro. Taylor had made the Masonic Charities a special subject, for his energies and his name would ever be identified with them in conjunction with Worcestershire. Whilst fearing to impose an undue amount of work upon the shoulders of one, he felt that no one could, at all events at present, be found to take Bro. Taylor's place, and they must still further become his debtors by again seeking his assistance.

This motion was seconded by Bro. A. F. Godson, P.P.S.G.W., who gave his own experience of some of Bro. Taylor's labours, and carried unanimously.

The following brethren were then presented by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge, with the charity jewel: Bros. W. Barkley, H. F. Dale, G. H. Williamson, and G. W. Grosvenor; and Bro. G. Taylor a clasp, for last Boys' Stewardship.

The notice of motion brought before Grand Lodge by Bro. Clabon for an increase of dues was then considered.

Bro. TAYLOR, Prov. Grand Secretary, moved—

That this increase is very undesirable, and this Prov. Grand Lodge hopes that such proposition will be negated on its being brought before Grand Lodge.

It appeared to him this motion was brought forward to permit of larger and more extended grants being made by the Board of Benevolence, and this he deprecated. No doubt, every care was exercised in dispensing this fund, but, considering the number and amount of the sums voted away, it was time to pause before further pledging the Craft to what may assume the shape of a gigantic benefit system, which Freemasonry was never designed to establish. In addition to Grand Lodge dues, provincial brethren subscribed to Funds of Benevolence in connection with their own Grand Lodges, which possibly was not widely known by London brethren.

The proposition was received with unanimous approval, and duly seconded and carried.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, said he had now a most pleasing duty to perform, and at the same time one mixed with deep regret. The latter was well understood when it referred to the resignation of one so highly, so deservedly revered as their venerable friend, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Wm. Masfield. At the ripe age of eighty-two he felt it incumbent upon him to retire from his official position, a position they all knew how well and how honourably he had filled. It had been to all of them a source of great gratification to find Bro. Masfield's services in the cause of Masonry recognized by the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the last appointment of Grand Officers, when Bro. Masfield was chosen Grand Standard Bearer. The brethren of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcestershire had taken the advantage of the occasion to present Bro. Masfield with a suit of Grand Lodge clothing, and with the hope that he would yet live many years to wear their gift. The Prov. Grand Master moved the following resolution, which he would read from the vellum upon which it was engrossed.

ANTIENT AND HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

The brethren of the Province of Worcestershire here assembled in Prov. Grand Lodge, desire to express their fraternal and loving regard for their venerable and esteemed Bro. William Masfield on his retirement from the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and to assure him of their sincere regret that age and infirmity should compel his resignation of that office at the end of forty years active devotion to the cause of Masonry.

The brethren of the province view with delight the recognition of Bro. Masfield's labours by the M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, by his promotion to the office of Grand Standard Bearer; and, as some slight token of their satisfaction and never-failing remembrance of his name and good works, they beg Bro. Masfield's acceptance of the accompanying suit of Grand Lodge clothing, with the earnest hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased to grant him many years of health, strength, and usefulness before he is summoned from his labours here below to rest in the eternal happiness of the Grand Lodge above.

Signed on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

EDMUND A. H. LECHMERE,
Prov. Grand Master.

Dudley, September 13th, 1882.

This resolution was passed with acclamation.

The clothing was of most beautiful manufacture, and enclosed in a box, bearing the following inscription: "Presented by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire to Bro. William Masfield, Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master Worcestershire, Grand Standard Bearer England."

Bro. MASEFIELD was too deeply moved to say more than express his heartfelt thanks for the kindness of heart shown him that day, and during all his Masonic life spent in their midst.

Bro. Augustus Frederick Godson, who is so generally and widely known in the Masonic world as to need no description at our hands, had been nominated by the Prov. Grand Master as his Deputy, in the place of Bro. Masfield, and the patent of appointment having been read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, he was conducted by the Prov. Grand Deacons to the front of the pedestal, and duly obligated by the Prov. Grand Master. Having been invested he was proclaimed and saluted, the appointment being most popular and pleasing to the brethren.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the rest of his Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

Bro. C. F. Pidcock, 280	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. W. Grosvenor, 1874	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. B. Wilson, M.A., 280	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Albert Brown, 1204	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. E. Bloomer, 573	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" George Taylor, 377, 560, 1874	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. J. Westbury, 529	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" E. R. Hartley, 252	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" G. H. Williamson, 529	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Comber, 377	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. F. Higgs, 252	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" F. G. Underwood, 1204	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Haynes, 1204	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Corbett, 498	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. Pearson, 573	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" R. Stevenson, 252; G. Owen, 252; Jas. Warham, 252; Jno. Jordan, 498; Geo. Scriven, 498; and C. G. Harrison, 498	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

The Provincial Grand Master having received an invitation from the W.M. and brethren of the Royd's Lodge, No. 1204, appointed to hold his next Provincial Grand Lodge at Malvern.

It was decided to devote the collection to be made at church to the aid of the Schools of St. Luke's Church and Guest's Hospital, in equal amounts.

The good wishes of the visitors on behalf of their respective provinces having been tendered, Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed.

The brethren formed in procession, and proceeded to St. Luke's Church, where an eloquent sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. B. Wilson, M.A.

The collection amounted to £11 17s. The four lewises who carried the volume of the Sacred Law in the procession were, R. L. Green, A. J. L. Stokes, E. P. Turner, and H. H. Warmington. They were afterwards each presented with a copy of that great light in Masonry by the Provincial Grand Master.

The procession returned from church to the Dudley Arms Hotel, where a most enjoyable banquet was served, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., supported by his visitors and officers.

The length of our report of the protracted but most interesting proceedings of the day will not permit of a reproduction of the many excellent speeches made during the evening; we should, however, notice that Worcestershire was too well-known, and not too far removed, to be without the genial presence of a representative from the central Charities. Bro. Binckes, who, we hear, has for years past attended these annual gatherings in Worcestershire, was, unfortunately, still too ill to travel, but his place was ably filled by Bro. John Mason, from the office of the Benevolent Institution, and so well did that brother argue the claims of his Institution, and plead the sacred cause, that we believe the Institution will be well repaid for his advocacy at Dudley, several Stewards having promised their services. The other Institutions, too, were not forgotten in Bro. Mason's appeal.

The proceedings terminated in time for the brethren to depart by their respective trains, all well satisfied with one more happy gathering.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President; and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., occupied the chairs of President, Senior Vice-President, and Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were—

Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, William Dodd, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; G. P. Britten, P.M. 163; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; William Stephens, P.M.; J. H. Matthews, P.M. 143; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; John O. Carter, P.M. 209; R. W. Percy, W.M. 1227; T. W. Knight, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, P.M. 615; C. W. De Bernardy, P.M. 471; Richard Croydon, P.M. 254; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 1351; E. Bowyer, W.M. 1964; Frederick Drummond, P.M. 217; C. A. Woods, W.M. 145; W. Denison, W.M. 1541; J. J. Nelson, W.M. 1902; Frederick Davison, P.M. 10 and 706; John Roberts, W.M. 65; German Fehrenbach, P.M. and Treasurer 382; William Groves, P.M. 740; A. Nicols, W.M. 874; J. J. Limebeer, P.M. 1446; S. George, P.M. 813; C. W. Peters, W.M. 507; W. T. Darnell, W.M. 1679; W. G. Lemon, W.M. 1601; F. W. Koch, P.M. 820; John Coe, P.M. 1339; Thos. Cross, W.M. 1194; J. Mason, P.M. 1567; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928 (Freemason).

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the amount of £285. The new list contained twenty-one cases only; of these three were deierred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with grants to the amount of £570, viz.: one grant of £100 (£100); three of £50 (£150); two of £40 (£80); two of £30 (£60); three of £25 (£75); three of £20 (£60); one of £15 (£15); and three of £10 (£30). The lodge sat three hours.

CONSECRATION OF THE HADRIAN LODGE, No. 1970, AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

The ceremony of consecrating another addition to the roll of English Craft lodges was performed with imposing effect, as well as complete success, on the 15th inst., by the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry, Kt. St. Patrick, &c., Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham, as the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province of Durham. The formation of a new lodge in South Shields had long been felt to be a necessity, owing to the largeness of the member roll of the St. Hilda Lodge, 240, the only other lodge in the borough; and when, a few months ago, the advisability of forming a new lodge was mooted, the question was taken up with such cordiality that the necessary formularies were speedily gone through. The recommendation of the Worshipful Master (Bro. G. S. Shotton), his Wardens (Bros. J. H. Thompson and Thos. Binks), and the brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge was obtained to the prayer of the petitioners for the new lodge. The Hadrian Lodge, it was decided, should meet in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, which, in view of the consecration, was thoroughly cleansed and redecored; and, when the lodge-room was set out with the new furniture of the Hadrian Lodge, it presented a striking and tasteful effect.

It may be here mentioned that most of the furniture and moveable jewels were presented by the officers and members of the new lodge. Bro. Thomas Coulson, P.M., P.G.J.D., as W.M. designate, gave the Bible, square, and compasses; Bro. Thos. Potter, P.M. 240, the cable tows; Bro. Wm. Davison, the poinard; Bro. Walter Ross, two cushions; Bro. Michael Wheatley, the chest, Deacons' wands, two squares, levels, plumb rules, and five gavels; Bro. J. H. Morton, P.M., 240, and Bro. Dr. Dalziel, the silk banner; Bro. Joseph Robertson, P.M. 240, the working tools for the Three Degrees; Bro. J. H. Thompson, S.W. 240, three mahogany columns; Bro. Thos. Tynemouth, silver salver; Bro. Henderson, two mahogany desks; Bro. Dr. Bootiman, sword for Tyler; Bro. J. Heppell, the engrossed book and bye-laws, handsomely bound; and Bro. George Wilson, Organist 240, the W.M.'s Bible. The Bibles, silver square, and compass, and the beautiful banner, were obtained from the establishment of Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain, London, who also supplied the collars and jewels for the officers. The banner contained a well-executed head of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, who, it is stated, during his generalship in the Roman army, held a station at the Lave, South Shields, hence the name assumed by the new lodge. The representation of the Emperor is surrounded by the words "Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970," in bold characters, the whole being in gold, upon dark-blue silk. Just prior to the consecration, Bro. Thos. Coulson, P.M. 240, to whose indefatigable exertions the new lodge may be said to owe its existence, received from a well-wisher a Hadrian penny piece, in a beautiful state of preservation. This interesting coin it is intended to frame and suspend from the banner.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form by Bro. E. D. Davis, P.P.S.G.W. Durham, P.G.D. of C. Northumberland, acting D.P.G.M., assisted by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. J. W. Cameron, P.S. G.W.; J. McCulloch, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. J. Brown, P.G. Chap.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; Thomas Bradley, Asst. P.G. Sec.; Alexander Iley, P.S.G.D.; T. G. Mabane, acting P.J.G.W.; G. Greenwell, P.G.D. of C.; D. Sinclair, Asst. P.G.D.C.; Malcolm, acting P.G.S.B.; Geo. Porteous, acting P.G. Org.; I. Sinclair, P.G.P.; and Bro. John Thompson, Tyler.

There was also a large attendance of other brethren, amongst whom were Bros. W. M. Bell, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Northumberland; T. Y. Strachan, P.P.G.R. Northumberland; Geo. Lawson, P.P.G.S.B.; Geo. Hardy, P.M. 1643; J. G. Smith, W.M. 48; W. Gray, W.M. 1334; H. Golder, W.M. 1119; A. McDougall, I.P.M. 1119; John Hinde, P.P.S.G.D.; John Stockoe, P.P.G.S.D. Northumberland, P.P.G. J.W. Durham; Jos. Robertson, P.P.G.P.; J. H. Morton, P.M. 240; Thos. Potter, P.M. 240; G. J. Place, P.M. 431.

The lodge having been raised, the brethren received the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry, with the usual honours, and the marquis then proceeded to perform the consecration according to the ceremonial provided, the solemn prayers and addresses being impressively given by the Rev. J. J. Brown, Prov. G. Chap. The music incidental to the ceremony was very ably rendered by Bros. Geo. Porteous, acting Prov. G. Org.; E. J. Gibbon, P.M. 541, P.P.G.O. Northumberland; G. J. Leatham, 124; J. G. Smith, W.M. 48; J. W. Woolner, 240; and Thomas Lumley, 240.

The lodge having been consecrated, the first W.M.—Bro. Thomas Coulson, P.J.G.W.—was presented to the Prov. Grand Master, as were also the petitioners, Bros. G. S. Shotton, W.M.; J. J. Athey, P.M.; T. Potter, P.M.; T. G. Mabane, P.M., and P.P.G.R.; J. H. Morton, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, S.W.; and Wm. Davison. Bro. Thos. Coulson, W.M. designate of the new lodge, was installed into the chair of K.S., by Bro. E. D. Davis, acting Deputy P.G.M., as the first W.M. of the Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Thos. Potter, I.P.M.; J. J. Athey, P.M., S.W.; Wm. Davidson, J.W.; J. H. Morton, P.M., Treas.; J. Robertson, P.M., D. of C.; J. Heppell, Sec.; Walter Ross, S.D.; M. I. Wheatley, J.D.; J. R. Walker, jun., I.G.; Colin Wawn and Wm. Dalziel, Stewards; and John Brown, Tyler. Several new members to join the new lodge were proposed, and the business of the day was concluded by the W.M. being congratulated by the representatives of the various visiting lodges, one being from Philadelphia, in America.

Afterwards the banquet was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, when nearly one hundred brethren sat down to a first-class repast, comprising all the delicacies of the season, and which was served in excellent order by the host, Bro. Lauderdale. The chair was occupied by Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, who was supported on his left by Bro. Thos. Coulson, W.M. of the Hadrian, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. J. J. Athey, S.W.

The cloth having been removed, the noble CHAIRMAN gave "The Queen and the Craft" which was drank with enthusiasm. The noble Chairman next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and the

Officers of Grand Lodge," and in doing so said he need not tell them how well His Royal Highness and his officers discharged their duties, as the facts was so well known to every brother in the Craft. (Cheers.)

Bro. T. G. MABANE, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., then in eloquent and appropriate terms proposed "The Health of the noble Chairman." He said the appointment of the Marquis of Londonderry to the important office of Provincial Grand Master of so large and important a province as that of Durham, was hailed with pride and unqualified delight by every brother. They were proud to be connected with so illustrious a name, and they were delighted to hail as their Grand Master one whose kindness of heart, charity, and general urbanity of character were so well known. (Cheers.) Since his appointment their noble Chairman had shown a devoted zeal to Freemasonry and an anxious desire to promote its success, which more than justified the high expectations which the Craft had entertained of his lordship. (Cheers.) He need not say the brethren in South Shields were that day proud to have his lordship amongst them, and they heartily thanked them for the trouble he had taken to come and consecrate the Hadrian Lodge. (Great cheering.) He gave the toast of "The most noble the Marquis of Londonderry, Provincial Grand Master, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge." The toast was received with loud and prolonged cheering.

The noble CHAIRMAN, on rising, was received with great enthusiasm. He said he found it difficult to thank them for the kindly and enthusiastic way in which they had received him. It had been to him a source of great pleasure to come amongst them to consecrate their new lodge. (Applause.) It was invariably the rule with Freemasons to hold their celebrations in times of profound peace, but it had been their lot to consecrate the Hadrian Lodge on the actual day when one of the most extraordinary successes ever known had been won by the British Army. (Great cheering.) With reference to what had been said respecting his devotion to the cause of Freemasonry, he could only say that he had yet much to learn before he could hope to approach the perfection of his respected and honoured predecessor—Bro. John Fawcett. ("No, no," and cheers.) He could, however, assure them that ever since he had the honour to be appointed Provincial Grand Master it had been his most earnest wish, as it was always his pride, to promote the success of Freemasonry in general, and the success and happiness of the lodges in the Province of Durham in particular. (Loud applause.)

Bro. CAMERON, P.S.G.W., gave "Lord Percy, Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, and his Officers," which was cordially received.

Bro. E. D. DAVIS, P.G.D. of C., responded, and referred to the great cordiality always existing between the officers and brethren of the two provinces. Before sitting down, he proposed "Health and Happiness to her Grace the Marchioness of Londonderry and the Members of the Family." (Cheers.)

The noble CHAIRMAN responded in a felicitous speech.

The noble CHAIRMAN then, in a neat speech, proposed "Health, Success, and Prosperity to the Hadrian Lodge." (Applause.) It was very gratifying to him to find that Freemasonry should be on the increase in the province, and from what he had seen that day he was certain that the Hadrian Lodge would increase in prosperity and in wisdom. That it should do so was his most anxious wish. (Loud applause.) With the toast he coupled the name of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Coulson. (Cheers.)

Bro. THOS. COULSON, W.M., &c., who was received with loud applause, said he could only thank them in few words for the honour they had done him. He could assure their noble Chairman that so long as the Hadrian Lodge was under his care every thing would be carried out in strict accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and in accordance with the ancient customs and landmarks of the Order. From what he knew of his officers, he felt confident that every endeavour would be made to maintain unsullied the honour and prestige of the Craft in the Hadrian Lodge.

"The Health of Bro. Hudson" was proposed and received with great cordiality.

Bro. HUDSON, in responding, congratulated the brethren of the Hadrian on the smooth and harmonious way in which everything had gone off. The proceedings throughout had been a complete success, and he trusted it was but an augury for their future prosperity and the goodwill which would always reign amongst them. (Applause.)

At this stage of the proceedings the Prov. Grand Master was obliged to leave, and the chair was then assumed by Bro. Thomas Coulson; when other toasts followed, enlivened by excellent glees, songs, &c., ably given by the brethren who kindly officiated at the consecration.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

In the balloting papers which have just been issued for the election of this Institution, on the 16th October, there are some omissions which may, perhaps, injuriously affect the cases of individual candidates. In the list of boys who will be removed from the list after next election there are five names, viz., W. Vincent Beilby Jones, Henry Arthur Eccleston, Geoffrey Stuart Jones, George Potter, and Richard Eardley Searle. But to this list two other names should be added, those of Thomas Moreton Nicholas (No. 21 on the list), and Charles Patrick O'Doherty (No. 30). These boys will have attained the age of eleven before the April election, and consequently cannot compete.

There are also two names withdrawn—No. 10, Reginald Augustus Lowder Hill, whose friends are fortunately in better circumstances than on the four former occasions he stood for election; and No. 43, Walter Ralph Worthington, who, since his former candidature, last April, has died.

The list now stands at sixty candidates and twelve vacancies.

FREEMASONRY AND MORMONISM.

The following letter, written by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, sets forth wisely and explicitly the relation of the Craft to Mormonism:

"Office of the Grand Secretary of Utah.

"Salt Lake City, May 10th, A.D. 1882.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"To avoid further misunderstanding, and to explain the position of the Masonic Fraternity of Utah towards the members of the Mormon Church living in this territory, and the reason why they are excluded from receiving any of the privileges of Freemasonry, this Grand Lodge, in its eleventh annual communication (January 17th and 18th, A.D. 1882) assembled, directed the undersigned to call your attention to the following facts concerning the subject:

"Previous to the organisation of the Grand Lodge of Utah, there were in the territory three lodges, working respectively by authority of the Grand Lodges of Montana, Kansas, and Colorado. The brothers composing these lodges, although working under different Grand Jurisdictions, and without receiving direct instructions from them, neither made Masons from members of the Mormon Church, nor admitted such who were Masons into their lodges. This refusal shows plainly that these brethren did not consider the followers of Brigham Young fit material for the Masonic structure, and that they must have had sufficient reason for objecting to associate in their lodges with such, who had, in their mother country and prior to joining the Mormon Church, taken the O. B. of a Mason.

"At the organisation of the Grand Lodge of Utah, A.D. 1872, the Mormon question was not directly approached, for the simple reason that it was supposed then, as now, that each individual brother was familiar enough with the teachings and practices of the Mormon Church to know that a person believing in its doctrines could not be made a Mason. The experience of the past decade has proved sufficiently that the Grand Lodge acted wisely in leaving the question an open one, and in depending entirely on the good judgment of its members.

"While the fraternity in Utah believes in and upholds the universality of the Masonic Institution, and recognises the right of every Craftsman to join any church and embrace any creed he chooses, and demands of him only that he shall admit the theological belief taught on the threshold of our sacred Temple; and, further, that he must be loyal to the government under which he lives, and yield a willing obedience to all its laws, the Masons in Utah contend that the latter important prerequisite is wanting in the Mormons, because one of the chief tenets of their church in Utah is polygamy, which a United States statute has declared to be a crime, and which all civilised nations consider a relic of barbarism. It has been said that not all Mormons in Utah practice polygamy; and this is even so; but it is nevertheless true that all believe it to be a revelation of God; and consequently all of them, by retaining taining membership in the church, uphold the tenet, and thereby teach and encourage others to enter into polygamous relations, that make them abettors of the crime; and they are therefore, by the laws of our country, the decisions of our courts, and the moral sense of an enlightened world, amenable and guilty. It is their application of the dogma to practical life, and their enjoining it upon all as a duty commanded by God, that constitutes their criminality, and not the simple belief in it. Hence every disciple of and adherent to the Mormon doctrine as taught by Brigham Young, is barred out of our lodges because we cannot comprehend that a deed committed in the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge, and there considered to be a crime in the eyes of Freemasonry as well as in the eyes of the law of the land, should be upheld and considered to be a religious tenet in Utah.

"In view of the foregoing facts every thinking Mason must admit that the course heretofore pursued by our lodges is the only correct one, and that to be true to themselves and to the Craft at large they can pursue none other. The Craftsmen of Utah have seen so much of the evil doings of Mormonism that they have a perfect abhorrence of it, and will do all in their power to keep the noble and pure institution of Freemasonry free from its evil influences. The Grand Lodge of Utah is well aware of its singular and anomalous position; but the Craft throughout the globe may be assured that, as a link in the Masonic chain, it has in the past, and will in the future, perform its sacred duty to the satisfaction of every sister Grand Lodge. For further information concerning this subject I refer you to our proceedings of 1879, p. 29, and 1882, pp. 28 and 78, copies of which were mailed to you at the time, and which will more fully elucidate our past actions. Our future intentions in the premises may be judged thereby.

"The Grand Lodge of Utah desires to acquaint the Masonic world with its position and standing towards the believers in the teachings of Brigham Young, and that this may be accomplished, I beg leave, dear brother, to solicit your assistance, by submitting the matter, as hereinbefore stated, to your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, with the request that it be published with the proceedings. Should you be prevented from attending the Communication, please intrust another competent member of the Grand Lodge with our supplication, and be assured of my sincerest thanks.

"With Masonic salutations, believe to be, fraternally yours,

"CHRISTOPHER DIEHL,

"Grand Secretary.

"To Sereno D. Nickerson, Esq.,

"Grand Secretary A.F. and A.M.,

"Boston, Mass."

HAMBURG.—When Freemasonry was introduced really into Hamburg is not quite clear. The Monsieur de Thour, or Thuanus, or De Thou mentioned in our Constitution Books is not apparently verified in Germany; neither is there any precise evidence of the deputation granted to eleven German brethren, good brethren, by Lord Strathmore, in 1733, for constituting a lodge at Hamburg. The German writers rather lean to a French protocol of a meeting of Freemasons, December 6, 1737, as the formal foundation of Freemasonry in Hamburg, though we are inclined to think, knowing the irregularity of those early days, that the English account is substantially correct. Be this as it may, the "Handbuch" talks of a "Karl Sarry," English Prov. Grand Master of Prussia and Brandenburg; but we can find no trace of such a brother, and therefore rather lean to the theory that the Practical development of Freemasonry in Hamburg dates from Matthias Albert Luttmann's P.G. Mastership in 1740. The lodge, which had been working, some say from 1737, others from 1733, without a name, in 1741 took the name of "Absalom," and in the same year, according to Findel, the P.G. Lodge of Hamburg and Saxony was formed. It is, however, quite clear that in 1738 Freemasonry was active in Hamburg. Soon after this the high grades appear on the scene, and bring in much of confusion and controversy, conflicting systems and opposing rites. In 1789, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was formed out of the old Prov. Grand Lodge of Lower Saxony, and revived in 1801, 1811—and perhaps after the French occupation of Hamburg is still in existence. It has now three lodges under it, and 2629 brethren. There is also a Provincial Lodge of Lower Saxony at Hamburg, founded June 4th, 1777. It has apparently six Johannite Lodges and one Andrew Lodge under it, with a few hundred members. There is also the "Eclectic System," or Schröder's "Engbund," which is, we believe, worked in only two lodges, "Zur Brudertreue an der Elbe," and the "Bruderkette," which between them have about 300 members. The system of the Grand Lodge is Schröder's: that of the Provincial Lodge, Zinnendorf's.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

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To Correspondents.

J.A.H.—We apologize for delay in answer. It will all depend on the terms of the dispensation itself. As a general rule, the members of the lodge have nothing to do with it, and cannot vote upon it. The V.M. ought to order the Secretary to enter it on the minutes. All such documents ought to be entered; and if the order to enter it is given, the lodge not obeying would be in a serious position as regards the Prov. G.M.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Hull Packet," "The Masonic Review," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "West London Advertiser," "The Court Circular," "The Freemason's Repository," "The Boletín Oficial," "The Freemason" (Canada), "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Liberia," "New York Dispatch."



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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.]

"TIS TRUE, 'TIS PITY, PITY IS 'TIS TRUE."

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There is one point on which I wish for a little clearing up. It is reported that Bro. Patterson is not a subscribing member of any lodge in Manitoba, but only an "honorary member," by vote of Grand Lodge. If that be so, can an honorary member, who pays no subscription to any lodge, hold active rank? Is he a legal member of any body? In fact, is not his position vitiated entirely by such a fact, if it be a fact?

Yours enquiringly and fraternally, GIB.

[We presume that Bro. Patterson is a subscribing member of some lodge. By our laws, a non-subscribing or non-affiliated member cannot hold office.—ED. F.M.]

THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The report in your issue of the 16th inst., in reference to the new Masonic School for Girls in Dublin, is very charming and highly satisfactory.

The education question is a very serious one. There is no School Board Tax in Ireland, although the National Schools are in some measure supported out of rates, yet education not being, as here, compulsory, the system does not squeeze out the charitable feelings in reference to special educational establishments, as it has commenced to do in England.

I must confess this is a subject I am almost afraid to venture to touch upon, but, with your permission, I would like to ask a question bearing upon our own Boys' and Girls' Schools, in consequence of the recent Imperial legislation in respect to education. And, first, permit me to note that our scholars appear to cost about £43 per head, whereas I see the Dublin School only costs £37, and if they can grow to seventy inmates this amount can be reduced to £30 per head. How is it our Schools with so many more inmates costs so much extra? Do I hear any one answer that the children of Irish Masons are not fit to be so highly educated, or so well fed, or clothed, or housed as the children of English Masons? I hope not. Then, how is it? I ask for information, not for sake of carping criticism, what becomes of the difference—say, £13 per head per year?

With these few remarks I pass to the main point, viz., are we spending our money judiciously in paying so much for the education of a deceased or incapacitated brother's child, when in hundreds of instances it is well known that if alive, or in his fullest vigour, the said brother would not have paid the tenth of the sum for education. In such case, I ask, why not put means within the power of the poor brother, or his widow, of getting a suitable education at home, and allow the difference, or a suitable amount, towards clothing and keep, where the child could be educated not as the "Lady" or "Gentleman" of the family, but as one of the household. Is it a kindness to a poor brother, or his still poorer widow, to train one child to be so much superior to the others, with possibly the result that that child will lose filial and fraternal respect, and possibly become selfish and upish if not purely a wastrel?

I know how much the hearts of some Benevolent brethren have yearned to see or hear reports as to the success in life or home duties of the many hundreds passing through our schools; but where are the reports to be seen or heard of? So far as my reading serves me, the school reports do not contain them.

And now, with the altered state of the law, I think it is time the Governors of these Schools attempted some revision in their method. Let us have some exercise of prudent discretion. Perhaps, in the first case, it would be well to give it to the charity representatives of provinces. I am not so well up in this department as to be able to give an opinion as to the working of such a scheme, the rule being at present that the parent petitions, the lodge certifies and recommends, and without further reference the General Committee recommends, and the Quarterly General Court places the candidate on the list; but thereafter so it may remain all through its term of eligibility unless something is done by those having voting power, in consequence of candidates generally being more numerous than vacancies; but if there were vacancies no one would in all probability be asked for anything further, by way of opinion, on the subject. Thus the entire Masonic onus is thrown upon the lodge to say simply whether they believe or otherwise the prayer of the petition.

I think the charity organisations of the provinces should be consulted (where such are in existence) and their opinion taken as to whether such cases could efficiently and more satisfactorily be met by an annual money grant, to be given

under the direct superintendence of the Charity Committee of the said province, for the due appliance of which they might be required to hold themselves responsible.

How many out of "the thousands who range under our banner" could afford to send his children from home at a cost of about £43 per year for education? Why, therefore, be so unduly lavish over the few to the neglect of the many, especially when we know full well we have got to pay a compulsory education-tax for all who feel disposed to avail themselves of the provision, and when we know very many do so avail themselves in preference to paying high fees at private schools for inferior, or at least doubtful, advantages?

I know, from experience, how difficult it is to catch the thinking power of the Fraternity, as well as of others; but as I have our own Institutions very much at heart, I make this very feeble attempt, in much doubt and with very much reluctance. If I have erred, it is of the head, not the heart; and if in what I have said I have been too crude, will my brethren kindly find an apology for me. All I can assure them is, I have spoken as I feel, and am open for correction or reproof.

With fraternal regards, I remain, very sincerely,
ONE INTERESTED.

A MASONIC FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I noticed Bro. Whytehead's communication in No. 689 (May 20th), to which he again refers in No. 706 (September 16th).

The Masonic Benefit Society of 1800 was mentioned in my "History of 387," but I did not attach any importance to its existence, except as a somewhat curious landmark. The extracts from the "rules and orders," as given by Bro. Whytehead, are conveyed from the originals, and, with slight deviations, may be found in Preston's "Illustrations," 1804 edition, in the same form.

No one can say exactly when the society was dissolved, as it gradually died out to make way for our modern Charities. The abuses, however, which crept in by reason of the very mixed character of its beneficiaries (imprisoned debtors, &c.), accelerated its end.

Such friendly societies as Bro. Whytehead mentions as referred to in a little work in the York Lodge Library were quite common at one time in Yorkshire. In some cases one, and in others several neighbouring lodges, combined to form such, as Masons, but quite independently of Grand Lodge. Like the larger Metropolitan Institution, which set them the example, these gradually expired, almost without regret.

In my opinion Freemasonry was from fifty to eighty years ago regarded by the public much more as a benefit society than now. The fact of such societies being tacked on to lodges shows this was so, as of course almost the first thing every candidate understood would be that he was not entering such a society.

Any information I can give is most freely at Bro. Whytehead's disposal.

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

QUARTERAGE ON ARREARS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Noticing a letter in your issue of September 16th, dealing with the above, and signed "P. M. Enfield Lock," I may also say that a lodge in which I held the office of Worshipful Master does not pay quarterage on arrears. Some few years since, when I was Secretary of the said lodge, a doubt was existing as regards the payments of quarterage on arrears; to clear up the matter, I wrote to our much respected Grand Secretary, the late Bro. Hervey, who replied to the following effect: "That payment of quarterage was not required for brethren in arrears, but that they should be returned to Grand Lodge as 'in arrears'; should they pay such, quarterage must then be remitted in like manner." The letter referred to is now preserved in the lodge subscription book. Whilst writing you, I should like space for one suggestion that I think should be provided for in the revised Book of Constitutions, "Restrictions to Visiting Brethren." Many at the present time are apt to visit lodges, and convey the usual congratulations from some lodge, to which they did once subscribe; and in some cases left in arrears; but now do not subscribe to any. How therefore can they consistently appear to hail from a lodge to which they do not belong?

Yours fraternally,

P.M. EAST LANCASHIRE.

LODGE CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In response to Bro. G. M. Tweddell's enquiry in No. 702, I shall be glad to send him copies of the following: Craft Lodge Certificate (Ireland) 1791, Royal Arch " " 1791, Royal Arch " (England) 1813, Kt. Templar " " 1814,

issued by lodge, chapter, and encampment respectively. Also, dated 19th August, 1807, Grand Lodge Craft Certificate, "according to the Old Constitutions."

I cannot say as much as Bro. Tweddell for the execution

of the first four, which are written; but the Grand Lodge Certificate is engraved, and well done, the design being, of course, different to the present one.

The documents referred to are very interesting; and as I am very anxious to see Bro. Tweddell's engraved Lodge Certificate, perhaps you would be willing to publish his and those I refer to either in the *Freemason* or the "Masonic Monthly." I mean, of course, with wood-cuts of the seals attached, and after obtaining Bro. Tweddell's permission for his, which I am sure he will give.

Will any brother kindly add similar certificates at the same time?

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY, P.M. 387.



REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA FOR 1881.

This is one of those well-printed reports of American Grand Lodges which frequently come before us, and seem to point to much Masonic activity of organization in the United States. We confess that we should like to see a little more of local or general action in respect of Masonic philanthropy and charity, though we are assured by competent witnesses that a very great deal of real hearty charity is quietly and unostentatiously done in the lodges, and by Grand Lodge Boards, and that the general feeling in America is adverse to greater and more patent "overt acts" of charitable relief. Be it so. We admit that each jurisdiction must judge for itself, and that the great distances in America create difficulties unknown in England. To some of our readers the system of mileage and allowance for the members of the Grand Lodges grates rather on their Masonic sensibilities and sympathies. It may, however, be necessary, and if necessary it is defensible. We think Bro. H. H. Griggs's report on German Freemasonry (p. 335), is somewhat questionable in "form" and somewhat dubious as to facts, at least we hope so. Nothing would so lower the status of American Freemasonry, far more than the childish attacks of fanatics' mendacious exposures, and Roman Catholic Bulls, than the fact, if it be a fact, than any such foolish burlesque on the solemn ceremonial of Freemasonry is extensively practised in the United States. We are inclined to hope that Bro. Griggs, as often happens, has put the "part" for the "whole," and alludes to the practice of some German-American lodge, based on the silly usages of some "lodges" in the distant "Fatherland."

THE ABERDEEN MASONIC REPORTER Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Vol. II.

We have seen this useful local serial now for the first time, and we highly commend its idea, and fully appreciate its outcome. It is well printed, carefully edited, full of much valuable matter, and many curious statistics. We wish all good to Scottish and Aberdeen Freemasonry. We derive that we could see our good brethren in Scotland as they "extend their stakes," drawing in and bracing up their Masonic system. It is, to our mind, far too easy and far too haphazard. The fees ought to be raised, and higher annual subscriptions enforced if Scottish Freemasonry is ever to assume the true position it is rightly entitled to take. The fact that of eighteen lodges eleven have an annual subscription of 1s., and that their initiation fee on the average does not exceed £2 2s., is pregnant with meaning, and suggests some critical remarks on a system so different from our own. It may be true that each jurisdiction has its own peculiar customs and ideas, and what suits one may not suit the other; but the effect of such low fees is to make Freemasonry too cheap, and we fear that in some parts of England the prevalence of applicants for relief, bearing Scottish certificates, has become a great annoyance to many lodges. Can nothing be done by the Scottish authorities to raise the lodge fees and subscription? We find some very interesting papers in these serials, to which we shall call attention next week.

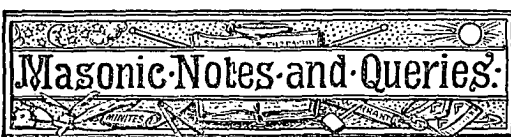
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THE REPORT OF ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, PADDINGTON, FOR 1881.

The report of this Hospital is now before us, and makes us acquainted with the striking year's work of one of our great Metropolitan hospitals, which are alike a credit to our country and a blessing, great and real, to our "little village." St. Mary's Hospital has, it seems, 190 beds; of these 179 is the "daily average" of occupation. During 1881 it has admitted 2126 inpatients, and attended to 19,065 out-patients. The average stay of each patient has been 30½ days, and the average cost of each in-patient has been £5 14s. 3d. The average cost of each occupied bed per annum is £67 16s. 8d. Its income for 1881 has reached to £42,754 9s. 2d. This is made up of, balance, £409; donations, £3208 5s. 7d., including £196. 10s. 9d. from the Hospital Saturday Fund; annual subscriptions amount to £4420 3s.; church collections reach £1022 19s. 2d. (which includes a grant from Hospital Sunday Fund of £1012 10s.); legacies amount to £28,511 15s. 4d.; sale of stock, £3015; Dividends are £982 17s.; and small items (including a temporary loan of £400, are £607; in all, £42,254 8s. 2d. Mr. Stanford's legacy of £25000 has been funded, and £2000 purchased. A repayment of a loan of £4000 has been made, and the balance is £558 18s. 6d., leaving an actual expenditure of £14,798 10s. 8d., on behalf of this meritorious institution; so great a help, comfort and refuge for the sick and suffering of the really "destitute classes."

We are asked to state that the Prosperity Chapter of Instruction will shortly resume its meetings at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street.



55] BODE'S MASONIC ALMANACKS.

I particularly want to see copies of Bode's Masonic Almanack ("Almanach oder Taschen-Buch für die Brüder Freymäurer") for the year 1778, and any later editions. Shall be glad to purchase them or have them lent me. In the latter case, they shall be forwarded to the lender by return mail. I expect, often enough, I might have had them years gone by, but just at this particular time my agents in Germany have failed to get me them, though they doubtless will ere long, only I do not want to wait. "Almanach oder Taschen-Buch, 1778, 1779, &c. W. J. HUGHAN.

56] THE STEINMETZEN, OR GERMAN GILDS.

At page 338 of the Report of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for 1882 appears the following statement:

"THE GERMAN MODE (that is of Reception). The candidate, clad in a dress suit, and wearing a silk hat, is welcomed into the lodge, and bowed to a seat. His attention is then directed to a costly oil painting suspended upon the wall, representing a majestic horned sheep. The following lecture is then read to him, by the W.M., from the secret lodge book: 'My beloved brother, although Masonry itself is not ancient, it has appropriated the ceremonies of very ancient societies of house builders. To initiate any person into one of these Gilds it is known that a sheep or goat was required,' &c. This declaration of the German ritual (if true) makes these unfounded statements: (1) That Masonry is not ancient; (2) That it is known that such a goat or sheep was required at the reception of the Gilds. I invite Bros. Gould or Speth to tell us if they—or either of them,—have found traces of such customs; and how far their researches bear out this new fangled ritual of modern German Freemasonry.

THE REVIEWER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The new Masonic Hall at Buckingham, formerly known as the Town Hall, which has recently undergone considerable alterations and improvements, was opened with the above interesting ceremony on the 12th inst. The large room has been subjected to a complete and undoubtedly beneficial change, and is now an excellent room for entertainments, lectures, and other gatherings. The entrance is by Silver-street, and a new, substantial and convenient staircase has been added, making the ingress and egress considerably easier, its construction fortunately being of such a nature as to avoid any danger while ascending or descending, which is an important feature in all public buildings. Several other acceptable improvements have also been made.

Shortly before four o'clock a large number of Mark Masons assembled from the lodges in the district, besides several distinguished Masons from Grand Mark Lodge and the Prov. Grand Mark Lodges adjoining the province of Bucks, including the R.W. Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W.; Bros. Dewar, A.G. Sec.; George, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 265; Hewens, I.P.M. 245, and P.P.G.S.D. of Leicestershire, Northants, and Derby.

Bro. General BROWNRIFF, addressing the brethren said: I have to-day been commanded by Lord Henniker, the Grand Mark Master Mason of England, to act on his behalf in installing the first Prov. Grand Mark Master of the county. I am sure that the Grand Mark Master in honouring me with this duty knew how I, more than any other Mark Master, would appreciate it. It would not be becoming for me to say much about your Prov. Grand Mark Master, but I am that sure you will believe without my telling you that it will be his earnest endeavour to promote the interests of Mark Masonry in the province.

V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., was then presented to the Acting Grand Master by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. T. Taylor, and was duly installed Provincial Grand Mark Master of Buckinghamshire.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in acknowledging the high compliment paid him, said: Brethren, in the first place I have to thank you for the honour which has been done me to-day. I can never forget that this patent is the result of a unanimous petition from the Mark Master Masons of Buckinghamshire to the Grand Mark Master Mason. I am proud to say that you conspired together to obtain for me what I did not seek, what I am conscious I did not deserve. To the best of my power I will endeavour to promote the welfare of this and every other legitimate branch of the Craft in this county. But to pass from a personal to a more general consideration of the matter. I am sure that the Assistant Grand Secretary will bear me out when I say that in whatever county the Craft is flourishing, there also from the parent stem is thrown out a vigorous and healthy shoot of Mark Masonry. It is almost a necessary consequence. As soon as men begin to value and appreciate the beauties of our Order, they wish to advance to a more perfect knowledge of it, and the result is that they form a close union with their old lodge, a lodge of Mark Master Masons. We are happy to live in days when this is possible without even the suspicion of disloyalty to the chief Masonic power of this country. The distinguished brother, whom I have to thank on your behalf for being the Installing Master, can tell you how in days when he first sat as a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England there was a bitter feud between the two Grand Lodges. In no measured terms did the one denounce the other. Time is the great softener of all things, and the same voices which once spoke in discordant antagonism are now blended together in perfect union. Every shadow of ill feeling is gone for ever, and as I have said a prosperous Mark lodge is sooner or later the natural outcome of every good Craft lodge. But more than this, I hope that in this particular county Mark Masonry is not merely following the head of the Craft Province. I think that we are in one important particular

taking the lead. It has been argued that poor little Buckinghamshire cannot stand alone, that we want the help and guidance of an elder sister. Brethren, the assemblage to-day is, I think, an answer. If three Mark lodges, all in North Bucks, can bring together such a meeting as this, surely eleven Craft lodges can do as much. There is a French proverb, "Tout vient a celui qui peut attendre."—"Every thing comes to the man who knows how to wait." But waiting does not mean sitting with our hands before us, it does mean taking every legitimate step to prove the vitality and energy of our Buckinghamshire Masons. We have taken such a step to-day, let us make a few more like it, and in good time we shall be allowed our independence, and the elder sister will be proud to see us walk alone, which we shall not be forgetful of the days when she bore with our infantine insubordination. As regards the Mark, we start to-day young, and perhaps foolish. We have all the dangers of infancy before us, we have not yet even got through the discomfort of teething—(laughter)—we shall come to that directly when we discuss the bye-laws; but we come of healthy parents, and we don't mind a little hard work. I hope none of us are afraid of the future. We mean to do our best. I am saying this for every Mark Mason in the province, and I shall myself be glad to be the servant whenever there is any help wanted of every lodge in the province. I don't wish to sit on the right hand of the W.M. if an Inner Guard is wanted.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed his officers as follows:—

Bro. B. Fountaine	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" McCubbin	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" W. H. Bull	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Fitch	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" Mickley	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. C. L. West, and the Rev. }			Prov. G. Chaps.
" F. W. Harnett	...	...
" H. Poynter	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" J. Williams	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. R. Wilmer	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Cuthbert	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" McDowall	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" R. King	...	...	Prov. G.I. of Wk.
" T. Taylor	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Reeve	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. C.
" H. J. Cox	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. R. Parrot	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" B. Wilford	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Howell	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" L. Cooper	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, for the banquet, which was catered for by Host Cannon.

At the conclusion of the repast, the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" and remarked that whether at home or abroad Her Majesty always showed much concern for the welfare of her subjects. At the present time we are engaged in an anxious war, and we need scarcely say that the sympathies of the Queen were at that moment with those suffering in Egypt. It was therefore at such times that they and all her subjects should sympathise with her, and he was convinced that he was reiterating the feelings of all present when he said that he wished her a speedy and happy termination of the anxiety in which she is now placed.

"The Health of the Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker," was next given by the Prov. Grand Master, who remarked that he had been associated with him in Masonry for many years, in fact he believed he proposed him for Masonry. Lord Henniker was a really thorough working Mason, for there was scarcely any degree in which he was associated that he did not enter heartily into the work.

"The Deputy Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Officers" came next, coupled with the name of Bro. Dewar, who the Prov. Grand Master remarked had been of considerable help to them during the ceremony that day. It was impossible, he said, for any one who has to go to Grand Mark Lodge not to observe the courteous and kind manner in which they always entered into any negotiations respecting the Prov. Grand Lodges. There was no red tapeism in Red Lion-square, a circumstance which commended itself. It was perfectly amazing to see the rapidity with which matters were arranged and favours granted at Grand Lodge, and much of this was due to Bro. Dewar, upon whom a very large share of the work devolved.

Bro. DEWAR said: I sincerely thank the Provincial Grand Master for the very complimentary terms in which he has connected my name with the toast, and particularly for the kind invitation to be present at the recent ceremony. I congratulate him most heartily on the inauguration and constitution of this Province, and I know under his rule it will prosper and increase in importance. It is also a source of gratification to me to have seen him installed in such an important office by that distinguished Mason, Bro. General Brownrigg, his esteemed father. We all know the distinction Bro. Brownrigg has attained in Masonic Ritual, and are fully convinced that whatever he undertakes will be carried out with a spirit which is sure to mark success. I will not here venture to speak upon the character of the various Grand Officers, but simply say that they owe their position, especially in the Mark degree, to their past services; a record is kept, as far as possible, of the work of the Mark Master Masons of the various Provinces, and the Grand Master selects the most deserving Masons to fill the offices at his disposal. I again thank you for having given me the opportunity of spending such a pleasant evening.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said: The next toast is one of the most difficult that has fallen to me to propose. I cannot say it is one I have not, however, proposed on previous occasions, for at one time the healths of my family, who have always been prominently associated with Masonry, formed a large proportion of the evening's proceedings. It is, however, doubly pleasing to me this evening to propose "The Health of my Father, General Brownrigg," who has been associated with me in Masonry nearly a quarter of a century, and who has kindly come down to-day to do me the honour of installing me as Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire.

Bro. General BROWNRIFF, in replying, said: To-day has afforded another proof that there is a kind of reverence for old age amongst Masons. The excellent way in which the brethren have received me reminds me of the great ovation I received a short time since, when on a visit to Pomfret upon Masonic business, when upwards of fifty representatives from the various lodges in the district came to greet me. That occasion was a touching proof of that

fraternal zeal which I believe no other country in the world could have shown except England. Though deeply flattered by that event, I cannot have received a more pleasing greeting than the reception you have given me this evening, because I know that it is owing to the feelings you entertain towards my son, and because I should not have had this extreme pleasure of installing him to-day as the R.W. Grand Master unless he had had your thorough appreciation of his merits. Some of you have known him twelve or fourteen years; I have known him forty-one (laughter); and I must say I have nothing to be ashamed of in the training he has received from me. I have not only the satisfaction of having my son in the flesh a prominent brother in the Craft, but also the pleasure of knowing that his brothers are also excellent Masons. I take a great interest in Mark Masonry, and it is therefore pleasing to me to see that it is increasing in importance. It is a beautiful degree; the whole ceremonial is so captivating that it must attract Masons. I would however remind you that much care and attention should be paid by brethren to the work, as much of the success of a lodge depends upon the ability and assiduity of its officers. I thank you for the honour you have done me in drinking my health, and will ask you also to drink "The Health of your Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER suitably responded.

The other toasts of the evening were "The health of Bro. Fountain," and "The healths of Bros. George and Hewins."

IMPROPER GARBLING OF WORDS.

We take the following extract from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of July 15th. It refers to Bro. Hughan's well-worded exposure of the foolish and unmasonic tactics of the editor of the *Sydney Freeman*, in garbling his words and interpolating an expression of recognition in respect of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. But we say no more, for it seems unwise and unkind to prolong a past, and let us hope a forgotten controversy. Bro. Hughan had a good deal to complain of:—

"To the Editor of the 'Herald.'"

"Sir,—By giving insertion to the following extracts from the London *Freemason* of dates 29th April and 6th May, 1882, you will be conferring a favour, and one which, if granted, will, I rest assured, be deeply appreciated by your many readers belonging to the Masonic Fraternity in this and the sister colonies, who are loyally holding allegiance to the home-governing bodies. (As from time to time very glowing accounts, &c., of the career of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, but I must confess from their stand point of view only, have appeared in the pages of your valuable paper).

"Comment more than this, would be superfluous on my part. As a perusal of the documents speak in unmistakable terms to the point, and may be the means of throwing additional light on the subject, as also partly accounting in some measure, for the whys and wherefores, for the tenacity in which they are always to the front in seeking and getting publicity at your hands to further their interests to bolster up a cause opposed to all lawful Masonic rule and discipline, as laid down by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

"I am &c., W.M. HIGSTRIM, D.G. Sec.
"Scotch Constitution of F. and A.M. for N.S.W."

THE VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR TO THE NETHERLANDS

On Tuesday evening Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs with their official suites, left London for the Hague, where they arrived at eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning. In Wednesday afternoon, after having visited the objects of interest in the town besides the Houses of Parliament and the Palace in the Wood, where the late Queen Sophia resided, the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs, Hanson and Ogg, attended by Mr. Soulsby, his lordship's secretary, the City Marshal, the Mace Bearer, and the Sword Bearer, were received in audience, at five o'clock, by the King and Queen, who were surrounded by the whole court. The Lord Mayor presented the golden casket to his Majesty containing the freedom of the City of London and an address. In making the presentation his lordship said the citizens of London had felt profound regret that owing to the sad event which had occurred at the time of their visit to London they had not been able to receive their Majesties at the Guildhall. The Lord Mayor went on to express the sincere desire of his fellow-citizens for the welfare of their Majesties, and he hoped that the cities of both countries would continue to enjoy the benefits derived from the ties of friendship which had so long existed between the thrones of England and the Netherlands. The King, in reply, said that he deeply appreciated the honour which had been done him by the City of London in bestowing on him its freedom, and in so splendid a casket. He referred to his sad cause of his unexpected departure from England, and expressed the hope of re-visiting England next year. The King concluded by saying that he fully reciprocated the wishes of the Lord Mayor, that the ties of friendship which united the two nations should continue. The King wore the Order of the Garter and the Lord Mayor that of the Golden Lion of Nassau. After the audience the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, and the ladies of the party, who had previously been presented to the Queen, dined at the Palace. On Thursday the English visitors visited Amsterdam, and Haarlem and Leyden on Friday.

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REPORTS OF LAMIAE OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE (No. 1446).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge. The following were the brethren present: Bros. J. J. Limebeer, W.M.; T. Cull, I.P.M.; D. Ross, P.M.; A. Thomas, P.M.; J. Coates, T. Griffiths, T. Gardiner, R. W. Sutton, B. Hosegood, P.M.; Black, G. M. E. Hamilton, K. von Bibra, J. D. Werrell, E. J. Cain, and F. George. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Little, 454, New York; G. T. Wright, 1612; J. Turnbull, 1275; B. Haynes, 27; F. Longley, 1261; R. J. Voysey, 1903; J. Giddings, 177; C. H. Baker, 1004; N. Freeman, 193; C. C. Piper, 177; and J. Parkinson, Tyler.

Lodge having been duly formed and opened, the routine business of confirming the minutes and receiving and confirming the report of the Audit Committee was gone through. Bro. Limebeer then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. D. Ross, P.M., who in a most impressive manner proceeded to install Bro. T. Griffiths as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. T. Griffiths, W.M., having been saluted in the usual manner by the brethren who had not witnessed the entire ceremony, named and invested the following brethren as officers during his term: Bros. T. Gardiner, S.W.; R. W. Sutton, J.W.; T. Cull, P.M. Treas.; J. J. Limebeer, I.P.M. Sec.; B. Hosegood, S.D., P.M.; Black, J.D.; G. M. E. Hamilton, I.G.; K. von Bibra, D.C.; A. Thomas, P.M., W.S.

The labours of the day being ended the brethren adjourned to a most recherche banquet, provided by Bros. Roberts. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some excellent instrumental music by Bro. Griffiths, son of the Worshipful Master, and songs by Bros. Voysey, Haynes, Cull, and Ross were rendered to the great enjoyment of the company. The brethren separated at a late hour highly satisfied with the days proceedings.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—The first meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, Soane-street, on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., under the presidency of the I.P.M., Bro. J. Napier, F.C.S., Prov. Grand Steward Suffolk (the W.M. being unable to attend), when the officers present were Bros. Geo. Abbott, P.P.G. Sword Bearer, S.W.; J. E. Brook, J.W.; A. Barber, P.G. Sword Bearer, S.D.; W. Fisk, S.D.; A. W. Cook, I.D.; W. Buckingham, I.G.; and Gould, Tyler. The Past Masters who supported the chair were Bros. W. G. Cunniff, P.P.G. J.W. Suffolk; Prentice, P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; and W. Daking, P.G. Registrar Suffolk; and the following brethren were also present: Bros. A. Lord, W. Leathers, Harvey, H. Turner, and about twenty others; also Bro. Godbold, of the Perfect Friendship Lodge, who has so far recovered his health as to be able again to visit the lodge.

There being no work (a very unusual thing in this lodge), the alterations in the Constitutions recommended by the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge received due consideration; Bro. Daking, P.M., reading from the *Freemason* the alterations which were generally considered as quite necessary to the well working of the Craft, particularly that referring to its being compulsory that the warrant of the lodge should be present in the lodge at its meetings, and the last recommendation that it was quite unnecessary to raise the amount of fees to Grand Lodge. The sum of three guineas was voted out of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge to the wife and family of a brother who had been accidentally lost overboard from his vessel lately, he having been at the lodge meeting in June last, and a contributing member for seven years.

The lodge was then closed in a very efficient manner by Bro. Napier, and the brethren repaired to banquet, after which the usual Royal, loyal, and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, not forgetting to wish continued success to Sir Garnet Wolseley and Her Majesty's troops in Egypt, and sympathy with those who may have 1st in the fighting a dear relative or friend, particularly those connected with the Craft.

The brethren belonging to the lodge who had received the purple from the V.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Waveney, at the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, at Stowmarket—Bros. P.M.'s A. Barber, and W. Daking—were congratulated by the Chairman, and their names received by the lodge in the usual manner. Both being present, they responded in suitable terms. Several songs by the musical brethren were much enjoyed, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., the W.M. Bro. Pilkington presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Shaw gave proficiency as an E.A., was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and on Bro. Shaw being admitted he was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M. Subsequently Bro. Hewertson gave proof of his proficiency as a F.C., and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Hewertson was re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. The historical portion of the Degree was given by Bro. Atkinson, I.P.M., who also presented the working tools. A communication was read from the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, and the usual proclamation having been made, the lodge was closed with the peculiarities of the Craft.

MARYPORT.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 371).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. Robert Brown, W.M.; Thomas Milburn, S.W.; T. Moore, as J.W.; J. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; J. Dickenson, Sec.; Jos. Cuthbertson, S.D.; J. Holloway, I.D.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; Organist; J. Messenger, Tyler; G. W. Thompson, P.M.; W. Stoddart, P.M.; J. W. Robinson, P.M.; A. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Banks, R.M.; James Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Jos. Abbott, Jos. Hodgson, B. Davis, T. Swainson, J. Ward, J. Holmes, W. Hadfield, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened at seven o'clock by the W.M., and the minutes of last communications read and confirmed. At the request of the W.M., Bro. A. Walters assumed the chair. The acting W.M. then raised Bros. Swainson and Davis in his usual impressive manner, Bro. Banks, P.M., giving the historical lecture and working tools in a most impressive manner. After the discussion of some matters relative to two cases brought before the lodge by the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting, it was decided to vote a sum of money to the widow of a brother, and also to educate a child (at a local school) of a brother who is suffering from the effects of an accident. The grants were carried unanimously. Bro. Nicholson, the oldest Mason in Maryport, expounded a new scheme for working a lodge of instruction, which, if adopted, must conduce to the better working of the lodge, and be a good school for the younger brethren. The lodge was closed in due form.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The first monthly meeting for the season of this lodge was held on Monday, the 18th inst. Bro. G. Dalrymple, W.M. P.G.A.D.C., occupied the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. Glessoll, S.W.; G. W. Smith, J.W.; J. S. Wilson, S.D.; H. Burns, J.D.; Robt. Twentyman, Sec.; W. Carmichael, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler, P.P. G. Tyler; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. J. Dalton, P.M., P.G. Steward; F. Hodgson, P.M.; J. S. Braithwaite, J. Kirkbride, J. McGill, J. S. Ray, J. Jackson, W. Lewis, T. B. Williamson, W. A. Davies, J. Casson, J. Hodgson, J.W. 1400 and W.M. elect; and J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.G.J.W.

The minutes were read and confirmed. One candidate was balloted for and accepted, and duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Barr gave the charge, and afterwards favoured the members with a lecture, which he delivered with considerable ability. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the same. With "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

KIRKDALE.—Prince Wales' Lodge (No. 1035).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall on the 14th inst., when there was a good attendance. Bro. J. P. Bryan, W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. W. Donkin, I.P.M. Lewis Peake, S.W.; J. J. Smith, J.W.; A. Willis, P.M., Treas.; J. Tunstall, Sect.; S. K. Gardham, S.D.; G. Mitchell, J.D.; W. Addison, I.G.; C. Burchall, S.S.; T. Macreavy, J.S.; S. E. Davies, Org.; C. Watson, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Hilton, I.P.M. 203; R. E. Mitton, S.W. 1756; Richard Stirzaker, I.G. 1620; Marsden, I.G. 1756; R. Chatham, 1356; Maddox, 823; and J. Dickson, 1094.

The minutes were confirmed, and two gentlemen duly elected for initiation. Mr. McIlveen being present, was regularly initiated by the W.M., according to ancient form, and Bro. Samuel Sykes was then passed to the Degree of F.C. The sum of six guineas was voted for relief, when hearty good wishes having been given by visiting brethren, the W.M. closed the lodge. The work was performed very creditably by all concerned during the two degrees.

The brethren and visitors then adjourned to supper, well served by Bro. J. Casey, 1086, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily honoured.

In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. expressed his regret at the absence of more than one through illness, and coupled the toast with the name of Bro. W. Donkin, I.P.M.

Bro. Donkin, in reply, thanked the brethren, and assured them that he intended to give the same attention to the interests of the lodge that he had done in the past. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M.," in highly flattering terms, and the toast was most warmly received.

Bro. Lewis Peake, S.W., then stepped forward, and said that it was no doubt well known to most of the brethren that their W.M. had very lately taken to himself a wife, and the officers of the lodge thought that the occasion—a rare event during a W.M.'s year of office—should not be allowed to pass without recognition. They all knew Bro. Bryan's devotion to the duties of the lodge, from the time when he filled the most subordinate position until now—when he occupied the proud seat of Master of the lodge. The same affectionate manner which he had always displayed towards his brethren he had evinced in an even greater degree since his accession to the chair. As for his consort, the brethren would agree with him (Bro. Peake) that no one could more kindly forward any Masonic work, or receive them more cordially, than Mrs. Bryan. He had much pleasure in offering for the W.M.'s acceptance on this occasion a time-piece, subscribed for by his officers; and he trusted that it would for many happy years to come be not only a monitor of time, but remind him of the numerous pleasant associations with the Prince of Wales' Lodge.

The time-piece, a very massive and beautiful work of art, bears the following inscription: "Presented by the officers of the Prince of Wales Lodge, 1035, of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, to Bro. J. P. Bryan, W.M., on the occasion of his marriage during his year of office, as a slight token of their esteem, September 14th, 1882."

The W.M., in acknowledging the toast and the gift, said: He thanked them all very much for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received. He hoped that at the conclusion of his year of office he should be able to give up his position with the feeling that he had performed his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had uniformly experienced the kindest feeling from both the officers and private members of this, his mother lodge. He did not believe he had ever had an enemy in it—he hoped he never should—and that whatever he might do which did not satisfy any individual brother, they would nevertheless feel that he had acted from a sense of duty to the lodge at large. But when he thought of the beautiful gift they had so unexpectedly presented him with, he was, he must confess, at a loss what to say, and they must excuse any incoherency in his remarks. He might be peculiar in his mental constitution, but it was a fact that any sudden access of joy or sorrow seemed to benumb his feelings for the time. The next, and every day after, he would be the better able to appreciate their kindness more fully, and to speak of it better. As regarded his wife, he knew she would value most highly their good opinion and present. She had been, both before and since their marriage, deeply interested in all matters connected with No. 1035, and he might tell those brethren who were not already acquainted with her, that

she was the daughter of a brother who filled the chair of his lodge with honour more than once. In conclusion he thanked the brethren most heartily for their kind gift. It should be preserved and handed down to his children. As a last word he congratulated the officers on the example of "secrecy and fidelity" they had set to the members of the lodge in keeping their secret so well.

The W.M. next proposed "The Officers," the toast being coupled with the names of Bros. Lewis Peake, S.W., J. J. Smith, J.W., and T. Macreavey, J.S., who responded.

"The Visitors" and "The Newly-Initiated" followed. "Our Absent and Seafaring Brethren" was replied to by Bro. Captain Hugh Campbell.

The harmony of the evening was greatly heightened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Donkin, Dudley, Addison, J. Dickson, W. Hill, Marsden, and Smith, and a very happy reunion was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous and select lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel. Bro. Henry Gloster, P.M. 1531, W.M., opened the lodge. The ballots taken separately were unanimous in favour of the admission of all the candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. The agenda paper was full. Bro. Wm. Baird was passed to the Second Degree. Each candidate for initiation was introduced separately—Messrs. J. Robinson, C. Powell, and J. Edwin Lane—and were impressively admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremonies were exceedingly well done. The W.M. being in better health than he was since his Mastership, his old form of good, correct, and impressive working returned to him. He had the strength to do it, and always has the will. Every one present was pleased at what was done.

Business ended, the lodge was closed. Considering there are now nearly 150 names on the lodge list of its members, but few were present. Many festivals and festivities kept them away, besides which great numbers were out of town enjoying moor and heath. Amongst the few we noticed the Secretary; the J.D., Bro. W. R. Vassila; some old Past Masters of, and belonging to, the lodge, occupied the Wardens' chairs; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M.; W. Born, C. W. Baker, J. Talbot, and others. Visitor: Bro. H. Forss, 917. There being no banquet, the brethren left the hotel directly business was over.

The last meeting of this lodge for the season was held at the same place on the 16th inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M., in the presence of Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; Wm. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; John Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; C. W. Fox, P.M.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M.; D. Steinhauer, S.W.; J. J. Marsh, J.W.; the Secretary; W. R. Vassila, J.D.; J. Laurence, I.G.; E. A. Smith, Steward; John Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., P.M.; R. Annear, C. W. Baker, James Robinson, J. H. Ewen, H. E. A. D'Arcy, W. R. Dachtler, T. Tulett, A. Samson, G. Teideman, E. H. Boucher, H. E. Potter, D. G. Akhurst, W. Lane, W. Boyce, and others. Amongst the visitors were noticed Bros. H. Forss, 917; W. R. Marsh, P.M. 9; and an American brother, also others whose names we were unable to ascertain.

The minutes of last regular lodge and emergency were read and confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the candidate for initiation, who was then initiated by the Secretary. The W.M. initiated the second candidate, then repeated the ceremony of passing on the three brethren who took their Second Degree; each, as usual here, being introduced separately. The work was beautifully rendered by both occupants of the chair.

Bro. H. Gloster made a stirring appeal on behalf of his list, he representing the Benevolent Institution at the forthcoming festival. He added his ten guineas, in addition to the ten guineas previously voted by the lodge. A majority of those who were not subscribers gave money to his list. The joining fee was increased to three guineas. Notices of motion were given to present a Past Master's jewel and collar and silver jewel, from lodge funds, to the W.M. at the expiration of his year of office; also, the usual amounts to Boys' and Girls' Schools from lodge funds; all given by the indefatigable Treasurer, Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M. Some names were received of candidates for initiation.

Business ended, the lodge was closed. The Secretary, in his usual facetious manner, wished all the members and every one present "A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Refreshment followed labour. Bro. W. Ballard, the host, as usual, attended himself to the creature comforts, and, by his kind attention, made all who were present happy and comfortable. Toasts and songs followed.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 11th inst. Bro. G. Simpson, W.M., was in the chair, and there were also present Bros. J. T. Seller, I.P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; E. Balford, P.M.; P. H. Rowland, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M. (who acted as S.W.); M. Millington, J.W., with the rest of the officers and many brethren and visitors.

A ballot was taken for a candidate and proved successful. Bro. J. S. Cumberland moved a resolution standing in his name, and relating to the lodge bye-laws, and ultimately it was referred to a committee to report at the next meeting. Two Auditors were appointed for the annual examination of lodge accounts. A circular from the Prov. Grand Secretary, at Hull, was read, asking for the opinion of the lodge on the proposed increase of fifty per cent. on the lodge quarterages, and an unanimous resolution was passed condemning the proposal, several members expressing an opinion that the sums granted in relief by the Board of Benevolence were often much too large. Bro. T. B. Whythead then explained to the brethren the alterations that had been made by the committee appointed last year, at Hull, in the Provincial regulations, a draft of which would be submitted to the Prov. Grand Lodge at Northallerton on the 5th October, and a general opinion was expressed that the amended rules would be in many ways advantageous. Bro. Whythead also gave a summarised account of the proposed alterations in the Grand Lodge Constitutions, pointing out the superiority of the new code. Bro. Cumberland expressed a hope that the question of the position of Past Masters would be finally and thoroughly settled, in which opinion all on the dais heartily concurred.

There being no other business, the W.M. invited the J.W., Bro. Millington, to essay the work of the First Degree. Bro. Millington having taken a seat on the dais, then appointed Bro. Turner to act as J.W., and rehearsed the initiation ceremony with excellent effect, and was afterwards congratulated by the Past Masters on his success.

The lodge work being resumed, Bro. Whythead presented to the library several books, reports, &c. Two names of candidates for Freemasonry were proposed, and the lodge was closed.

INSTRUCTION.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—The usual meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 19th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, when the following brethren assembled: Bros. Shadler, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Posener, J.W.; Marshall, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Walker, I.G.; Clements, Secretary; Moss, Preceptor; Webb, Daniels, Maidwell, Wooding, Oxley, W. Fraser, J. S. Fraser, Job, Haslip, and Arons.

Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to Second Degree, when Bro. Webb, P.M., according to promise, rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a very efficient and praiseworthy manner. Bro. Roberts, W.M. of the mother lodge, serving as W.M. elect, who subsequently appointed and invested the officers. Bro. Shadler resumed the chair, and Bro. Haslip answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Haslip passed to Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Haslip, W.M. 813, elected a member. Bro. Posener was appointed to fulfil the duties of W.M. for the following Tuesday evening, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance, the efficiency of the working of the W.M. elect being known to many of the brethren. Lodge was then duly closed.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—The usual meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, when there were present Bros. W. F. Darnell, W.M.; Gribbell, S.W.; A. A. Marks, J.W.; R. Pearce, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; J. P. Cohen, S.D.; Catling, J.D.; Wolf, I.G.; Richardson, Weedon, C. Lorkin (Treas.), Carr, Woodman, and others.

Lodge was opened in regular form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Richardson, having proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Richardson being the candidate. Bro. Cohen worked the Third Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down. Bro. Gribbell's nomination of last week for W.M. was confirmed, he having kindly vacated the chair of K.S. in favour of Bro. Darnell that evening. This being the first time Bro. Darnell has occupied the chair in this lodge of instruction, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded him for the very excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony, after which the lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 15th inst., was well attended. Bro. Richard Poore was the W.M. on this occasion, and there were present, amongst others, Bros. J. N. Bate, S.W.; J. B. Sarjeant, J.W.; W. J. Newland, S.D.; R. W. Pooler, J.D.; H. Stokes, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M.; Preceptor; John S. Terry, P.M., Secretary; G. W. Knight, Richards, and R. Alison.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and Bro. Alison, as candidate, was proved and entrusted. Lodge was opened in M.M. Degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, and the traditional history given by the W.M. Bro. Bate effectively recited the M.M. charge, and the lodge was closed down in due form and called off. Entry drill was practised during the interval, and the lodge was called on. The Preceptor, having charge of the lodge for the ensuing week, announced his intention to work the Sections of the First Lecture on the 22nd, and the 29th was appointed for the working of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Stevens officiating as Installing Master. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned.

WANDSWORTH LODGE No. (1044).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., the following members being present: Bros. Holland, W.M.; Carter, P.M. Preceptor; Knipier, S.W.; Higerty, J.W.; Black, S.D.; Lee, J.D.; Ellis, I.G.; and others. Visitor: Bro. Buckton, No. 4.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing gone through. Bro. Holland then vacated the chair, and Bro. Carter, Preceptor, having assumed the office of W.M., the lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising worked in a masterly style. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Knipier being regularly elected W.M. for the ensuing week the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).—This flourishing lodge has recently been compelled, in consequence of illness in the family of Bro. Stephens, to seek other quarters, and a committee was duly appointed to consider the matter, and decide on the permanent arrangements to be made for the future. After carefully looking into the proposals submitted to them, it was found that there was a preliminary difficulty in selecting a place, owing to Thursday nights being otherwise occupied, and, although with some reluctance, the committee decided that there was no alternative but to recommend that the lodge should meet at the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday evenings, at 7.30, in the same rooms as are now used by the mother lodge; and the first meeting under the new arrangement was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst., when, considering the inclemency of the weather, there was a very good attendance of the brethren, and much satisfaction was expressed at the completeness of the arrangements made by the committee,

and when all is in proper working order, there is no doubt that the new system will be a perfect success.

Bro. C. Andrews, P.M., who has taken a great deal of interest in the matter, had been selected to preside, but to the regret of the brethren, he being unable to attend on account of illness, the chair, in his absence, was taken by Bro. H. Tucker, Preceptor and W.M. elect of the mother lodge. Bro. Tucker was supported by the following officers: Bros. G. Coop, S.W.; T. A. Smith, J.W.; J. R. Ferner, S.D.; Cunningham, J.D.; J. Green, I.G.; J. Wells, Sec.; and among other brethren present we noticed the following: Bros. A. J. Burr, P.M.; J. J. Clarke, E. C. Porter, Danby, Vasey, and Sherman.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren. In the absence of the W.M. for the week, Bro. Phillips, the esteemed Treasurer of the lodge, was called to the chair. Lodge being opened in due form, and the minutes of the two previous meetings read and confirmed, the W.M. very ably rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and passing.

On the motion of Bro. Francis, Preceptor, it was resolved that the lodge should officially pay a fraternal visit, on the 18th October, to the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, Balham; and it was also resolved that the lodge should visit the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, on the 9th October. One new member having been duly elected, and other routine business transacted, lodge was closed in due form in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL UNION CHAPTER (No. 382.) A convocation of this chapter was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Saturday last. Present: Comps. James Bating, M.E.Z.; A. W. Duret, J.; J. G. Stacey, P.Z.; S. G. Foxall, P.Z.; G. R. Sherwill, S.E. and P.Z.; A. C. Spaul, P.S.; A. A. Rickards, Treas., P.Z.; F. C. West; and J. L. Thomas, P.G.S.B., visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the S.E. read a letter from Comp. W. A. Dawson, H., regretting his inability to attend through absence from home. The ballot at the previous convocation having been taken for Bro. F. J. Crowest, and that brother being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry.

The chapter was then closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to an excellently served and enjoyable banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—An excellent gathering of the members of this young but prosperous chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 7th inst. Amongst those in attendance were Comps. H. Higgins, M.E.Z.; J. Speedy, H.; W. P. Webb, J.; Köhler, S.N.; Everett, jun., S.E.; Appleton, P.S.; George Everett, P.Z. 177 and 1381, Treasurer; and Daly, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of two candidates for exaltation, and it proved to be unanimous in each case, but through unavoidable circumstances they were prevented from attending. The ballot for joining was then taken for Comps. H. J. Lardner, of the Royal Alfred Chapter, &c., and it also was unanimous. The ceremony of exaltation having been partly "worked" by the Principals, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was genially presided over by the M.E.Z. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and a most agreeable evening spent.

WANDERERS' CHAPTER, (No. 1604).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on Tuesday evening. Among the members in attendance were Comps. C. Smith, M.E.Z.; Geo. Boulton, H.; William Vincent, I.; W. H. Baker, S.E.; F. J. Wray, S.N.; T. Griffiths, P.S.; T. H. Meredith, P.Z.; and Charles Fuller, Treasurer. Comp. Arthur Walkley acted as Janitor in the unavoidable absence of Comp. J. Lackland. The minutes of the April convocation having been confirmed and signed, the companions proceeded to ballot for the exaltation of Bros. Edmund Seale, P.M. Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, and Sam White, Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604. The M.E.Z. declared the result to be in favour of the candidates who were in due form admitted to the degree. Other business having been disposed of the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular meeting of the above lodge took place on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. A. Penfold, W.M., P.P.S.O. Kent, in the chair. The following officers and brethren were also present: Bros. T. Holleyman, M.O., P.P.G. Std. Kent; D. C. Capon, S.O., P.P. G. Std. Kent; G. Kennedy, Sec., P.P.G.A.G.C. Sec. Kent; W. Moulds, J.D., P.G.I.G. Kent; T. J. Hayes, W. Whiteheart, J. Anderson, J. Purnell, J. Bilton, and C. Jolly (Freemason).

On account of the unavoidable absence of several of the officers, most of whom were away upon their holidays, Bro. Moulds took the position of S.D.; Bro. Whiteheart, I.G.; Bro. Bilton, J.D.; Capt. Eugene Sweny, S.W.; and Bro. C. Jolly, J.W. Bro. W. Weston, P.M., was I.P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Swinherd and Kerrick, of 1536, and Bro. Aillud, J.W. 615, were, with the usual ceremonies, advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. Nothing could excel the grand manner in which the ritual was worked by the W.M.; his unflinching memory serving him in good stead, while the junior officers were fully up to their work. The W.M. then proposed and Bro. Weston seconded, that Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M. Kent, should be elected an honorary member of the lodge, in recognition of the many and valuable services he had rendered to it, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Business being ended, the brethren adjourned to the "Earl of Chatham Arms," Thomas-street, where a prettily served cold collation was partaken of.

The W.M., in proposing the first toast, that of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," said that there was no more loyal body living than Freemasons. He meant by that individually loyalty, because they loved and revered their gracious Sovereign for herself, for her pure life, and thorough womanly qualities. She, in her exalted station, had been a noble wife, a good mother, and stood, as the ruler and governor of a vast empire, a pattern for not only the present time, but for future generations. And more especially in that company, composed as it was principally of military men, the toast should meet with the most heartfelt sympathy, because they had at the present time among their ranks, and fighting the battles of his country in Egypt, one of Her Majesty's gallant sons, who was also a distinguished Mason. He alluded, as they all might guess, to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Might the G.A.O.T.U. spare her for many years to reign over them, and maintain the prestige of a reign sanctified by every grace that could adorn a Court, and gratify a loyal and contented people.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. The next toast was that of "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." The W.M. said perhaps it was an innovation at such an assembly as that to drink the health of their "Craft Grand Master." He did not know whether His Royal Highness was a Mark Mason or not; nevertheless, his services were of such a character to Masonry in general, that no meeting of Masons, of whatever Degree, ought, or could, in his opinion to pass without recognising those eminent services. He, in their name, wished His Royal Highness long life and the greatest blessing in life—"health."

The W.M. then in glowing language proposed "The Health of Lord Henniker, Grand Mark Master of England." No one could doubt that in Lord Henniker they had a most excellent Master and godd Mason, and he asked them, as Mark Masons, to give the toast a most enthusiastic reception. "The Health of the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M. Kent," was received with warmth, and in putting it, the W.M. said that he had hoped their exalted brother and Grand Master would have been with them that evening. Bro. Robinson had associations at Greenwich that sometimes brought him that way, and he (the W.M.), somehow felt sure that he would that night have been with them. They would have been delighted to have seen him, and through Bro. Jolly and the columns of the *Freemason* he could assure Bro. Robinson that at any time he could, or would honour the Excelsior Lodge with a visit, he would receive a hearty reception. Bro. Robinson took a very great interest in what he called "service lodges," because he, Bro. Robinson, believed that through their military brethren, Freemasonry was spread over the face of the habitable globe and had often expressed himself to that effect. In this lodge he took great interest, and when he heard, as he would hear from the worthy Secretary, that he had been unanimously chosen an honorary member of the lodge, he would feel proud of his distinction, poor as it was, as a return for the many services he had rendered to the lodge.

The next toast was that of "The Prov. Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Mould, who briefly responded.

Bro. Weston, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Penfold." He was sure that every brother present must have been gratified at the manner in which their W.M. had carried out the ceremony of installation that evening. Not a word had been missed, and he (the W.M.) had faithfully carried out the promise made by him at his installation, by not using the book for a single sentence. He would not however dilate upon the many excellencies of Bro. Penfold. He (Bro. Penfold) had all through his Masonic career "marked well," and had done that which would linger long in their memories. All Bro. Penfold had done that night had been done without a single hitch. He asked them to mark their sense of that labour of love by drinking his health most loyally.

Bro. Penfold, in response, said that he had originally intended to have had only the most important toasts proposed, but after the very cordial and flattering remarks of Bro. Weston, he must say that he desired to return his hearty thanks, both to him and them, for the kindness with which his name had been received. He considered that if it was worth while carrying anything through, it was worth while doing it well, at least, to make an effort to do so, and was proud to receive their commendation for what he had done. He trusted at their next meeting to have the ritual even more perfect than it had been at this, and asked for the hearty co-operation of the officers, so that as one body they might labour together for "perfect working." Nothing gave him more pleasure than to see so many of their friends of the military joining them, and that night might be well and worthily remembered as a gala night among them. It was a good beginning, and he trusted to see the lodge go on and prosper. Nothing should be wanted on his part, and with their help he hoped to leave the lodge at the conclusion of his year of office in the position it was in when it started, viz., one of the best and strongest in the Province of Kent. He then alluded with pride to the successful efforts made by his Masonic friends to place him upon the Local Board of Woolwich. They did not go about with a big drum, but earnestly and silently, and for it and their kind regards he sincerely thanked them.

The remaining toasts were "The Advancers," "The Officers," "The Masonic Press," and "The Host."

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Australia.

MELBOURNE.—Australia Felix Lodge (No. 474) E.C.—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday, July 10th. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Goddard, presided, supported by his officers and about fifty members and visitors. Three candidates were initiated into Masonry, and two brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Two candidates were proposed, and two cases of charity having been disposed of with donations of £5 and £2, the lodge was closed, when the brethren adjourned to supper.

On the following Thursday evening, the Australia Felix Lodge held a very successful ball in the Athenæum, which was attended by over 150 brethren and ladies. The hall

was beautifully decorated with hot-house plants, banners, &c., and a selection of twenty-four dances was supplied by one of the best orchestras we ever listened to; the scene being a most brilliant one, considering the gentlemen were attired in Craft, Mark, Arch, and Knight Templar clothing, belonging to the three Constitutions. A Masonic quadrille was danced, the peculiarity of which consisted in the ladies donning the aprons and collars of their partners. At midnight, the whole company sat down to a sumptuous supper, provided by Bro. Paul, the Masonic Hall caterer.

MELBOURNE.—Melbourne Lodge (No. 747).—This old lodge held the usual monthly meeting on Monday evening, July 17th. Bro. W. Gledhill, W.M., presided, and there was a very large attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bro. Rev. Horace Graham, M.A., of the Wanderers Lodge, 1604, London. After the minutes had been confirmed, a candidate was balloted for and initiated, and two brothers were respectively passed and raised. On the proclamations being put, the following were proposed as joining members: Bros. Dr. Tudor Hora, P.M. 930; Chas. Lyman, 1080; W. S. Vincent, 1057; and W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland. Mr. W. B. Simpson was also proposed as a candidate for initiation. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to supper, and a pleasant evening came to a conclusion at the usual hour—eleven o'clock p.m.

CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORIA LODGE, MELBOURNE.

A new lodge (meeting under dispensation till a warrant is procured from England) was consecrated in the Town Hall, Hawthorn, on Tuesday evening, July 18th. It is only about a month since a meeting was held to arrange preliminaries, so that the promoters of the new lodge have lost no time in maturing their plans. This is the second lodge opened in Hawthorn; but the old lodge (Boroondara, No. 718) has not been working for some time past, hence the formation of the Victoria Lodge.

The attendance was very large, and the duties of consecration were undertaken by Bro. J. A. Cantor, P.M. and Treas. Australia Felix Lodge, No. 474, Past District Senior Grand Warden, assisted by several Past Masters of other lodges, including the Mayor of Hawthorn.

The lodge having been regularly constituted and dedicated to Masonry, the W.M. designate, Bro. Rev. A. E. Thomas, was installed. The following officers were invested: Bros. Dr. Sparling, S.W.; H. W. Perry, J.W.; J. Spink, Treas. H. Warren, Sec.; J. Tate, S.D.; J. Bambridge, J.D.; A. H. Simmonds, P.M., I.G.

A number of candidates were proposed for initiation, and several brethren were proposed as joining members, the new lodge thereby getting a good start.

The lodge having been closed, an adjournment was made to the council chamber, where an excellent banquet was partaken of, followed by the usual list of toasts, interspersed with vocal music.

This makes the twenty-second lodge under the English Constitution in Melbourne and its outskirts, whilst the total number in the district of Victoria is sixty-two.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. ALFRED BEST.

An interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday morning, at Freemasons' Tavern, on the occasion of Bro. Alfred Best relinquishing the proprietorship of that favourite rendezvous of Freemasons. The *Freemason* has, during the past few weeks, conveyed intelligence that Spiers and Pond had purchased the business of the Tavern, and it was well known that in the forthcoming Masonic season the brethren would no longer enjoy the companionship of their old and amiable host, Bro. Best, who, since he took the Tavern on 27th September, 1877, had ingratiated himself with the Craft by his constant visits to them during their lodge and chapter banquets, to see that they were satisfied with what was set before them. The brethren did not know the exact day when Messrs. Spiers and Pond would enter into possession, and it is now our duty to inform them that the change took place on Wednesday, at twelve o'clock.

The staff of the tavern, and a few old friends of Bro. and Mrs. Best, however, thought the host and hostess should not be allowed to leave without some testimony of the satisfaction which all had experienced under their kind rule, and accordingly, a few minutes before the occurrence of the change, Bro. Best was conducted to one of the dining-rooms, where Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. C. J. Perceval, Bro. E. Bowyer, Bro. Dawkins, and a large number of the staff of the establishment, including the head and other cooks, were assembled, and where a magnificent American organ and organist's seat were uncovered and exhibited. The organ and seat were a presentation to Bro. and Mrs. Best, subscribed for by the staff above-mentioned, and in front of the organ was fastened a silver plate, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Best, on leaving the Freemasons' Tavern, by the staff and other friends. September 20th, 1882."

The presentation was made by Bro. James Terry, who said that as this was the last day on which Bro. Best would be proprietor of the tavern, he, and a few other friends, would not like him to leave without asking him to accept from the staff and others some little token of their esteem. To have been the proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern five years, and to have raised its tone and character as Bro. Best had done, was a very convincing proof to them that he had studied the wishes and wants of the visitors. Bro. Best's staff had taken great interest in this movement, and in their name he (Bro. Terry) asked him to accept a beautiful American organ and chair, hoping at the same time that he and Mrs. Best might live for many years to come to have the pleasure of hearing music from it, and have the gratification of knowing that it represented the esteem and regard in which they were held by everyone with whom they had been connected. This was not the occasion for a long speech, but he might say that they all hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Best might enjoy that repose which they had well earned. On behalf of himself and the others who were present, as well as those subscribers to the testimonial who were absent, he would add that if the testimonial could have been more valuable it should have been, but as it was it represented the esteem and regard for the late proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern and his wife, and they hoped they would view it in that light.

Bro. BEST, who was deeply affected, in replying, said he thanked the donors sincerely on behalf of Mrs. Best and himself for the kind expressions of regard for them which had fallen from Bro. Terry. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and he was very pleased to think that those gentlemen who had been connected with him in the establishment and the staff had so appreciated his endeavours to make them comfortable. It was exceedingly gratifying to him and Mrs. Best to have such a testimonial presented to them, and they would value it ever after. The time they had been at Freemasons' Tavern had been a very happy time, and it had given them great pleasure to find general satisfaction expressed with what they had done. They were going to enjoy a period of repose, but they would never forget the agreeable days they had had in Freemasons' Tavern, and the many friends they had made there. The testimonial would constantly remind them of their agreeable connection with the establishment.

The company present then drank the health of Bro. and Mrs. Best, and concluded by singing "He's a jolly good fellow," and hearing a tune on the organ.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN JACOB.

We have to record the death, on the 8th inst., at the ripe age of eighty-seven, of Bro. John Jacob, of Weymouth. A man of retiring habits, he yet, by his liberal spirit and strictly upright and honourable character, gained the good will of all and the sincere affection of those more closely connected with him. In public business life he held, with great credit to himself and advantage to the Corporations for whom he acted, appointments of great trust. He was engaged in early life as a clerk in the banking house of Eliot and Co., from which he retired in the year 1852. He held the important post of Borough treasurer from the year 1852 to the year 1862. He was one of the originators of the savings bank, and for some years discharged the responsible duties of actuary without any remuneration. From this appointment he retired in 1862. He was then appointed one of the trustees, which post he occupied at the time of his decease. He may then be said to have closed his public career. It is, however, in his character as a Freemason that the thoroughness of the man comes out. Initiated as far back as November 26th, 1819, he became a Master Mason February 25th, 1820, and from that time his career as a Mason to the day of his death is a long list of some of the greatest honours it is in the power of the Provincial Grand Master and of his own private lodge to confer. The following are his lodge appointments: J.D., 1821; S.D., 1821; J.W., 1824; Treasurer, 1825; W.M., 1828. He was for the second time Master of his lodge, in 1841; and on the celebration of the centenary of All Souls Lodge, 170, in 1867, he again filled the chair. He held the office of P.G. J.W. in 1839, and P.G. Sec. from 1841 to 1852. As a recognition of the valuable services rendered by him in this capacity, he received the thanks of the province and a very handsome set of full dress Masonic clothing, and so lately as May, 1882, assisted at a ceremony in Lodge 170. At his death he held the appointment of P.G. Treasurer of the Chapter. He was a Life Governor of the Dorset Masonic Charity, and a very liberal supporter of the great London Charities. He was interred at East Fordington, Dorchester, the funeral service being read by two brethren—Bro. the Rev. J. H. Scott, M.A. (rector of Melcombe Regis), and Bro. the Rev. A. Hill, B.D. (vicar of Preston). The following lodges were represented: Nos. 137, 170, 386, 622, 1037, 1146, 1168, and there were present also: Bros. J. Lowe, P.M.; Targett, P.M.; A. Graham, P.M.; R. Ayles, P.M.; J. Lundie, jun., P.M.; W. Chick, P.M.; D. Collett, P.M.; and J. Style, P.M. In the procession following the hearse was the carriage of the Mayor of Weymouth (Bro. R. N. Howard), with his Worship, attended by one of the Town Sergeants. Amongst the pall bearers were Bros. Milledge, J.P., P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. W. Cross, 170; Pelly Hooper, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; and C. F. Arden, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.P.J.G.W. The ceremony was most imposing, and the service was read by the rev. brethren with much feeling. On the coffin, which was of English oak with black furniture, there were three very beautiful wreaths, that at the head being the square and compasses within a circle in flowers of proper heraldic colours, on the breast was the Knight Templar's cross, and at the feet the double triangle of the Royal Arch Chapter within a circle. He might have truly used the words of the Great Apostle—"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course. I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy iv. 7). His was a career worthy of imitation, and, with confidence it can be said of him, he has gone to join the Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns till time shall be no more, and to shine before the throne as the stars for ever and ever. Bro. J. A. Sherren, P.M., of Lodge, No. 170, was the director of the Masonic ceremonies. In connection with the death of Bro. Jacob, we are reminded by a correspondent that probably the oldest subscribing Mason in the world—Bros. Wm. Eliot (initiated in 1816), and Jas. Milledge, P.M., P.P.G.W., initiated in 1824—are both members of All Souls Lodge.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

DICKIE.—On the 18th inst., at Broomfield, Stanmore, the wife of J. Dickie of a son.

GARLAND.—On the 18th inst., at East Molesey, the wife of W. G. Garland, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HUET—LANGLEY.—On the 16th inst., at the parish church, Shifnal, Shropshire, by the Rev. H. Cunliffe, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Gustavus Burton, Rector of All Saints', Manchester, Frank A. Huet, of Manchester, to Louisa, second daughter of the late Thos. Langley, Esq., Forton Hall, near Newport, Shropshire. No cards.

DEATHS.

BONE.—On the 15th inst., at Mall-road, Hammersmith, Captain T. R. Bone, aged 68.

JACOB.—On the 8th inst., at Weymouth, Bro. John Jacob, aged 87.



The "Pandora," in Leicester-square, will open as a theatre in December, or perhaps earlier. Bro. John Hollingshead, Lord Londesborough, and the Duke of Beaufort are on the Directorate. It is, as we announced some months ago, to be devoted to burlesque and extravaganza. The site is identical with old Savile House, which was used as a nursery for the numerous progeny of Frederick, Prince of Wales, when he occupied Leicester House close by. A small theatre was attached to the house, and it is said that George III., his son, when Prince George, played the part of "Portius." Prince Frederick, it will be remembered, was killed by a cricket ball, and never came to the throne. About half a century later the house was bought for the opera, but the scheme fell through. A while after this Dibdin bought the site, and built a theatre after the style of the "Sans Souci" Palace; it was pulled down about 1834. In 1805, just after Savile House was burnt down, Mr. Boucicault went into treaty for the site; but this was not effected. It was then proposed to make it the "Denmark" theatre, then the Alcazar Music Hall, but all of these projects failed. After remaining vacant for fifteen years it was turned into an exhibition for the "Balaclava Charge" Diorama. It is once more, really this time, going to divert into its old form of a theatre. We shall have something to say about the house when opened.

The Dramatic School opens in October. Mr. Cecil Raleigh is the secretary. The general committee consists of the Earl of Lytton, Lord Rowton, Bro. the Earl of Wharcliffe, the Poet Laureate, Matthew Arnold, Henry Morley, Wilkie Collins, amongst a large number of others. The dramatic direction of studies will be in the hands of a board composed of actors, among whom we may mention Bro. Henry Irving, Bro. J. L. Toole, Mr. Henry Neville, Mr. William Farrow, Mrs. Keeley, Mrs. Stirling, and Mrs. John Wood. The female students will be under the supervision of a ladies' sub-committee, consisting of Lady Theodore Martin, Mrs. Fanny Kemble, Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Miss Brye, and Miss Swinwick. We hope the movement may succeed, but without a State subsidy these kind of things often fail. At present everything looks bright and promising. The children of members of the profession will be entered at a less fee than others. Students wishing to learn the art of elocution, gymnastics, and fencing, will be allowed to do so, though they may not intend to enter the profession.

Bro. Edward Terry has written a paper strongly condemning the Spanish bull-fights, as a "disgusting, inhuman exhibition, and a disgrace to the country in which it exists." Bro. Terry was a witness last year of a fight when in Spain for his holidays.

We mentioned last week that the Comedie Francaise possesses the bell which rung for the murder of the Huguenots. The Theatre Royal, Dublin, also had a bell with a history attached to it. This bell belonged, 500 years ago, to the Carmelites' Chapel, and rung the citizens of Dublin to mass. It found its way, but no one knows how, to the Crown Theatre, where it remained until the building was wrecked by the infuriated mob at the non-appearance of the "Dog of Montargis." From there it went to the Theatre Royal until the fire in 1880. The bell possessed a very fine tone. Mr. Michael Gunn, the lessee of the house, intends, we understand, having the half-ton of the metal of this famous bell re-cast.

Our contemporary, *Punch*, says Mrs. Bancroft gave the "bell," and Mr. Cecil the "book," to the church at Portmarnock, but asks "Where's the Kendal (candle)?"



The Festival of the Three Choirs, being held, as it is, yearly in one or other of three provincial cities, very largely depends for success on the weather. A state of sunshine is, in ordinary circumstances, a guarantee of success, but if Jupiter Pluvius is in the ascendant, then are the prospects of the festival in a condition most forlorn. It is, therefore, subject for general congratulation that the sun shone out bravely on Tuesday in last week, when the festival for the current year was inaugurated at Hereford, and the more so, that the object with which it is held is charity. As is customary on these occasions, the proceedings commenced with a full choral service in the cathedral, members of the three choirs of Hereford, Gloucester, and Worcester taking part in it, while Mr. C. H. Lloyd very ably presided at the organ. After an interval the oratorio of "Elijah" was performed, the cathedral being filled with a large and discriminating audience. The principal vocalists were Madame Albani and Miss Anna Williams (sopranos), Madame Patey and Miss Hilda Wilson (contraltos), Mr. Lloyd (tenor), and Bro. Santley (baritone) as the *Prophet*. In the evening a concert was held in the Shire Hall, when Collins's "Ode to the Passions," as set to music by Mrs. Meadows White (Miss Alice Mary Smith), was produced. The subject, though difficult of interpretation, is treated by the fair composer artistically, and in a manner which conveyed to a great extent the requisite amount of expression. Beethoven's overture to "Egmont," the prelude to "Les deux Journées" and other selections completed the programme.

The programme of Wednesday morning was of unusual length. It commenced with a numerous selection from Judas Maccabæus, which was received with undisguised satisfaction by those assembled, the principal airs being entrusted to Madame Albani, Madame Patey, Mr. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley; Miss Hilda Wilson, Miss Marian Fenna, Mr. Fredericks, and Mr. F. King being associated with them, but in a subordinate capacity. The second part opened with Beethoven's Symphony in B flat, and then followed Goetz's Psalm 137, "By the rivers of Babylon,"

which, considering the difficulty of the music, was fairly well performed. It was the first time, we believe, this gifted composer had been heard by a Western audience, and they had no reason to regret its introduction to their notice. The solos were sung with correctness and expression by Miss Anna Williams, and the chorus exhibited high and exceptional qualities in their treatment of the concerted pieces. Bach's "Magnificat" brought the morning's performance to a close; and in spite of their previous exertions, the chorus, under the direction of Mr. Colborne, did their part extremely well; while nothing could have been better than the solos as rendered by Miss Williams, Madame Patey, Mr. Boyle, and Bro. Santley. The evening was devoted to Mendelssohn's oratorio of "St. Paul," in which the chief successes were scored by Miss Williams by her delivery of "Jerusalem, thou that killest;" by Madame Patey, in "But the Lord is mindful;" and by Bro. Santley, in "Oh! God, have mercy."

Dr. Garrett's cantata, "The Shunamite," which was produced at a concert given in June of last year, at Cambridge, by the University Choral Society, was the first item of the programme of Thursday morning. There is, undoubtedly, much in it to admire, for Dr. Garrett is a sound classical musician, but it is likewise stiff and formal, and the story is not told as connectedly as it might have been. The choruses "Children are an Heritage" and "Death is come up into our Windows," may be cited as among the best passages in the work. Dr. Garrett conducted in person, and the characters were assigned to the following artists: *The Shunamite*, Miss Anna Williams; *Narrator*, Miss Hilda Wilson; *Elisha*, Mr. Royle; and *Gehazi*, Mr. King. They acquitted themselves well. Beethoven's Mass in C, which is always acceptable, followed; the whole concluded with selections from Molique's oratorio "Abraham," produced for the first time at Norwich, in 1860, and subsequently performed in London and elsewhere, but then allowed to pass almost out of memory. It is written mostly in the style of Mendelssohn, and is evidently the work of a master who knows well how to appeal to the mind, as well as the ear of his audience. The trio, with horn accompaniment, "Let all those rejoice," and the chorus, "Great is our Lord," are prominent examples of this, and received the commendation they so richly deserved. Madame Patey and Mr. Lloyd especially distinguished themselves among the vocalists, the former by her delivery of *Sarah's* music, and the latter by the manner in which he declaimed the recitatives and his delightful singing of the air, "Pour out thy heart." The concert in the Shire Hall in the evening was numerous attended. The orchestral portion of the programme included Beethoven's choral fantasia, in the pianoforte part of which Mr. James Taylor, Mus. Bac., particularly distinguished himself by his intelligence and the excellence of his style, together with the overtures of "Die Zauberflöte" and "Oberon." The vocal selections included M. Gounod's "Golden thread," sung by Madame Patey; Eckert's aria, "Guillaume d'Orange," by Madame Albani; and the ballad from Sir Julius Benedict's new cantata, "Lovely Graziella," by Mr. F. King.

The festival concluded on Friday with a very satisfactory performance of the "Messiah," the audience being exceptionally numerous. In fine, having regard to the weather, the increase in the attendance over 1879, and the amount realised thus far for the charity, over £800, the Three Choirs Festival of 1882 at Hereford must be described as highly successful.

The Carl Rosa Opera Company have made their welcome appearance at the Princes' Theatre, Manchester, and a notable addition to the number of artistes whom we have been accustomed to see are the names of Mme. Marie Roze and Mlle. Alwina Valleria, at the same time the absence of Miss Julia Gaylord is without doubt to be deplored. On Monday, Beethoven's "Fidelio" was performed, Mme Marie Roze impersonating the heroine with great power and success. The other characters were filled by Miss Clara Perry, as *Marcellina*; Mr. Suazelle, as *Rocco*; Mr. Ludwig, as *Don Pizarro*; Mr. Barton McGuckin, as *Florestan*; Mr. Crotty, as *Don Fernando*; and Mr. Davies, as *Jacquino*. The performance throughout was very satisfactory, and witnessed by a large audience. On Tuesday, "Maritana" was performed before another large audience, and left scarce anything to be desired, either as regards vocalism, instrumentalism, or scenic display. Miss Georgina Burns was, it is hardly necessary to state, as successful as ever in the title rôle, and deservedly gained great applause for her exquisite vocalisation. Mr. J. W. Turner, who was in splendid voice, sustained the part of *Don Cesar de Bazan*, his fine rendering of "Oh let me like a soldier fall," being rapturously re-demanded. The remaining characters were all well represented by Mr. Crotty, *Don José*; Mr. Henry Pope, the *King of Spain*; *Lazarello*, Miss Josephine Yorke; *Marquis de Montefiore*, Mr. Brooklyn; and *Marchioness de Montefiore*, Miss Don. The band and chorus were fully up to the average. The other operas performed this week were "The Flying Dutchman" (Wednesday), "La Dame Blanche" (Thursday), "Bohemian Girl" (Friday), and "Faust" being set down for to-night (Saturday). We have great pleasure in stating that Bro. John Hollingshead, of the Gaiety, London, now holds the directorship of this theatre, and, with the liberal spirit he has hitherto displayed, has abolished all fees. This concession, and the fact that Bro. Hollingshead will spare no pains or expense to provide entertainment of a high order, will, we feel sure, be duly appreciated by the Manchester public.

The tenth annual benefit of Bro. W. Francis, one of the proprietors of the Mohawk Minstrels, took place in the Agricultural Hall on Wednesday last. There was a large attendance as usual, and the entertainment, which was excellent both as regards quality and length, included a new ballad "Let me kiss your tears away," words by Mr. T. Pinder, music by Bro. Francis. This was most touchingly rendered by J. Fuller, and was received with loud applause. The other numbers were received with equal satisfaction, the new plantation scene being especially amusing.

Professor Macfarren, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, will deliver his inaugural address of the session at three p.m., this day (Saturday).



Three different comets have been discovered within the past few days. One of them—a telescope comet—was seen on the 10th inst., by Mr. Barnard, of Tennessee, and subsequently, at seven a.m., on the 15th inst., was observed at Harvard College Observatory. It is described as of the 10th magnitude, and circular in form, its diameter being 2 min. M. Cruls noted the second at Rio Janeiro, about half-an-hour before sunrise on the 12th inst. Though only an hour-and-a-half in advance of the sun, it was visible to the naked eye. The third was seen on Sunday last, the 17th inst., by Mr. Cameron, at Faling. It is but 5 min. in advance of the sun, and 20 min. to the south.

The Edison incandescent light has been adopted for illuminating the Gare de l'Ouest, Paris, and has also been introduced into Besançon, the motive power in the latter case being furnished by a waterfall about a mile distant.

To-day (Saturday) Rosa Bonheur's grand picture of the "Lion at Home," which for some time past has been on view at Messrs. Gladwell Brothers, 20 and 21, Gracechurch-street, will be withdrawn from exhibition.

The Fine Art Exhibition, comprising paintings, sculpture, and architectural drawings, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, will be closed on Saturday next, the 30th inst.

The Rev. Henry Swann Mill, on Saturday last, inaugurated the winter session of the Charterhouse Science and Art School and Literary Institute. From the very satisfactory report of the work done during the past session, it appears that no less than 700 students availed themselves of the privileges of the institution. Of these, nearly 500 submitted themselves for examination, and with such satisfactory results that they succeeded in carrying off among them 126 Queen's prizes and twenty Honour Certificates, awarded by the Science and Art Department, South Kensington.

Some valuable additions have recently been made to the collection in the Guildhall Library and Museum. These include a complete set of coins of the reign of Edward the Confessor and Harold II., as well as several, in an excellent state of preservation, belonging to that of Ethelred II., the Unready. The Clockmakers' Company have presented an orrery of foreign manufacture, contained in a glass globe, which is engraved with the sun, moon, planets, and constellations. The motive power is clockwork. A fine series of plates, representing the procession of the different trading companies through Vienna, on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Emperor and Empress of Germany, has likewise been added.

The Iron and Steel Institute held their first sitting in the large hall of the Engineers' and Architects' Club, Vienna, on Tuesday. About 300 members, including several English, and some of the fair sex, were present. Baron Possinger, Stadtholder of Lower Austria, and the Burgomaster of Vienna welcomed the foreign members on behalf of the Government and the capital respectively, Mr. Lowthian Bell, M.P., returning thanks for the compliment. The President of the Engineers' and Architects' Club paid a similar compliment to all the members. Bro. Bernard Samuelson, M.P., has been elected president of the Institute for the next two years.

It is satisfactory to note that of the £15,000 required for the City of London Technical College now in course of erection, the sum of £9600 has already been subscribed.

A short time hence and the International Electric and Gas Exhibition will be opened at the Crystal Palace, and will so remain till Easter of next year. This makes the third of the series that has been held in the same favoured locality, and will, no doubt, be even more liberally patronised by the public than its predecessors. During a part of the same period there will be a rival electric light attraction at the Royal Westminster Aquarium, which, in accordance with previous announcements, will be opened on November 1st.

The International Health Congress has been held this year at Geneva, under the presidency of Dr. Lombard. Amongst those present was the distinguished M. Pastens, the discoverer of the method of arresting, by means of inoculation, such contagious diseases among cattle as pleuro-pneumonia, &c. Among the subjects discussed was that of the contagiousness of phthisis, M. Leudet remarking that it was more frequently communicated by the husband than the wife.

A project is on foot to erect a memorial, in the form of a pillar or obelisk, to the late Lord Frederick Cavendish, on a conspicuous site near Bolton Abbey. Members of both political parties in the Northern division of the West Riding of Yorkshire are warmly supporting the plan.

On Monday, our Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, who with the Lady Mayoress was staying at Ryde as the guest of the Mayor, addressed an influential meeting in that town, and laid before it the claims of the proposed Royal College of Music to public support. Among those present were Mr. Grove, the director of the college, as representing the Prince of Wales, Bishop McDougall, the Mayors of Ryde and Newport with several clergymen and magistrates.

On Saturday last, the International Electric Exhibition at Munich was opened by Duke Charles Theodore of Bavaria. Professor Beetz delivered an address of welcome to His Royal Highness, after which a tour of inspection of the building was made.



By command of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, V.W.D.G.M., Prov. Grand Master, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held at Cambridge Hall, Southport, at noon, on Wednesday, the 4th prox. The business to be transacted includes several items of considerable interest, amongst the most important being the revision of the Book of Constitutions. A grand banquet will take place in Cambridge Hall at four o'clock. Notice of any motion intended to be brought before Prov. Grand Lodge must be given in writing to Bro. H. S. Alpess, G. Std. Br., the Prov. Grand Secretary, ten days before the meeting.

The ceremony of installation of W.M. will be worked in the United Pilgrim's Lodge of Instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday evening, the 29th inst., at 7.30, by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor to the lodge of instruction.

The St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, 211, will re-open for the winter months, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Geo. King, P.M. Old Concord Lodge, at The Moor-gate, Finsbury-pavement, on Thursday evening, the 28th inst.

Bro. C. Dalrymple, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Argyle and the Isles, presided at a concert and operatic entertainment, at the New Public Halls, Rothesay, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., in aid of the building fund of the new lodge-room of Rothesay St. John's Lodge, No. 292.

Bro. Sir John Whitaker Ellis, Bart., the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, has consented to preside at the anniversary festival banquet of the charitable institution known as "Ye Antiente Fraternite of ye Rahere Almoners," to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 20th October. The attendance of the present sheriffs of London, and Bro. Alderman De Keyser, sheriff elect, and his colleague is likewise anticipated. Our readers may remember our notice, last year, of the first, or inauguration festival of this society, and the interest occasioned by the quaintness of its introduction to the public. It is most satisfactory to know that its first year's operations have been eminently successful; and that, in the words of the Lord Mayor, replying to the deputation inviting him to attend, "It has done good and useful work." A strong committee has been formed to ensure our Junior Grand Warden a fitting reception; and, judging from the past efforts of the officers of this society, a highly satisfactory entertainment may be anticipated.

The Home Office authorities have caused to be issued a series of rules derived from the "Report of the Lightning-rod Conference, 1882," in which it is recommended that the material of the rod should be copper, weighing not less than three ounces per foot run, the conductivity being not less than ninety per cent. of that of pure copper, in the form either of rod, tape, or stout wire-rope. If iron is used it should not weigh less than two and a quarter pounds per foot run.

On Friday fortnight, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury, a handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. Inspector Foulger, who has recently retired from the City force, after a service of forty years, by the officers and members of the first, or Moor-lane division. Bro. Foulger has during his long service been concerned in many important cases, notably those in connection with the Post Office. Mr. Superintendent Foster, Inspector McDonald, Sergeants Rowan, Davies, Stroud, and about 100 constables were present to do honour to the occasion, as well as many of the immediate inhabitants of the district. The above notice, alluded to in a leaderette last week, ought to have appeared in the same issue.

An interesting ceremony took place at a meeting of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, 1035, on the 14th inst., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, the occasion being the presentation of a very handsome time-piece, with suitable inscription, to the W.M. (Bro. J. P. Bryan) by the officers of the lodge in recognition of his recent marriage.

We are asked to announce that the Southgate Lodge of Instruction will meet again, after the summer adjournment, on the first Tuesday in October, and every Tuesday evening during the winter. Bro. Sadler, P.M., G.T., is the Preceptor.

The ceremony of installation will be fully rehearsed at the Panmure Lodge of Instruction, 720, which meets at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., by Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M., P.Z., &c., on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at seven o'clock p.m. Brethren are invited to attend.

Bro. the Rev. E. Rawson, vicar of Marston, Cheshire, and formerly curate of Newport Pagnell, was recently installed as Grand Chaplain of the Province of Cheshire.

Last week, the foundation-stone of a new Free Library for Leek, Staffordshire, was laid by Mrs. Nicholson, whose husband, Mr. Joshua Nicholson, has undertaken the cost of erection and endowment, estimated together at some £20,000.

The Chief Rabbi has directed that on Thursday next, the 28th inst., being the first day of the Festival of Tabernacles and a Feast of Thanksgiving, a special service of prayer and praise to Almighty God for the signal success vouchsafed to our army in Egypt shall be held in all the synagogues of the United Hebrew congregations of the kingdom.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to joint, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the urgent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The Ointment checks the local malady, while the Pills restore vital power.—[ADVT.]

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, has kindly consented to accept the presidency of the Parkes Museum, which will shortly be re-opened to the public in Margaret-street, Cavendish-square.

The return home of Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., was expected to take place either yesterday or to-day (Saturday). His lordship on arrival at Marseilles was detained on quarantine.

A proposal has been started with a view to raising a subscription to present a sword of honour to Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, in testimony of his recent services in command of the British forces in Egypt. In the first instance the idea was to limit it to Monkstown, near Dublin, where the gallant officer passed his youth and was educated, but since then the scope has been enlarged, and the fund will be a general one.

The fund for the relief of sufferers by the famine in Iceland has increased within the last few days to about £3300. It will be remembered that Bro. the Lord Mayor is chairman of the committee, and that the fund is under the patronage of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales.

The Royal yacht Osborne has been placed at the disposal of H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, who, at an early date, will proceed to the Mediterranean, in order to join the Duke. It is considered not improbable that Her Royal Highness may be accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

It has been decided to entertain the Australian Cricket Eleven at a banquet next Thursday evening at the Criterion. A large number of gentlemen interested in the colonies will be present, and we believe tickets are to be obtained at the London offices of the National Bank of Australasia, Leadenhall-street, City.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales left Abergeldie for England yesterday for the purpose of attending to-day (Saturday) the funeral of the late Dean of Windsor on behalf of the Queen. His Royal Highness will return to Abergeldie immediately afterwards, and is expected to be the guest of the Earl of Fife, at Mar Lodge, next week.

Owing to unavoidable delay in the completion of the workshops and the laboratory fittings, the opening of the College of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education, Finsbury, is postponed until January. Arrangements, however, have been made for carrying on the work of the college during the winter term in all its departments in the temporary class rooms of the institute, Cowper-street, Finsbury.

"Glimpses of our Ancestors in Sussex," a work by Mr. Charles Fleet, has been so well received by the public, that the author has in preparation a second volume. This will be published shortly, uniform with the second edition of the first volume recently published by Messrs. Farncombe and Co., of Lewes. It will contain chapters on Royal Visits to Sussex, the Sussex Martyrs, Noble Sussex Families, Knight Templars in Sussex, the Quakers in Sussex, Hermits in Sussex, Sussex Cricket, Sussex Lore, and many others. Also a series of interesting rambles in both divisions of the county. It is proposed to illustrate some of the chapters, should the number of subscribers warrant the outlay, including Colvin's celebrated picture of "Burning the Martyrs at Lewes," reduced to octavo size.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, C.C., and Bro. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., F.S.A., have issued invitations to meet the Lord Mayor and sheriffs at the inaugural banquet of the Master of the Pattenmakers' Company.

Bro. Joseph Dodds M.P., was a guest at the luncheon last week, on the occasion of the opening of the West Lancashire Railway.

The Guion steamer Alaska has just completed an extraordinary voyage from New York. On the 12th inst. she started on her voyage at seven o'clock evening, New York time, or 11.30 Greenwich. On the 19th she passed Browhead signal station (Ireland) at ten minutes past two o'clock, and crossed the bar of the Mersey at two o'clock the following morning at flood tide. It will thus be seen that the problem of a seven days' trip from New York to Liverpool has almost been solved, for the actual time occupied on the trip of this hitherto unrivalled steamer, on her voyage from New York to the Irish coast, was six days fourteen hours and forty-eight minutes, and to Liverpool, seven days two hours.

Bro. Lord Sherborne, P.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, has left Pulteney's Hotel. The last time we met the noble lord was at the re-opening of Tewkesbury Abbey, when the Masonic body had a function of their own, having restored one of the chapels. Lord Sherborne presided at a banquet on the occasion, and we could not help noting the respect he met with from all.

Bro. David James will join the Haymarket Company, which re-opens next month with "The Overland Route." We do not know who is to take the part assigned to Mrs. Langtry in this comedy, she having been let off her engagement. The theatre has been re-decorated.

Bro. Dr. Trollope, P.P.G.D. Sussex, is amongst the subscribers to the Restoration Fund for the organ of St. Paul's, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, C.C., audited the accounts of the Ladies Dress Association Limited, for the annual meeting.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending September 16th, was 990.

Bro. William Dawes, Wellington Lodge, No. 341, Rye, has been presented by Mr. Inderwick, M.P., with a beautiful and complete set of articles for the dinner table, cruet stand, salad bowl, salt cellars, and claret jug, in recognition of services rendered to Mr. Inderwick at the election of 1880.

DOCTORS' PRESCRIPTIONS.—The advance of medical science has necessitated great variations in most modern prescriptions. Some remedies, notably those for the various phases of skin disease, are prescribed as they were a quarter of a century ago, the favourite remedy being still SAPO CARBONIS DETERGENS, WRIGHT'S. These words should appear on every tablet and wrapper of Wright's Coal Tar Soap purchased or prescribed.

The first meeting of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, will be held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th prox., when Bro. Edgar Bowyer, the W.M., will preside. The Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, has promised to attend.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough and Lady Spencer Churchill have left Blenheim Palace on a visit to Lord Tweedmouth.

Bro. Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart has had a large quantity of wines stolen from his mansion, at Ardgowanus near Inverkip, Renfrewshire. Three journeymen mason, have been apprehended on the charge. For some time past the mansion has been in the hands of tradesmen, the drains receiving particular attention. Accused were employed by the contractor, and it is alleged, while working in the lower parts of the house, they removed a number of stones from one of the side ventilators of the wine cellar, and thereby gained admission to the apartment. Each night the stones were temporarily replaced, so that from day to day the men enjoyed their luxurious refreshment undiscovered. After consuming the generous liquor, the accused, it is alleged, built the empty bottles into the drains at which they were working. On the cellar being subsequently entered by the butler, a large number of bottles of wine were found missing from the bins, and on inquiry being instituted and the premises carefully examined, the ventilator was discovered to have been tampered with, and recently built up, whereupon the men were apprehended. After being examined before the Sheriff, at Greenock, the accused have been committed for trial, bail being accepted.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Leicestershire, Northampton, and Derbyshire will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday next, under the banner of the Fawke Lodge, No. 19.

The Comus, with the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise on board, has arrived at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, in safety. Great preparations were made for their reception. The road from Esquimaux to Victoria was spanned at frequent intervals with triumphal arches bearing appropriate legends. There were 10,000 visitors in the town.

The first introduction of the electric light for the streets of Berlin was made on Wednesday in one of the chief thoroughfares, the Leipziger Strasse. The process adopted was that of the Siemens-Halske differential lamps.

Mr. Stanley, the African traveller, about whom very little has been heard for some time, has, it is stated, arrived at Lisbon. He will, it is added, at once proceed to Brussels to see the King of the Belgians.

The new Lancashire County Hall at Preston was formally opened, on the 14th inst., by Bro. the Earl of Derby. In the course of his remarks, his lordship said that though it was possible for architectural works to be too magnificent for the object for which they were erected, he thought Lancashire was rich enough to indulge in something beyond mere necessities. Northern towns required, and could afford to pay for ornament. The taste for handsomely-decorated buildings was increasing rather than diminishing, the idea being that the administration of affairs should be carried on amid surroundings calculated to instil respect. As regards size, they must bear in mind that changes in the manner of conducting local government were not only probable, but certain.

Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Albany have consented to open the new rooms of the Royal School of Art Needlework, at Glasgow, on the 14th October. The proceedings will take place in St. Andrew's Hall, which is the largest in the city. The Duke and Duchess are to be the guests of Sir Archibald and the Hon. Lady Campbell, of Blytheswood.

A vote is to be proposed when the French Chambers meet for 19,000,000 francs, to be applied in taking the levels of each of the Departments, for the use of the Ministries of Public Works and of War. These are to be followed by elaborate plans for new roads, railways, canals, and water distribution, which are likely to be most helpful in the development of agriculture and commerce, and for the purpose of national defence.

We are glad to note that at a special meeting on Tuesday, of the Town Council of Yarmouth, it was resolved that the Polhouse Hall, to the contemplated sale and destruction of which we referred a short time back, should remain as it is for a time, and that its restoration and appropriation as a museum, or for some other public purpose, shall be the subject of further consideration. The Hall, as we have said before, is over six centuries old, and is a rare specimen of early English. Its preservation, therefore, is the more desirable.

Dramatic critics and the public seem to be unanimously of opinion that Mrs. Langtry has wonderfully improved during her provincial tour, and that her performance of *Hester Grazebrook* in "An Unequal Match," at the Imperial this week, is almost perfect, though she would still do well at times to adopt a plaintive tone of voice.

Mr. Edgar Bruce will not rebuild the Prince of Wales's, but is about erecting a new theatre in its place, at the corner of Coventry-street. Thus the site of the Prince of Wales's, so long associated with the stage, will revert to its original uses. During the building of the new house Mr. Bruce will probably occupy the Globe.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Wales will be held at the Town Hall, Cardiff, on Thursday next, under the Grand Mastership of Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P. Grand Lodge will be opened at half-past one p.m., and the banquet will commence at half-past three, under the banner of the Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36.

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 Milners' 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.