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It is striking, and at the same time affecting, often, to realize to what beneficent uses our great Charities are put, and what melancholy cases of sickness, suffering, bereavement, poverty they help and meet. In the inscrutable wisdom of T.G.A.O.T.U. many are the afflictions of our common humanity, many the unforeseen visitations, the inexplicable trials to which mortality is heir to here. Hardly a day passes over our heads, not a biennial election returns, but we are, and must be, impressed with the extent of human suffering and the need, value and blessing of our Masonic Charities. The bread-winner struck down by some mysterious disease, in full activity; the mourning widow and the bereaved children; all these cases come before us often in sad plenitude and succession, and they are such as seem necessarily to appeal to our Masonic sensibilities, to touch our memories and to melt our hearts. This week, as we are again approaching another election-period, we may be well reminded of the serious necessity and beneficial outcome of our great Educational Institutions; and may the thoughts, thus realistic and opportune, stir us all up to even still greater exertions on behalf of these great Charities of ours, which appeal so strongly to our personal feelings, evince so markedly the absolute need of their existence, attest so forcibly the sincerity of our Masonic professions, and illustrate so truly the genius, the mission of true Freemasonry in the world and amongst ourselves at this hour.

LONDON, fifty years ago, as our contemporary, the *City Press*, tells us elsewhere, was a very different city to what the "little village" now appears to us. Its changes have been many and great; its transformations striking and numerous. Indeed, some of the old loiterers by the "sweet shady shade of Pall Mall," those who, like Dr. JOHNSON, liked to stroll along Fleet-street, would hardly know now those once familiar spots. And what London will be fifty years hence who can tell or venture to predict? Will the historical New Zealander stand and mourn in silence on Westminster Bridge? or some good old Mason deplore in Great Queen-street the vanished glories of Freemasons' Hall? In the present movement,—may we say mania?—for improving everything, it seems just possible that great changes may take place in and around Lincoln's Inn Fields, for instance; and it might be wise in our rulers if they took "time by the forelock," and looked out a little ahead for what is within the bounds of probability and possibility. There was an old nobleman who used to talk of the "blessed lights of London," and certainly, we think, that there is a good deal to be said for the Metropolis on the part of those who live under its shadow, and mingle in its civilization. That London is changing rapidly to "outward sight" is clear, even to each careless "flaneur" who passes on half-unheeding; and, as Freemasons always are friendly to reasonable improvements and æsthetic influences, we should rejoice to note how narrow streets are widened, and foul alleys disappear, and wretched haunts of misery and disease are rooted out; and how more light, more air, more cleanliness, and more health are attainable by those toiling masses of ours who crowd our streets and make up our annually increasing population.

We think the suggestion of a correspondent last week, that some of the Grand Stewards of the year should be from the Provinces, deserves consideration. There are, however, some difficulties in the way, to which we will call attention next week. We believe that originally, whether under the Antients or Moderns we know not, there was a recognition of Provincial Stewards as Grand Stewards; but Bro. Gould can more clearly inform us on this point. We will allude to the subject again, as we said just now, next week.

In French Freemasonry a notable change has taken place. Bro. ST. JEAN has retired from the head of French Freemasonry, and Bro. BELAT has

been elected in his stead, though Bro. ST. JEAN remains champion of the "Commission" of which Bro. BELAT is a member. This seems to be a funny proceeding. The convent rejected the proposed "concordat" between the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge Symbolique. Bro. GRIMAUX, the editor of the *Monde Maconnique*, like ourselves, has always pointed out the absurdity of the proposal. We do not augur much good from such a change for French Freemasonry. Bro. ST. JEAN has always been of the moderate party; has, in difficult times, shown great courage and dignity; is an old and loyal Freemason, and has always manifested the greatest personal courtesy and friendship to Freemasons of other countries and jurisdictions. We know nothing of Bro. BELAT, though, probably, he has Masonic antecedents, and he has evidently numerous friends. But, unfortunately, politics are so mixed up with French Freemasonry that it is difficult to know why, Masonically, much takes place. We are amused to note that the *Monde Maconnique* complains of the "noise and confusion at the banquet," and that a "brother from Alsace could not get a hearing." What next? Have not our prophecies been fulfilled? Has not the course of the Grand Orient of France been downward ever since that fatal day that they broke with their old traditions, and severed themselves from cosmopolitan Freemasonry?

WITH respect to a leaderette of ours a short time back, anent the GRAND SCRIBE of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, we hasten to say that by a little regrettable error, currency has been given to a mistaken statement that there is, or is likely to be, a vacancy in the office of G.S.E. Such is not the case. V.W. Comp. EDWARDS has been duly appointed and invested, is G.S. of the Scottish Grand Chapter, and has no intention of resigning his important post. We are sorry if our announcement should have given the slightest annoyance to Comp. EDWARDS or his friends, and, therefore, call the attention of our readers to his explanation.

THE annual police report suggests many thoughts and considerations. We all must be grateful for the protection afforded to our overgrown Metropolis by, perhaps, the most effective police force in the world; and we must rejoice to bear our kindly and grateful testimony to the uniform civility and carefulness of that well-disciplined body of men, which, a mere handful, numerically, manages, amid overpowering masses, to keep the QUEEN'S peace and protect the lives and prosperity of almost countless peaceful citizens. In all great towns there is a mournful "residuum," that "classe dangereuse," that vitiated "proletariat," which feeds on the garbage, and forms the difficulty of crowded capitals. Thanks to the Metropolitan Police, crime is *not* on the increase, and, despite some few drawbacks, which will gradually disappear, London is probably now the safest, the healthiest, and the most comfortable home in the world. Still, amid all our skilled arrangements and police precautions, it is rather startling to find that a certain number of persons disappear annually from society and their friends, of whom nothing more is known or even heard. What becomes of them? Where do they go to? These are questions which it is apparently impossible to answer. Mr. VINCENT, the energetic head of the Criminal Enquiry Department,—we believe, by the way, a brother of our Order,—gives us some very interesting figures and facts as to the labours and success of the body under his special direction, and we trust before long that a well-trained and expert cohort of detective officers will still more decisively and effectually track out crime and criminals, and ensure the safety of persons and property in our densely-peopled metropolis. Absolute security we cannot reasonably expect; entire exemption from villany we cannot anticipate; since the knave and the chevalier d'industrie must ply their vocation, though their wings be clipped; and no great aggregation of human beings, as in London, can ever be divested of those greater and lesser criminals, male and female, who fill up the records of our police courts, and live on the plunder, and destruction even sometimes, of their fellow creatures. Mr. VINCENT ends with a needful and seasonable warning against "special agents" of both sexes, and "inquiry offices." He even echoes the words we have often taken the liberty to use in the *Freemason*. Many of that class being old police officers, carrying with them the tradition of the force, as money is potent, and "squaring" efficacious, are not very particular often in the names they use and the means they adopt to compass their end, which may be reasonable or needful, but may be, let us remark the height of infamy, wickedness, cruelty, and illegality. It is undoubtedly the fact that many special agents succeed, by apeing the manners, claiming the prestige, and using the technicalities of police work suggested by their own experience; and Mr. VINCENT deserves the thanks of all who believe in law, and law alone, as the foundation of an Englishman's privileges, the guardian of his rights, and the aim and limit of all his proceedings and all his undertakings.

POST CARDS are good things, and the new reply cards are a wonderfully useful addition to our means of correspondence. Unfortunately, as many criminal trials daily show, they lend themselves to the designs of the personal and the meaner toils of the slanderer. Generally, those who write such attacks and pen such effusions are great cowards, as all are who think and seek by open invective and surreptitious hints to inflict harm on others. Let us hope that in Masonry such things cannot be, and that no Freemason would use a post card, on any pretence, to gratify spite or hurt the feelings of a brother. "Absit omen."

THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS.—III.

It will be seen that the *revision* of 1882 contains, mainly, the rules relating to the Grand Lodge of 1873. Those of the Provincial and District Grand Lodges, however, make known several departures from all previous editions, and they are also, for the first time, arranged in a convenient and compact form. An examination of the issue of 1873, side by side with the "Draft Revise" (now published, in *octavo*), will at once demonstrate the superiority of the latter, and justify the praise we have bestowed on that excellent compilation.

Regulation No. 78 is a step in the right direction, as it provides for the continuation of Provincial Grand Lodges "on the death, resignation, suspension, or removal" of Provincial Grand Masters. The continuity is not to be preserved as with "District Grand Lodges" (*i.e.*, through the temporary service of the District Grand Officer next in rank *then* in the district), but in the persons of the *Deputy* Provincial Grand Masters only. Whenever, under previous regulations, a Province would virtually lapse, now, by the new system, *Deputy* Provincial Grand Masters are empowered to act as Provincial Grand Masters until a brother is duly appointed to that important office. The clause as to the interim appointment of the Grand Registrar is still retained (33), though it is unlikely that it will be much exercised if the proposed change be adopted. We feel quite certain that this alteration will be hailed with satisfaction by our Provincial brethren. Provincial Grand Masters date from A.D. 1726, and are referred to at length in the Constitutions of 1756. They were invested "with the power and honour of a *Deputy Grand Master* * * * to take rank as the Grand Officers in all public Assemblies immediately after the Past Deputy Grand Master" * and are thus virtually in the same honourable position at the present time.

The 80th Rule suggests the discussion once more as to Past Masters *in* lodges, for, in defining the members of Provincial Grand Lodges, the words occur "Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of all lodges within the Province or District." According to the "strict letter of the law," Past Masters *in*, but not *of*, lodges in a Province—say, of Devon—are not members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon. We believe that, as a rule, all Past Masters *in* lodges in Provinces have been accepted as members thereof; but we fail to see by what law they are so received, though we strongly advocate a clause being so worded. Would it not do to let No. 80 read—"Masters and Wardens *of*, and Past Masters *of* or *in* all lodges within the Province or District?" Just the simple change of phraseology suggested would at once place Past Masters *of* or *in* lodges, on the same level, and thus bring the fair custom within the law. The frequent and interesting correspondence in the *Freemason* is an evidence of the importance of the subject. Both editorially and generally the claims of Past Masters *in* lodges have been duly considered and supported in its pages. It is useless to say as some do, that the discussion is virtually a quibble, for it is no such thing. Past Masters *in* but not *of* lodges in a Province, are no more members thereof than are Wardens of lodges *not* in the Province, though contributing to lodges in the Province. We much wish such Past Masters to be members of Prov. Grand Lodge, but the point is *what saith the law*, and knowing what it does say, *how can it be altered?*

No. 81 is suggestive of the criticisms relating to the precedence of Prov. Grand Officers which recently appeared, for it now reads that a Prov. Grand Master is invested with a rank and power in "his particular province *similar in many respects to that possessed by the Grand Master.*" The latter clause is a very sensible addition, and removes all misapprehension on the subject. The same rule states that until Prov. Grand Masters are installed they "shall not be qualified to perform any of the functions of the office." This also is a needful addition. Another convenient arrangement is, that the *notes* formerly scattered over the Book of Constitutions are now incorporated in the text according to proper sequence.

No. 83 is most distinct and emphatic in character, relating as it does to the appointments in a Provincial or District Grand Lodge. These officers are all enumerated, and "no others" are to be appointed, neither can Prov. or District Grand Masters "confer on any brother the rank of a Past Prov. Grand Officer." It must be acquired by due service only.

Rule 84 refers to Provinces or Districts numbering "forty lodges and upwards," in which the Prov. or District Grand Masters are empowered "to appoint annually *four* Prov. or District Grand Deacons instead of two, and also a Prov. or District Deputy Grand D. of Ceremonies." We find that this privilege will affect but very few Provinces. Only *five* have forty lodges and upwards, *viz.* (a) Lancashire, *East Division*, 92; (b) Lancashire, *West Division*, 81; (c) West Yorkshire, 66; (d) Devon, 50; (e) Kent, 49. Now, if the rule were altered so as to embrace *thirty lodges and upwards*, whilst but four more would participate in the advantage, there would be also several other Provinces looking forward to attaining that numerical position ere long. The present participants (*if thirty lodges and upwards were the condition*), would be (f) Cheshire, 39; (g) Hants and Isle of Wight, 38; (h) Middlesex, 32; and Warwickshire, 30. Then there are the District Grand Lodges to be considered, some of which are very large, and all deserve as many compliments or advantages as possible, consistent with the due increase of honours in accordance with the progress of the Craft. It is a question about which the London brethren especially may, at least, ask the opinion of their Provincial brethren, and the sooner the views of the larger Provinces are made known the better for all concerned. The present "revise" should have a fair trial, after once it is fully examined and decided upon; and all needful alterations should therefore be speedily proposed, so as to be included in the suggestions for the special Grand Lodge.

* Page 292 "Entick's Constitutions," 1756.

Rule 93 has already been objected to in some Provinces, as it allows of a dispensation for the non-residence of a *Deputy* Provincial Grand Master. According to the custom and law of many years, that officer *must be resident in the Province*, and there are many cogent reasons why no change should be made in that respect. As the Prov. G. Master may not be a resident in his Province, it seems desirable that his Deputy Prov. G. Master *should be*, and so we favour the old rule, and hope it will still be retained. Those Prov. Grand Lodges who share our views on the subject should make a representation accordingly to head quarters; for, doubtless, if the alteration be found generally objectionable, it will be omitted from the final revise of the Constitutions.

The Rule 94, corresponding in part with that of clause 2, page 51 of Constitutions, 1873, is such an improvement on its predecessor that we give it in its entirety.

"The Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, the Provincial or District Grand Wardens, and other Provincial or District Grand Officers do not take any rank out of their Province or District, they are, however, entitled to wear their clothing as Provincial or District Grand Officers, or Past Provincial or District Grand Officers, in all Masonic meetings."

Although really under the heading of "Private Lodges," and rightly so, there are other points to be noticed, which may fairly be included in the present article. It will be remembered that in the last edition of the Constitutions full particulars are given as to the mode of receiving the Provincial Grand Master, or rather how that brother should be supported by his Provincial Grand Officers on visiting one of the lodges in his Province, *viz.*, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to be on his *right*, the Master on his *left*, and his Provincial Grand Wardens to act as Wardens, *pro tem.* In the *revise*, No. 145 is devoted in like manner to the arrangement of the chief officers of a lodge, on a visit from the *Deputy* Provincial Grand Master (in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master). On that event occurring, the Master of the lodge occupies the *right* of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, not the *left*, as with the Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Wardens acting as the Wardens in each case. It would be well, if either the Provincial Grand Master, or Deputy Provincial Grand Master, visited each lodge in their province at least once a year; and if unable to attend all the lodges, some competent brother might be deputed to represent the Provincial Grand Master as far as may be. We know of lodges that never receive visits from the Provincial authorities, and, certainly, their being thus left "out in the cold" is not in accordance with the spirit of the laws respecting Provincial Grand Lodges.

No. 157 recites that notice of the times and places of meeting of lodges of instruction shall be given within Provinces and Districts to the Provincial or District Grand Secretaries. Although not a law of the Grand Lodge, many Provinces require the Masters of lodges to have "summons" sent to the Provincial Grand Secretaries at the same time they are forwarded to the members, and it is a regulation that should be generally adopted.

No. 215 is so good a rule that we wish it could be extended to Provincial Grand Masters, with the necessary alterations. It reads, "The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, except through the Grand Secretary."

No. 134, respecting a dispensation to permit of a brother being Master of more than one lodge at the same time, enables District Grand Masters to grant such dispensations, as well as the Grand Master, but not *Provincial Grand Masters.*

The 4th article will be devoted to "Private Lodges."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall; Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. Torkington, Edgar Bowyer, A. J. Duff Filer, John L. Mather, Arthur E. Gladwell, D. M. Dewar, H. S. Goodall, Alfred Williams, G. P. Britten, C. H. Webb, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Frederick Adlard, W. H. Saunders, George J. Palmer, George P. Gillard, George Cooper, E. Baxter, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

On the recommendation of the House Committee, it was resolved that a further sum of £1000 should be invested.

Four petitions were passed, and the children placed on the list for the election in April next. One petition was deferred.

Outfits of £5 each were granted to four former pupils of the Institution, who had since obtained situations, and an outfit of £15 was made in another case.

The following notices of motion were given for the Quarterly Court next Monday:

1. That the days of election in the two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions remain unaltered, provided only that when the Quarterly Court for the election of candidates shall fall respective on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday, and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks.

2. That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the election of candidates for the two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and an Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week.

By Bro. J. L. MATHER M.P.: To amend Rule 55 as follows: No boy shall be eligible for election or for admission by purchase or otherwise who has a brother in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS moved a vote of congratulation to Bro. Binckes on his recovery from his recent illness, desiring to express how pleased the Committee were to see the respected Secretary of the Institution back again in his place.

Bro. J. L. MATHER seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. BINCKES, in acknowledging the vote, said the brethren were not more pleased to see him back than he was to be there. He had had a very long confinement, and he was afraid that if he was to listen to his medical adviser's admonition he must be very quiet indeed for the next six months; therefore the brethren must take it that if he was quiet it would be from no want of interest in the Institution. He doubted, however, whether his looks would win for him much sympathy.

The Committee then separated.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Robert P. Tate, C. A. Cotter, Julius Quitmann, Charles John Perceval, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, C. G. Dilley, James Brett, J. R. Gallant, J. A. Farnfield, W. H. Goodall, G. L. Moore, William Stevens, Charles Godtschalk, A. H. Tattershall, C. Rawson, Charles Daniel, John J. Berry, J. G. Gordon Robbins, J. M. Case, C. H. Webb, James Terry, Sec., and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. TERRY read the letter from General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. for Surrey, accepting the chairmanship of the next festival of the Institution, in February, 1883.

Bro. TERRY then reported the death of two annuitants and one approved candidate. He also read the Warden's report and the Finance Committee's report. From the latter it was shown that the balance in favour of the Male Fund was £492 2s. 4d.; Female Fund, £338 8s. 10d.; and Sustentation Fund, £49 2s. 4d.

The report was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Three petitions were examined and the petitioners placed on the list of candidates for next election.

With respect to one of the petitioners a long discussion arose. The petitioner, who was fully qualified, belongs to a London Lodge, which, it was explained by Bro. Terry, while it has subscribed some £200 to the Institution, has received in annuities to its members from the Institution nearly £3000. It was further stated, that the rule of the lodge appeared to be that as soon as a Past Master or other member reached the age of sixty years he considered himself entitled to apply for the annuity; and it might be mentioned that although it is a matter outside the Benevolent Institution, yet to show the position of the lodge with regard to seeking relief, its members, or former members, are constantly before the Lodge of Benevolence, and many children of members have been educated in the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. W. STEPHENS thought the attention of the lodge should be called to the fact of so many of its members constantly seeking relief, and moved that the Secretary be directed to write to this effect.

The CHAIRMAN thought no good would come of such a letter. Probably the Master of the lodge would say, "Mind your own business."

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD said the subject had made a deep impression on him, as, no doubt, it had on several other members of the Committee, and he thought the attention of the Master of the lodge should be called to the subject. If the practice of this lodge was to be followed by other lodges, the Institution would not be able to give relief. The Committee were trustees of the funds of the Institution for the subscribers, and they ought to pass a vote of disapproval to this principle. A letter might be drawn up in a friendly manner and sent to the Master of the lodge.

The CHAIRMAN said the Committee could not go beyond calling attention to the fact, and desiring that more care should be taken as to the class of men initiated in the lodge. Certainly the attention of the Grand Secretary or the Board of General Purposes might be requested to the subject.

After some further discussion, Bro. WOODFORD moved a formal vote that the Secretary be directed to write a letter to the W.M. of the lodge on the subject.

Bro. GORDON ROBBINS moved the previous question, which was put and carried.

The Committee then adjourned.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MASONIC HALL AT PAISLEY.

On the 7th inst. the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall was laid by Sir Arch. Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, Prov. Grand Master Renfrewshire East, and the demonstration was the largest in a Masonic sense ever witnessed in Paisley, there being close on 2000 Freemasons, including deputations from sister lodges in all parts of the country, who took part in the proceedings.

The hall is being built by the Masonic Hall Company, the Directors of which in March of this year invited a number of architects to submit plans for the buildings, when those submitted by Messrs. W. G. Wilson, A.R.I. B.A., and J. B. Stewart, 134, Wellington-street, Glasgow, were approved, and are being carried out under their superintendence. The frontage, in High-street, will be in three floors and attics; on the street floor there will be two shops, with saloons and cellars. The first floor will be occupied by offices, and the upper floors by dwelling-houses. The hall, with rooms attached, is placed at the back part of the site, and will be entered from the street by a passage. The front, to High-street, is in the French Renaissance style. A feature will be made to the entrance to the hall in the shape of a porch slightly projected, having a niche with statue over. The hall will be thirty-seven feet long, by twenty-three feet six inches broad, and the decorations will be emblematical.

The Masons began to assemble in St. James-street shortly after two o'clock, and for the next hour they arrived in hundreds. The Prov. Grand Lodge Renfrewshire East was opened in the County Hall, and there received deputations. The procession moved off shortly after three o'clock, and traversed the principal streets. Immediately prayer had been offered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Mills, the Prov. Grand Master called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary and Treasurer to place the coins, &c., in the cavity of the stone, and the architect to bring forward the necessary workman. The jar was duly brought forward containing the following: All the coins of the realm (one of each), various papers in connection with business of the company, lists of office-bearers of Lodges St. Mirin, 129, and Renfrew County Kilwinning, 370, Paisley, a copy each of the Grand Lodge bye-laws, the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1882," and the *Freemason*, besides all the local papers, the Paisley Directory, and a programme of the proceedings. The jar, &c., being duly placed, the stone was laid in the usual Masonic manner. After which ceremony had been completed.

Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL said he had, at the request of the Freemasons of the province, had the honour of

laying that stone that day. It was a memorial-stone, which he trusted might be long remembered by the members of the Craft in after days. It had been long felt necessary that, as they were increasing in numbers in the town of Paisley, they should have a better local habitation than the lodges up to that time had occupied; and therefore that hall had now been inaugurated, so that the Masons of Paisley and of the province might have a fitting place to meet in. But it would not have been brought to that point had it not been for the energy of those who composed the Committee; and among them and the directors of the Masonic Hall Company they found the honoured name of Provost MacKean, of that city. It was much to his credit and due to the energy he always showed on all public occasions that that building was now being erected; and he felt confident that with such a gentleman at the head of the affairs it would be a benefit to the Craft. It was with great pleasure that he now declared this hall begun for the Freemasons, and he hoped and trusted that all good fellowship and charity might be found within its walls.

Provost MACKEAN in the name of the directors of the Masonic Hall, said he had to thank them for their attendance there that day in laying that memorial-stone. He hoped that all the good would come of it that their worthy brother, Sir Archibald, had wished, and that there would be brotherly love and kindness of heart among all Freemasons there and throughout the world. To all appearance it was a prosperous concern, and they hoped when their Hall was opened their brethren from a distance would never fail to give them a call on a lodge night, and give them the right hand of fellowship.

Sir ARCHIBALD'S call upon the brethren for three cheers was promptly and vociferously responded to. The procession then returned in inverted order, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The directors of the company entertained the office-bearers of the Prov. Grand Lodge Renfrewshire East, and several distinguished members of the Craft, to dinner in the Globe Hotel, after the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone. Among those present were the following: Bros. Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., of Blythswood, Prov. G.M. Renfrewshire East; Cochran-Patrick, M.P., Prov. G.M. Ayrshire; Hector McLean, Prov. G.M. Lanarkshire Upper Ward; John Clark Forrest, Prov. G.M. Lanarkshire Middle Ward; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; and many officers of Prov. Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East and other provinces. Most of the directors of the company were also present.

The toast list included the usual loyal and Masonic, besides other toasts connected with the occasion, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by the brethren.

THE MORGAN MONUMENT.

From the *New York Times*, September 15th.

To most people the fact of the existence of a "National Christian Association" was made known for the first time the other day by the unveiling of a statue erected by the association in honour of one William Morgan. Judging from the names of those who took part in the edifying ceremony the National Christian Association consists chiefly of Blanchards, together with an occasional Taggart, but it is evidently an energetic and determined body of men, who are resolved to save their country if they have to erect a dozen monuments.

At first sight it may seem rather odd that a National Christian Association should take pains to honour the memory of a drunken vagabond, whose one claim to fame lies in the fact that he either violated a dozen or more of the most solemn oaths or told a large collection of ingenious falsehoods. To add to the beauty and symmetry of his moral character, Mr. William Morgan always maintained that he violated his alleged oaths and betrayed the confidence of his associates from a sense of duty. He thus crowned his moral edifice with hypocrisy, and was as various and miscellaneous a rascal as our prolific country has produced. That such a man should have been honoured with a monument by an association of Christians would certainly be a very singular fact were it not that the National Christian Association is engaged in a work of such tremendous importance that it cannot stop to inquire into the moral character of its great apostle and protomartyr.

From the proceedings at the unveiling of the Morgan monument at Baltimore, it appears that the National Christian Association has for its object the exposure and defeat of the hellish conspiracy against Christianity, morality, and free government, summarily comprehended under the name of Freemasonry. Mr. William Morgan was one of the first men who called the attention of Americans to the dangerous character of Freemasonry, and that either he or some one else was thereupon killed by Freemasons or other persons is, in the opinion of the National Christian Association, an undoubted fact.

Every one knows of the existence at the present day of Freemasonry, but had it not been for the National Christian Association few of us would have known what desperate and wicked men the Freemasons are. They are beyond any question the leading fiends of the nineteenth century, and their practices are as abominable as their principles are infamous.

Hypocrisy is one of the invariable characteristics of the Freemason. It is this that enables him to wear the expression of innocence and dullness which one always notes in the faces of Freemasons when an entire lodge stands up to be photographed with its aprons and horse collar. The fat, amiable brother, who wears his hat to denote that he is the Master of the lodge, is apparently utterly incapable of murder and treason; and the rest of the brethren look as if they were on the point of singing hymns and giving five cents each to the missionary cause. Yet, thanks to the National Christian Association, we know that these men are the most skillful of hypocrites, for, in spite of their smooth and innocent faces, they are plotting the destruction of everything except their villainous fraternity.

The Freemasons of the lower grades are sworn to bear eternal hatred to religion, morality, and order. In the secrecy of their lodge-room they commit the most fearful crimes. They inveigle upright men into their lodges and then cut them into fine slices, and dispose of them to the manufacturers of canned provisions; and they take turns in trampling on the Bible and in reading aloud selections from Talmage's sermons and Tupper's poetry. The Freemason who is a juryman always votes for the acquittal of a

brother Freemason, and the conviction of every prisoner who is not a Freemason. Contrary to the opinion entertained by many worthy Protestants that the Jesuits are the instigators of every crime that has been committed for the last century, the Freemasons are really the guilty parties. They brought about our civil war merely to gratify their thirst for blood; and the present Egyptian war is solely due to the hatred of Arabi, who is a leading Freemason, toward Gladstone, who has never joined the fraternity.

The higher grade of Freemasonry, known as the Order of Knights Templar, is simply an armed and drilled force with which the Freemasons propose, at the proper moment, to seize upon the Government and establish a military despotism. These warriors present a most ferocious appearance. Clad in cocked hats, black coats, and shoulder straps—the uniform worn by the original Templars in the time of the Crusaders—they march through our streets and fill the minds of the members of the National Christian Association with just alarm. It is now pretty well ascertained that prior to seizing the Government of the country, the Templars intend to poison nine-tenths of their fellow-citizens by putting arsenic in their beer, and thus rendering them incapable of resistance. It is with this purpose in view that the Templars have made themselves familiar with every beer saloon in the country, and have gained the confidence of every beer-seller. The proof that they have done this is simply overwhelming, and the act admits of but one interpretation, provided we rigidly exclude all others.

Fortunately, the National Christian Association is aware of the nature of Freemasonry, and will baffle with monuments the wicked schemes of the Freemasons. The unveiling of the Morgan monument has already stricken terror to the hosts of Freemasonry, and if the association will only erect a few more monuments, and make a few more speeches, the Freemasons will disband and throw themselves on the mercy of the National Christians.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 165).—The first meeting of the season of this excellent chapter was held on Tuesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern. Comp. Nathan Moss, M.E.Z., presided, and there were present Comps. George Davis, H.; A. Stewart, J.; F. B. Davage, S.E.; S. Elborn, S.N.; John Davis, P.S.; T. Wallis, First A.S.; R. T. Elsam, P.Z.; John Holbrook, P.Z.; T. C. Wall's, P.Z.; E. Harfeld, P.Z. and Treas.; C. A. Harris, J. Harris, George Whitley, James Smith, and E. J. M. Ploton. The visitors were Comps. John A. Mumford, 46, (California); T. Underwood, 1366; E. Rogers, 1642; W. H. Perryman, 1348; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619, (*Freemason*).

Bro. Ernest Isaacson, Joppa Lodge, No. 188, was exalted to the Degree, the work being performed in a superb manner. The M.E.Z., at the conclusion of the work, mentioned to the companions the receipt of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke's circular, bringing to the notice of the Craft and Arch the Prince of Wales's wish in regard to the Royal College of Music. The Lodge was then closed, and the companions afterwards partook of a very nice banquet and honoured the usual toasts. All the speeches were concise and to the point.

Comp. Mumford, from California, responded for "The Visitors." The M.E.Z. presented in the name of the chapter a handsome P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. T. C. Walls, I.P.Z., and explained that the jewel was not ready for presentation at the former meeting.

WHITBY.—Britannia Chapter (No. 312).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 9th inst. Present: Comps. J. Stevenson, M.E.Z.; W. H. Marwood, H.; J. S. Moss, J.; B. Newbald, acting S.E.; J. N. Lawson, S.N.; W. H. Falkingbridge, P.S.; Francis Thornton, A.S.; Trueman, Janitor; and H. C. Walker.

The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed, and a successful ballot was taken for a candidate. The chapter then proceeded to exalt Bro. John Brand, 312, into Royal Arch Masonry, which was done by the M.E.Z. in a very impressive manner. The chapter was then closed in ancient and solemn form.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

HARE.—On the 8th inst., at Sackville-street, Piccadilly, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel R. P. Hare, late Royal Horse Artillery, of a son.

JEPPI.—On the 8th inst., at Grove House, Clapham-road, the wife of Bro. H. C. Jeps, W.N. 1803, P.M. 19, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

DAVIES—TISDALE.—On the 11th inst., at St. Barnabas Kensington, by the Rev. G. R. Thornton, Thomas Davies, of the Registrar-General's Department, Somerset House, and Epsom, to Emma, second daughter of Edmund Charles Tisdale, Holland-park-road, Kensington, W.

DEATHS.

RAYNE.—On the 9th inst., at Shirley Lodge, Ealing, M. Rayne, M.I.C.E., late Chief Engineer of the Indus Valley State Railway, aged 51.

STRINGER.—On the 5th inst., at his residence, Emley Woodhouse, near Wakefield, Yorks, E. Stringer, aged 76.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

PATRONESS:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, will be held in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 14th of October, 1882, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General business of the Institution, to consider notices of motion as follow, and to elect Seven Girls into the Schools by ballot from a list of Twenty approved candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

To consider the following Notices of Motion based on Resolutions of the Special Committee appointed at the Quarterly General Court, holden on Saturday, 8th April, 1882.

1. "That the Days of Election in the Two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions remain unaltered, provided only—that when the Quarterly Courts for Election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks."

2. "That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the Election of Candidates in the Two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week."

Notice of Motion by Bro. JOHN A. RUCKER, V. Pat.: upon recommendation of the House Committee.

"That a gratuity of Thirty-five Guineas be granted to Miss A. F. Triggs, the Second Assistant Governess, on her appointment to the position of Head Mistress of the Dublin Female Orphan School."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BRO. W. HICKMAN, (G.J. Warden England), Deputy Provincial Grand M. Master.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of this Province will assemble at the MASONIC HALL, INDIA ARMS HOTEL, GOSPORT, at Three o'clock p.m.,

On SATURDAY, the 21st day of October next, for the Transaction of Provincial Business.

The Banquet will take place at 5 p.m. precisely, at the India Arms Hotel. The Tickets will be 7s. 6d. each, including a pint of Wine.

The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master,

GEO. J. TILLING, P.M. 63, Provincial Grand M. Secretary.

Southampton, 29th September, 1882.

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WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

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PATRON:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS, LONDON, on MONDAY, the 16th day of OCTOBER, 1882, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution:—

To consider the following Notices of Motion, based on Resolutions of the Special Committee appointed at the Quarterly General Court, holden on Monday, 10th April, 1882:—

1. That the days of Election in the Two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions remain unaltered, provided only that when the Quarterly Courts for Election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks.

2. That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the Election of Candidates in the Two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week.

3. By Bro. J. L. MATHER, V.P.—To amend Rule 55 as follows: No Boy shall be eligible for election or for admission, by purchase or otherwise, who has a Brother in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates.

To elect Twelve Boys from a List of Sixty-two Candidates, as approved by the Quarterly General Court, holden on Monday, 10th July, 1882, since reduced to Sixty, by the withdrawal of

No. 10 on the List—Hill, Reginald Augustus Lowder.

„ 43 „ —Worthington, Walter Ralph (deceased),

N.B.—To the Candidates whose "Last Application" is noted on the Voting Papers should be added—

No. 21. Nicholas, Thomas Moreton. } To be removed from
No. 30. O'Doherty, Charles Patrick. } the List, under Law
52, if unsuccessful
at this Election.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon punctually.

The Ballot for Election of Boys will commence at One o'clock (or so soon as the General Business of the Court shall have terminated), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

(By order) FREDERICK BINCKES,
V. Pat. (P.G. Std.), Secretary.

London, 7th October, 1882.

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NOTICE.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book" for 1883 is preparing for publication on the 1st of November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience. The Freemason Office, 16, Great Queen-street (Opposite Freemasons' Hall).

To Correspondents.

R. B.—We think it best for many reasons not to publish your letter.

The following stand over:—

Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625.
Bromley St. Leonard's, No. 1805.
A St. John's Festival at Mainz.
"Durham" (Correspondence).

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "West London Advertiser," "Cox's Monthly Legal Circular," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Hampshire Post," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Court Circular," "The Masonic Chronicle," "The Freemason's Repository," "Keystone," "Die Bauhutte," "Masonic Advocate."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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.]

THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Evidently this subject is not yet settled, nor do I think the suggestion of "Cestrian" is likely to help the matter much, so far as Grand Lodge or Constitutions may affect the question. The Constitutions simply say that an Installed Master having served the office for twelve months and been in due time succeeded, becomes a Past Master, and as such is a member of Grand Lodge so long as he continues a subscribing member to the funds of any regular lodge under English Constitutions; but if he cease to subscribe for twelve months his Grand Lodge status is lost, and cannot be regained until he again is installed as W.M. of a lodge. But I think it is clearly evident that the Grand Lodge and the Book of Constitutions intended the rank of Past Master, and the privileges thereto attached (of the right to attend and vote in Grand Lodge), as a permanent recognition of his services to the Craft; in short, once having attained the right to enter the Grand Council of Masonry, if he follows on faithfully to the end of his Mastership, that right is then confirmed to him so long as he continues a subscribing member, thereby evincing his appreciation of his privileges. This is his Grand Lodge status; but he takes his seniority therein, according to the seniority of his lodge on the Grand Lodge roll of lodges, in the first place, and the only question remaining to be settled is the seniority of the individual Past Masters registered under the number of a particular lodge; and this point I don't think Grand Lodge would do well to bother with. Let individual lodges, by their bye-laws, arrange that point to their individual satisfaction—it is not at all an "Imperial" question.

I entirely, however, disagree with "Cestrian," when he assumes that the seniority of a Past Master is governed by the date of his affiliation. It is quite absurd that it should be so. But if a lodge chooses to make a bye law to that effect, I do not object, only I won't become a joining member. Seniority on the lodge roll of membership is by the date of their admission as members of the lodge, but that has nothing to do with seniority of rank as a Past Master conferred by Constitutions. Of course, if inside a lodge there should happen to be any wrangling in the Master's and I.P. Master's absence, as to who should be Senior Past Master present, being a member of the lodge with a right to take the chair, that would be an unhappy occurrence, and one very much to be deplored; and from this point of view it might possibly be desirable for Grand Lodge to settle the matter by simply adding in brackets, "Seniority of Past Masters shall be by date of installation," p.68, art. 6.

I trust older and much more experienced Past Masters will pardon my interference. If I have failed to make myself clear I must express my regrets; but if I have misstated any fact I request respectfully to be set right.

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M.

PREFIXES FOR GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the remarks of your last issue as to the proper prefix for Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Masters, you have correctly quoted Lord Zetland's circular commanding that the prefix of "Right Worshipful" should be accorded to Provincial Grand Masters; but you have proceeded to argue that Provincial Grand Masters are only entitled to the "Worshipful." You will at once see this mistake. Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.G. Sec.

OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your excellent leaderette, in this day's issue, on our great Educational Institutions, forced upon my mind the query: How can these admirable editorial remarks be brought before the active members of our Order? I am sure it would be of very great service to our Charities

if they could be duly impressed upon the Craft. Let us take up the lists for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, for the October election, and what a striking lesson they teach! In looking over the Boys' list, I see that one candidate is the son of a member who died after being initiated only one month. Another, is the son of a member who died twelve months after he had been raised; while thirty-four more candidates (out of a list of sixty-two) are the children of deceased members who have not been ten years in the Order.

This points unmistakably to the importance of contributing more liberally to these worthy Institutions, and I fully agree with you when you state "that much more yet may be done by lodges and chapters than has been hitherto done, and that therein the hope of the future for our great Educational and Annuity Institutions really lies." I sincerely hope that such facts as the above, that can be gathered from our Election Lists, may stimulate those who lead in these matters, in order that a united effort may be made by the Craft generally in favour of our noble Charities.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN CHAPMAN, P.P.G.D. Devon.

October 7th.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.
PROPOSED ALTERATION OF RULES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I entirely concur in the observations of your correspondent, "A Vice Patron," in regard to the restless desire evinced by a small section of the Governors for constant changes in those rules and regulations which have hitherto worked so well, and under which the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has justly become a model for establishments of a like character.

I think it extremely unwise for the Court of Governors to sanction any such changes without the fullest consideration, and until it has most clearly been shown that these are necessary either to correct an evil or secure a manifest advantage; and I certainly think it would be prudent for brethren to abstain from undertaking the responsibility of such proposals, unless they are able and prepared to advance some kind of argument or reason in support of them.

Now, under the existing rules, no brother on payment, either of £500 or 170 guineas, can place a girl in the Institution unless such girl is "duly qualified;" that is, is the daughter of a deceased Mason, and "reduced to a position to require the benefit of the Institution," nor "unless such girl can be conveniently admitted." Will those who advocate the proposed change frankly answer these questions? What is the evil it is intended to correct? or what advantage is it calculated to secure?

If, on payment of £500 or 170 guineas, I make application to place a duly qualified girl in the Institution, and it appears she can be "conveniently admitted," why, in the name of common sense, should I be deprived of the privilege of placing there a child whose claim may appeal most strongly to our Masonic sympathy, simply and solely because the general body of Governors may have so fully recognised the claims of a sister as to have elected her on, what I may term, the Foundation of the Institution?

I can understand the reason why it may be considered unjust to other candidates to elect two sisters on the Foundation; but if a purchase case can be "conveniently admitted," that is, if her admission will not exclude a Foundation case, I confess I am unable to discover any possible reason for a change in the rules, which may deprive a child of the inestimable benefits the Institution can bestow, and a generous benefactor may be prepared to purchase for her.—Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

MASONIC AMENITIES.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I am, as you know, and many of my brethren know, much interested in the work of our Charities, and have sought, wisely or unwisely is not now the question, to help our poorer candidates in London, who have few friends, and often in consequence go to the wall, and are left out in the cold. I have had to ask for many votes, and, as a rule, my brethren have been most kind to me, which I am not surprised at, knowing well the Masonic good feeling which prevails amongst us. But last year I had to deplore one or two instances of gross ungentlemanliness, and this year I have to record a case of personal rudeness, and in the cause of charity. There may be difference of opinion as to the advisability of an association to collect votes, which is fair and allowable, as there always will be divergencies of opinion on most subjects; but even those who differ the most from me have always had the Masonic temper and kindness to give me credit for good intentions.

Can any of our readers realize what I must think of the Masonic feeling and the gentlemanly taste of an assumed brother, who pens the following post card in reply to an innocent request of mine for help, "verbatim et literatim:" "I consider your post card a most unmitigated piece of impertinence, and shall certainly do all in my power to influence all my friends to put a stop to it. Hastings, 7th October, 1882."

He does not even sign his name. "Gerusalem!" as the Americans say; why this beats the "Three Tailors of Tooley-street."

I need hardly add that I am quite sure none of your readers will endorse such unmasonic feelings, and such veritable "bad form."

Yours fraternally, A. F. A. W.
P.S.—I may add that the writing does not betray a high idea of "culture."

HOW HISTORY IS WRITTEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue a mistake in my previous letter is properly commented upon. It is, indeed, a most stupid mistake, and perfectly unaccountable; but the error is on my part, and not on the part of the printer. By some inexplicable blunder, I certainly wrote *Alexander II.*, though with my books before me, and specially Baron Korlf's official narrative of events. Alexander I., the brother of Constantine and Nicholas, was clearly the proper title. I am sorry for the mistake and grateful for the correction. My theory is, I am glad to see, entirely supported by my friendly critic.

Yours fraternally, A STUDENT OF HISTORY.



THE MAGAZINES.

"Le Monde Maconique" is full this month of the proceedings of the annual convent of a week at Paris, and the Grand Orient, of which we fancy the members must become very tired. The proposed "concordat" as between the so-called Grand Lodge Symbolique and the Grand Orient was all but unanimously rejected, and several changes were made in the "personnel" of the officiality of the Grand Orient. There is nothing very striking in the report, and we who know how dissatisfied many Freemasons are in France, and how many have left Freemasonry "pro. tem.," cannot but feel that such proceedings do little for the welfare of French or cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

"The Century" is again to the fore, with wondrous illustrations and moving letterpress. "Life in a Mexican Street" is simply a wondrous paper, and makes you long to find yourself in Mexico. We may say the same of "The Gibraltar of America." The only fault we find with "The Century," where all is so excellent, is its tendency to be too American. But, after all, what right have we to say so?

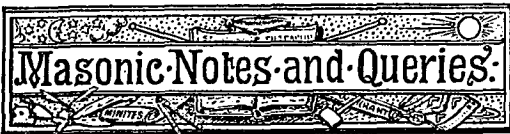
"All the Year Round" goes on with "The Scarborough Family," which strikes us, we honestly confess, as slightly dull and not at all clear. "In Bonnie Scotland" keeps up its interest. "My Cousin Alick" is prettily told, and "A Pleasant Change" is very terse and pointed. "Samson's Memoirs" are full of interest for all who care for the souvenirs which the "Theatre Francaise" evokes.

"Temple Bar" has an amusing review of Mrs. Kemble's reminiscences, and a gossiping account of Helena Modjeska, and continues its two stories, "Unspotted from the World" and "Robin." It has also a well written tale, the "Remnants of a Romance," and a clever but impossible story, "A Breach of Discipline," and a weak paper on "The Ugly Man."

"The Antiquary" has interesting articles on the Preston Guild, and extracts from the "Gild Book of the Surgeon Barbers, at York," which we commend to Bro. Whythead's special attention, for reasons he will easily understand.

"The Bibliographer" is full of information suitable for Bibliomaniacs.

It is wonderful, as we have often taken the liberty to remark and the opportunity of saying, how much of our time now is taken up with "serial literature." Is it good or is it bad for us, who can say? It may be doubted whether it is anything better after all than periodical and artificial excitement.



64] THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

In the "Catalogus Sanctorum" of 1519, occurs a fine woodcut of the martyrdom of the Quatuor Coronati. Lib. x., cap. xxxvii. The legend varies a little.

65] ALBANUS.

Though it is quite true that there are three of this name recorded in the Martyrologium and Acta Sanctorum, Albanus, the Martyr of Verulamium, seems to be the foremost figure; mostly the story rests on the authority of Bede. Is there any possibility of a connection between Albanus and a legionary Collegium? Julius Aaron, and others of the Roman Legion at Verulamium, were, it is stated in the "Catalogus," put to death, at Verulamium, soon after his martyrdom, as if there was some connection between them.

MASONIC STUDENT.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, V.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, the annual meeting of the members of the various lodges in the Province of West Lancashire was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Cambridge Hall, Southport.

The gathering caused the greatest interest amongst the numerous visitors to this fashionable summer resort, and the town had quite a gala appearance.

The continued vitality of Freemasonry in the Province of West Lancashire could have received no better evidence than that which was afforded on this occasion. The "command" of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, was responded to with the greatest cordiality, as there were present no fewer than between 500 and 600 brethren.

The special service of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company for the conveyance of brethren from Liverpool, numbering about 300, was of the most satisfactory character, and other trains on this line bringing contingents from various parts of Lancashire, and when the full assembly of Masons was held in the Cambridge Hall the effect was of a very striking character.

The meeting was under the banner of the Lodge of Unity, No. 613, and the general arrangements were of a highly satisfactory nature.

Owing to the entire absence of the usual Tyler's book, we are unable to give anything like a complete list of the representatives of Craft lodges, but the following, among others, were present: Bros. John Beesley, W.M.; Wm. Brassey, S.W.; J. M. King, J.W.; J. J. Boyle, P.M.; R. H. Webster, Sec.; C. H. Aston, E. Beavan, T. Carefull, I.P.M.; E. Bryson, N. Hynes, and Galley, of 823; J. Jenaway, W.M.; J. Whalley, P.M.; M. Davies, S.W.; Robert Collings, Sec.; R. Bradley, S.D.; John Pye, J.D.; James White, I.G.; James Pye, S.S.; Spurr, A.S.; Hewson, A.S.; William Pye, J. Lothian, and Joseph Wood, 1094 (Freemason), of 249; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; J. Atkinson, I.P.M. 1609; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M. M.C. 249; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W. 1609; R. Burgess, J.W. 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; J. M. Boyd, Sec. 1609; Dr. W. Whittle, J.D. 1609; J. Orr Marples, I.G. 1609; E. Graham, 1609; A. Harrison, 1609; H. Williams, 1609; D. Cumming, 1609; W. Massop, 1609; W. Parker, 1609; C. Campion, 1609; H. Hatch, P.M. 220; J. F. Hill, P.M. 220; W. Tough, 809; Charles Leighton, W.M. 1350; Robt. Carruthers, I.P.M. 1350; J. Higson, Johnston P.M., M.C., 1350; Dr. Arthur Samuels, P.M. 1350; Henry B. Browne, S.W. 1350; Edward G. Grundy, J.W. 1350; Staedel, J.S. 1350; the Rev. John Stowell, Chap. 1350; J. Henderson, W.M.; C. Tyrer, P.M.; P. C. Asbury, S.W.; T. Delamere, J.W.; E. T. Ingham, M.C.; L. Bagnall, Treas.; R. Armitage, Sec.; R. Selkirk, S.D.; J. Lyon; E. Rushworth; J. Thompson; Dr. R. F. Owen; and Dr. Carmichael, all of 1620; H. Hiles, W.M. 1299; J. Taylor, Sec. 1299; G. Sinclair, J.W. 32; T. Hutton, P.M. 203; J. P. Bryan, W.M. 1035; J. Hinson, P.M. 241; T. Whitehead, W.M. 241; Henry Firth, P.M. 667; W. Newsome, P.M. 1384; J. Keet, I.P.M. 1356; S. C. Henochsberg, P.M. 1502; H. Ellis, 1502; S. Schousbadt, P.M. 1502; J. Evans, P.M. 1675; and others.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., whose warm interest in the progress of the Craft in his province has been shown since his appointment in 1873, was present in the position of chief on this occasion, and amongst the leaders of the Order who supported him were Bros. Col. Stanley, D.P.G.M.; Earl Crawford and Balcarres, P.P.G.S.W.; D.G.M. Scotland; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; W. Beswick-Royds, P.S.G.W.; W. Ashley Clayton, P.J.G.W.; Thomas Buxton, P.G.R.; H. S. Alpess, P.G. Standard Bearer of England, P.G. Sec.; Reginald Young, P.G.S.D.; T. Salter, P.G.J.D.; H. A. Tobias, P.G.S. of W.; J. Preston, P.G.D.C.; W. Brackenbury, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; Dr. Kellott Smith, P.G. Reg.; J. T. Calow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Clayton, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; I. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W.; Major Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; Richard Brown, P.G. Treas.; J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec. East Lancashire; Major George Furness, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Harrison, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; F. J. Bailey, P.G.S.; H. Bagot, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Tyre, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Crosby, P.G.P., P.M.; W. Goodacre, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Bell, P.P.G.J.D.; J. W. Mycock, P.G.S.; J. W. Thomson, P.G.S.; Peter Ball, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler; J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Shuttleworth, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B.; A. N. H. Winstanley, P.P.J.G.D.; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Remington, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Forrester, P.G.J.D.; J. W. Milligan, P.P.J.D.; D. W. Finney, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; S. E. Ibb, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Simpson P.P.G.T.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap. West Lancashire and Cheshire; P. Macmudrow, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Houlding, P.P.G. Reg.; Alex. Levy, P.P.G. T. Criquealand; J. S. Whinford, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.W.; Sylvester Mattison, P.G.S.; H. Hunter, P.P.G.S. of W.; Thomas Evans, P.G.S.; W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop; John Lunt, P.P.G.D. of C.; Joseph Balmer, P.G.S.; T. P. Brockbank P.P.G.S.D. East Lancashire; J. Hayes, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Clark, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Bowen, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Newman P.P.G.R.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.J.D.; and J. W. J. Fowler, P.P.G.D.C.

Shortly after noon the Craft lodge was opened in due form by Bro. T. L. Ferguson, W.M. 32, and the assisting officers were Bros. T. Hutton, W.M. 203, acting I.P.M.; H. Gifford Bell, W.M. 113, S.W.; T. Milner, W.M. 178, J.W.; J. Whalley, P.M. 249, S.D.; T. Whitehead, W.M. 241, J.D.; and J. Jennaway, W.M. 249, I.G.

The members of the Prov. Grand Lodge were subsequently received by the brethren, and after taking his seat on the throne, Bro. the Earl of Lathom proceeded to open Prov. Grand Lodge according to ancient custom. The roll was called by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. H. S. Alpess, when, for the first time during several years, the whole of the eighty-one lodges in the province, numbering in the aggregate no fewer than about 5000 Masons, were found to be represented at the meeting.

The minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held

at Blackpool, and of the special meeting held at Preston in connection with the Preston Guild, were read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and unanimously confirmed.

Bro. RICHARD BROWN, Prov. Grand Treasurer, presented the annual accounts of the Prov. Grand Lodge, from which it appeared that the income for the Charity Fund during the year was £355; the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund £833; the Fund of Benevolence £1823; total about £3061. The sum of £105 had been paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £105 to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the total disbursements for the Charity Fund being £236 5s.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund £151 7s. 3d.; and the Fund of Benevolence, £154 6s. 8d.; total £541 18s. 11d. The total sum paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution since its establishment was £2354 5s. The amount at present invested was £2519 18s. 11d. The accounts, which were taken as read, were passed unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. JOHN HOULding, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. Dr. J. KELLETT SMITH, P.P.G.R., it was unanimously resolved to appoint Bro. Councillor W. L. Lunt, P.M. 823, as Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to appoint the following as his officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Col. Stanley	...	Prov. D.G.M.
„ Myles Kennedy, P.M. 995	...	Prov. G.S.W.
„ J. P. M'Arthur (ex-Mayor of Bootle)	...	Prov. G.J.W.
„ Rev. E. Harwood Cook, P.M. 1730	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ A. C. Wylie, P.M. 1264	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ H. S. Alpass, P.M. 155 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ T. Evans, P.M. 1675	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.M. 786	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ W. J. Thomson, P.M. 1384	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ T. Milligan, P.M. 178	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ W. W. Cottam, P.M. 113	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ Major J. Balmer, P.M. 580	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ J. W. Mycock, P.M. 703	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ J. Jackson, P.M. 1854	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ W. Whiteside, D.P.M. 1389	...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ J. P. Bryan, W.M. 1035	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ H. Crosby (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ H. Firth, P.M. 667	...	
„ M. Hart, P.M. 1502	...	
„ T. Schofield, 1387	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ T. Tunstall, 148	...	
„ T. Davis, 1182	...	
„ H. Vollmer, 1140	...	
„ H. P. Ball (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
„ W. H. Ball (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler

The Prov. Grand Master proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Joseph Skeaf, who had held the post of Prov. Grand Organist for the last fifteen years, referring to the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of that office.

The motion was seconded by Bro. J. K. SMITH, P.P.G.R., and carried unanimously.

Bro. SKEAF thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the compliment which had been paid to him in recognition of his services for the last fifteen years. They had been rendered cheerfully and with best wishes for the prosperity of the Craft, and if he had retained the good opinion of the brethren he was amply rewarded. (Applause.)

The Prov. Grand Lodge then proceeded to consider applications for assistance from the Fund of Benevolence, and in response the sum of £110 was voted for the relief of distressed widows and children.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, in the course of his annual report, stated that the working of the various lodges in the province during the year had been on the whole satisfactory. At the election of annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution they were successful in securing the election of the two candidates nominated from the province, and they had also obtained the admission of two candidates into the Girls' School—the Court of Governors admitting all the applicants without a poll. The Prov. Grand Treasurer, the report further stated, had been much inconvenienced by lodges not paying him their fees till almost the day of audit. Secretaries of lodges were again reminded to discontinue the use of the term "Honorary Secretary," there being no such office in Masonry. He had also to ask brethren, in addressing letters to the Grand Secretary, to do so thus: "Col. S. H. Clerke," not "Mr. Clerke," or "Clerke, Esq." It had been decided by Grand Lodge that a copy of the proposed revision of the Constitutions should be sent to each lodge for consideration, and any remarks on the same should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary some time before January, 1883.

On the motion of Bro. H. S. ALPASS, Prov. Grand Sec., seconded by Bro. R. WYLIE, P.P.G.S.D., it was resolved to disagree with the increase proposed to be made to the quarterage at present paid to the Grand Lodge.

Bro. R. WYLIE next moved that 100 guineas be voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Educational Institution for Boys, in the name of the R.W.P.G.M.

This was seconded by Bro. Major TURNER, P.P.G. Treas., and agreed to without discussion.

On the motion of Bro. R. WYLIE, seconded by Bro. SMITH, a similar sum was voted from the Charity Fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, in the name of the R.W.P.G.M.

The sum of £25, on the motion of Bro. WYLIE, seconded by Bro. H. A. TOBIAS, P.P.G.S. of W., was voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund to the Hamer Benevolent Fund, in the name of Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

It was agreed that the votes of the province be used at the next election for boys in favour of the son of the late Bro. Bowes, of Warrington, and that the sum of £20 be voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge fund to assist his election.

Five guineas was unanimously granted from the Prov. Grand Lodge fund to Bro. C. J. Yates, organist of St. James's Church, Preston, for his services in organising the choir and conducting the musical portion of the ceremony at Preston on the 5th ultimo.

On the proposition of Bro. T. SALTER, P.P.G.J.D., the sum of £30 was voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge fund for the purpose of assisting the widow of a deceased brother

to secure her husband's business, and so enable her to maintain herself and four children.

Bros. Hunter, Schonstadt, Milligan, Brackenbury, and Crott were invested with charity jewels by the Prov. Grand Master. Five Pyst Masters were elected to serve on the Hamer Fund of Benevolence, and afterwards the other officers of the charity were chosen.

The annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Lathom.

The minutes of the various Courts of Governors held during the year were read by Bro. R. Martin, one of the Hon. Secretaries, and the various propositions for election were unanimously accepted. A pleasing part of this section of the proceedings was the presentation of a very valuable testimonial to Bro. Richard Brown, P.M. 241, P.P.G. Treas., who had for a period of between eight and nine years occupied the important position of one of the Hon. Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The testimonial consisted of an illuminated address, a vice-presidency of the West Lancashire Educational Institution, and a silver tea service and silver salver.

Bro. H. A. TOBIAS, P.P.G.S. of W., the Hon. Secretary of the Committee, read the following address to Bro. Brown:

"Dear Sir and Brother,—Representing numerous brethren of the Province of West Lancashire, we cannot allow you to retire from the office of Hon. Secretary of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution without expressing in a tangible form our sense of the extreme value of your voluntary services for so many years, and conveying an expression of our warm esteem and brotherly feeling for you as a Mason. While regretting that ill-health has compelled you to give up a position which you have filled with so much self-denying zeal and benefit to the Charity, we trust T.G.A.O.T.U. may long preserve a life which is so full of usefulness both to family and friends. We ask you to take into your comparative retirement our sincere expression of our unalterable fraternal affection and cordial desire for your future welfare and prosperity; and our earnest hope that those who are most closely associated with you may enjoy life's blessings in large measure. Your zeal for the cause of Freemasonry has long been known and admired throughout the Province of West Lancashire, and on giving up office as Hon. Secretary you have the blessed consolation of knowing that, by earnest labour, you have relieved the orphan and the distressed, and cleared away many a dark cloud from the home of the widow and the afflicted. That your strenuous efforts have served largely to popularise the Institution with which your name will very long be most honourably associated, is shown by the fact that in 1874, when you took the Secretaryship, the invested fund was £11,815; income from investments, £481; subscriptions and donations from brethren, £394; and the number of children educated, 48; costing yearly £288. In the last year of your office the figures were—invested fund, £16,518; income from investments, £700; subscriptions from brethren, £646; and number of children educated, 144; costing annually £937. We ask you to accept with this address a vice-presidency of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, a silver tea service, and a silver salver, as some evidence of the great esteem felt for you by a very numerous section of your brethren in Liverpool and other parts of Lancashire, and hope you will ever recognise and remember us as yours most faithfully and fraternally.

"J. B. MACKENZIE, P.M., Treasurer 1609, Chairman.

"J. KELLETT SMITH, P.P.G.R., Treasurer.

"HENRY A. TOBIAS, P.G. Superintendent of Works, Secretary.

"Liverpool, October 4th, 1882."

The address, which was prepared by Bro. James Orr Marples, I.G. of the Dramatic Lodge, 1609, Liverpool, was a handsomely-framed work, and met with the cordial approval of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The tea service, which was of solid silver, was of antique pattern, and the salver bore a suitable inscription.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, in making the presentation, said he was sure the terms of the address which had just been read so fully conveyed the feelings of the brethren to Bro. Brown in recognition of his valuable services that very few words were required from him (the Prov. Grand Master). It gave him great pleasure to make the presentation, and to refer to the eminently-valuable services performed by Bro. Brown for a period of upwards of eight years.

Bro. BROWN, who was evidently much affected, acknowledged the presentation in suitable terms. He said: My Lord, brother Provincial Grand Officers, and brethren all—When I came here this morning, having some fore-knowledge of the event which has just taken place, I thought the task of thanking you would be a comparatively easy one; but the reflections that have passed before me during the past few moments have been such that I fear I cannot express in words the gratitude I feel.

A year ago, on the anniversary of this day, you did me the great honour of re-electing me, in my absence, to the high and valued position of your Grand Treasurer. The news of this, brought to me on my bed of sickness, by my good doctor, was to me then a balm and a consolation, and I take this, the earliest opportunity, of thanking you for your confidence. I now find myself, at the end of a year of sad misgivings, strong and well, and once more amongst my brethren, the object of an amount of generosity which gives me great joy. You have been indeed kind to me, and I will ask you to add one more to the many items of kindness in which I stand your debtor, by excusing me if I fail to convey to you the depth of my thankfulness for these your generous gifts; and I beg that if what I say I should fall short of what you think I ought to say, and what I should like to say, you will attribute it to lack of words and not to lack of gratitude. (Hear, hear.) I can assure, my lord and brethren, it did not need this crowning act of your kindness to make me feel very happy that I had been so long connected with the management of the affairs of our educational institution. The very great opportunities that it gave me for being useful, in my day and generation, were a sufficient reward. When on the death of the best Mason that ever wore an apron—I allude to our lamented Bro. Captain Mott (Applause)—I was offered the vacant Secretaryship, I embraced it as an occasion which came to me most opportunely. For, left myself at a very early age fatherless and motherless, and

dependent for all I have and all I know on the generosity of strangers, such an opportunity, coming to a man (not blest with too much of the world's wealth, but possessing, I trust, that other wealth which is embraced by a sincere desire to do good), I say this opportunity brought me pleasure and joy. In that light I have always worked for the interests of our educational institution, and it has brought to me the greater consolation, inasmuch as I have observed from time to time that my efforts have been successful. It has always been my object, having enlisted under the banner of our home Charity, to keep that banner well before the brethren, and to lose no chance of increasing the income and usefulness of the Charity. My lord and brethren, it would ill accord with the traditions of my connection with this Institution, and it would not be in consonance with my own feelings, if I did not take advantage of this, which will be perhaps the last and only opportunity I shall ever have of saying a word or two about the Charity itself—about the cause of this effect. And speaking as the only living man who has had the greatest opportunity of noticing the beneficial effects wrought by the operations of this Institution, and as one who has, as it were, been very much behind the scenes, I desire to tell your lordship and the brethren that there is no item of our Masonic charity which has greater demands on continued support than this of which I am speaking. (Hear, hear.) I can assure your lordship that in the large invested funds of the charity, in its annually increasing revenues, and, above all, in the great hold which it has upon the hearts and sympathies of the brethren throughout the province, you have a great means of doing a lasting and permanent good; and, if the history of this province, over which your lordship rules so happily, comes to be written, there is no page of that history which will shine more brightly than that which records the operations of this great charity. (Applause.) Pardon this digression. I rose to thank you, and I do thank you earnestly, fervently, and sincerely. I thank your lordship for the increased value you have given to this testimonial by your personally presenting it to me, and by the kindly words you have spoken of me. I thank those brethren whose names are attached to the testimonial as officers of the Committee who have worked so hard in my behalf. I thank the Treasurer, my good brother Dr. J. Kellett Smith, for his exertions in this matter; and I take this public opportunity of also thanking him, believing that I am, under God's blessing, indebted to him for life itself. I thank the Chairman, Bro. Mackenzie, and I thank the Secretary, Bro. Tobias, knowing full well the arduous way in which they have worked to bring this, to me, very pleasing business to a satisfactory termination. (Applause.) And, in conclusion, brethren, let me say—and I would ask the attention of my successors—and of all those who, through the medium of our Masonic Charities, are indulging in the luxury of doing good—I would ask them to observe that to me this proceeding points a moral and a lesson, and it is this: That even in this busy bustling, work-a-day-world, an active, busy man may so devote the leisure time allotted to him as to do great good for his fellow-creatures; to secure to himself the gratifying testimony of a good conscience, and, in the end, obtain the goodwill, esteem, and recognition of his brethren and fellows. (Applause.) My lord and brethren, thank you; thank you; thank you. (Great applause.)

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently banqueted in the Cambridge Hall, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master.

An excellent musical programme was provided, under the conductorship of Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., by Bros. A. A. Child, 1756; W. Quayle, 1325; W. Lewis, 203; J. Queen, 1505; T. Foulkes, P.M. 1325; H. J. Nicholls, 203; J. Muir, I.G. 203; R. N. Hobart, 241; and T. Hatton, W.M. 203.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The meeting of the Prov. Grand Chapter of West Lancashire was held in the Cambridge Hall, Southport, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., the proceedings being under the direction of Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Superintendent.

The following appointments were made:

Comps. Col. Stanley	...	Prov. G.H.
„ Reginald Young	...	Prov. G.J.
„ H. S. Alpass	...	Prov. G.S.E.
„ J. Higston Johnston	...	Prov. G.S.N.
„ P. B. Gee	...	Prov. G.P.S.
„ W. Brackenbury	...	Prov. G.A.S.
„ J. P. M'Arthur	...	Prov. G.A.S.
„ A. C. Wylie	...	Prov. G.
„ T. Tunstall (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ A. Cutter	...	Prov. Std. Br.
„ J. Wells (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ J. T. Callow	...	Prov. G. Treas.

Bro. Thos. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., who is paying a visit to Cairo and other parts of Egypt, inspected, on Friday, the Azhar Mosque University, the centre of Islamism.

Ye Antiente Fraternite of Ye Rahere Almoners has, by special request of Bro. the Lord Mayor, postponed its annual festival to Monday, the 23rd inst., the 20th having been appointed by his lordship, the Junior Grand Warden of England, for the entertainment of the Grand Officers and the members of his lodge, No. 1, at the Mansion House. The Rahere Festival promises to be a very unique affair. "Ye Lord Mayore offre ye Citie of London will be inne ye chair atte vi. offe ye clocke," and will be supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex (of whom Bro. Alderman De Keyser is one) and numerous members of the Court of Common Council. We are informed that during the banquet a boar's head will be introduced in ancient style of state and old English carol; and that much of the quaintness which characterised the inauguration festival of the society last year, at the Crystal Palace, and contributed so much to its success, will be repeated at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 23rd inst. The Rahere Almoners have, in the words of the Lord Mayor, "done good and useful work" during the past winter, and we cordially wish them that further support which a testimony of that kind from so influential a personage should certainly secure.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Heaphy, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Themans, P.M., acting J.W.; Jordan, S.D.; Fromholtz, J.D.; Hudson, acting I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Snell and Crane, by permission of the W.M., were raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. Cobham. The bye-laws having been read, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler respectively resulted in favour of Bros. Walls, Carter, and Longstaffe. The Benevolent Committee of the lodge having been re-elected for another year, Bros. Tittley, Bye, jun., Hakim, Coop, and Hudson were elected Auditors to investigate the accounts on the 9th prox. Bro. Crabtree, 87, was unanimously elected a joining member. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was passed to the out-going W.M., and a Past Master's jewel was ordered to be presented to him at the next meeting.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Low, 1589, responded upon behalf of "The Visitors," and Bro. W. Stuart, P.M., acknowledged "The Health of the Past Masters."

"The Health of the W.M. Elect" was flatteringly proposed by Bro. Dairy, P.M., in the absence of the W.M., and was duly acknowledged by the recipient.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Jordan, who replied, terminated the proceedings.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The brethren of this old and flourishing lodge met in goodly numbers on the 5th inst., at Bro. Walter's comfortable hostelry, the Green Dragon, Stepney. After the usual hearty greetings between brethren, now happily met after the summer recess, Bro. J.W. Tait, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bros. W. Cross, S.W.; J. J. Berry, P.M., as J.W.; J. Taylor, S.D.; J. R. Shingfield, J.D.; W. Hawes, acting I.G.; Past Masters G. W. Verry, Sec.; J. G. Stevens, Treas.; T. J. Barnes, H. Cotter, E. W. Walter, I.P.M.; and Bros. Lineker, J. W. Wood, Etheridge, Read, Horner, Kent, Dutton, Price, Anderton, Smith, Cave, Gilbey, Peacock, Solomon, and many others.

Bro. Price was advanced to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Tait, the ceremony being rendered additionally impressive by the accompaniment of Bro. Siddon, P.M., Org. Bro. Cave was next passed to the Second Degree. To complete a capital night's work, the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. C. Relf and D. C. Nicholas, and proving favourable, the W.M. initiated both candidates into the mysteries of the Order in a satisfactory manner. Several important matters were fully discussed, and being disposed of, "Hearty good wishes" were given, and an eminently successful meeting was closed, the abilities of our esteemed Bro. Walters having been requisitioned.

The brethren sat down to a very capably served supper, the endeavours of the worthy host giving entire satisfaction. At the conclusion of the repast, Bro. Tait gave in purposely brief words the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, as time was short. These were severally most cordially received.

Bro. E. W. Walter, I.P.M., gave "The W.M.," who had that evening got through a large amount of work in a satisfactory manner, and that, too, on the first meeting after the recess.

Bro. Tait thanked all the brethren for so cordially drinking his health. He was very pleased he had given satisfaction, but must confess to a slip or two, which he could only account for on account of getting rusty since they last met. He, however, would promise that it should not happen again.

"The Past Masters" were next honoured; Bro. Tait expressing the pride the lodge entertained in being possessed of such an array of Past Masters as the Yarborough Lodge could boast.

A hearty reception followed, as a matter of course, and Bros. Walter, I.P.M.; Stevens, Barnes, Berry, and Cotter each expressed their varied appreciation in connection with the response to the toast.

"The Initiates" were next honoured in the person of Bro. Relf, his co-initiate having been compelled to leave to attend upon important business in the country.

"The Visitors" were next honoured; the W.M. expressing the great pleasure the Yarborough Lodge experienced when visiting brethren were present.

After replies from Bros. Tucker, P.M. 933, and G. H. Stephens, "The Masonic Charities" were given, coupled with the names of two redoubtable champions of the three Institutions, Bros. Barnes, P.M., and Stevens, P.M.

After an exhaustive reply from both those brethren, "The Officers" came in for a well-deserved encomium, and were heartily toasted.

We must congratulate the lodge upon the efficient staff of brethren officers of the lodge, and are glad to connect their efficiency with regular attendance at lodges of instruction, where a knowledge of their duties is to be acquired.

The Tyler's toast was next given, and the meeting harmoniously terminated.

This lodge possessing an able Organist and some good vocalists, we must just mention that Bros. Sparks, Speight, Harper, Cotter, Tait, Read, and others, furnished songs, and Bros. Stevens, P.M., and Lineker, J.W., each gave a reading, all of which were highly enjoyed.

Among the visitors were Bros. R. Tucker, P.M. 933; Cornelley, 141; W. Vizzard, 1472; W. Harper; G. H. Stevens, J.W. 1623 and 1382 (*Freemason*); and others.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened punctually by the W.M. Bro. Isaac Quincey, supported by the following officers and brethren,

viz.: Bros. Challoner, S.W.; E. Bridges, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, Treas.; W. T. Lover, Sec.; Thos. Clark, S.D.; F. W. Stamp, J.D.; J. A. Smith, D.C.; J. Porter, I.G.; A. Young, Tyler; also Bros. Morey, Allen, Reading, Williamson, Judge, Eastbrook, Walker, Royal, Crookenden, Bartrum, Callingham, Roff, Turk, Cox, Chittenden, Lamborne, Wilmot, Kelsey, Goad, Willett, Hands, Hood, Wainwright, Stockwell, Garbett, P.M.; J. Dixon, P.M.; Bell, P.M.; and J. Stock, P.M. Among the visitors were: Bros. Michael Watson, 1706; R. Rowell, J.D. 198; B. Humphrey, S.W. 1364; Thos. Vincent, P.M. 1861; T. B. Priestly, 907; J. S. Fowler, 619; H. Vickery, P.M. 1475 and 1622; W. B. Heath, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; David Rose, P.M. 73 and 1622; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1641, W.M. 1963; C. Denton, P.M. 169; P. Bosco, 1287; R. Nelson, 1671; J. Calling, 1679; W. Murrin, 554; W. H. Edwards, J.D. 619; H. Tyrer, 1339; J. W. Chapman, J.W. 1922; W. H. Allen, 1963; and S. W. Sutton, 73.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. Cullen was regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. then called Bro. W. T. Lover, P.M., to take the chair, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Richard Challoner, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual honours, proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year.

The following officers were invested by the W.M.: Bros. E. Bridges, S.W.; T. Clark, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treas.; W. T. Lover, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Stamp, S.D.; J. Porter, J.D.; G. Williamson, I.G.; A. G. Young, Tyler; J. A. Smith, P.M., D.C.; and F. Garbett, P.M., W.S. The manner in which the W.M. performed this his first duty is proof that he must have taken great pains to make himself acquainted with the duties of W.M. After a vote of thanks had been passed to Bro. Lover, P.M., for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, the brethren adjourned to a very recherche banquet.

After the clearance of the cloth, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and the enthusiastic manner in which this toast was received testified to his popularity.

The toast of "The Initiates" was responded to by three brethren, two of the number having been initiated at a former meeting.

The toast of "The Visitors" was enthusiastically received, and was responded to by Bros. Heath, P.P.G.S.D. Herts; David Rose, P.M. 73; C. Denton, P.M. 169; and Humphrey, S.W. 1364.

"The Past Masters" having been honoured, Bro. J. Dixon, P.M., responded for the toast of "The Masonic Charities," who showed that the lodge had been doing good suit and service in the cause of the charitable institutions connected with the Order, the lodge having sent a Steward to each festival during the past year.

The toast of "The Officers" followed; and after which the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been enlivened by the musical taste of Miss Seymour, Bro. F. W. Farmer, Mr. W. G. Hazelgrove, Bros. J. A. Smith, and Royal, under the direction of Bro. Michael Watson.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the hall of the Metropolitan Benefit Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-road. There were present on the occasion Bro. William Stephens, P.M., P.G.S.D. Middx., and W.M. elect acting for Bro. Glaskin, W.M., who was absent on account of ill health, Bro. Smout, P.M. 1642, as S.W.; William Gray, J.D. as J.W.; J. E. Walford P.M. Treas.; John Tovell, J.D.; Frederick A. Hawthorn, I.G.; Joseph J. Marsh, Tyler; Edwin Blunt, G. H. Fisher, Thos. Glover, Henry Patient, W. Matthews, G. James Glover, P. G. N. Goldney, Albert J. Rousseau, George Haynes, J. G. Patient, W. J. Murris, P.M. 1642; James Bartle, S.D. 1642; G. Tidcomb, jun., P.M. 1549; S. J. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; J. Terry, P.M. 228; C. Smith, 1489; Wm. Lander, P.M. 1642; J. D. Adkins, P.M. 999; J. Ganod, P.M. 754; G. R. Soper, P.M. 1365; H. Taylor, 1642; F. W. Hayes, W.M. 1897; Morris Hart, 1816; Rev. C. Darby Reade, W.M. 1642; J. Fisher, 733; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928; (*Freemason*).

After the opening of the lodge, and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Stephens initiated Mr. Frank Theed Twining, M.A., M.B. Cantab, and on this ceremony being completed, Bro. James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, installed Bro. Wm. Stephens in the Master's chair, the position he was placed in by the late Bro. John Hervey in May, 1874, on the consecration of the lodge.

The brethren appointed to office were Bros. John Tovell, S.W.; Wm. Gray, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; George J. Glover, Sec.; F. A. Hawthorn, S.D.; Edwin George, J.D.; James Hanney, I.G. (Bro. Walford, Treas., invested for him in his absence); C. H. Fisher, M.C.; H. Patient, Steward; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler.

The W.M. presented the lodge with a set of new collars for the officers.

After the addresses had been delivered by Bro. Terry, the W.M. proposed and Bro. Walford seconded, that the honorary membership of the lodge should be conferred on Bros. H. G. Buss and J. Terry, the W.M. remarking that both those brethren were present at the consecration of the lodge, but he could find no minute in the books of the rank of honorary member being given to them.

The vote having been passed, Bro. Buss, amidst some laughter, said he remembered distinctly being elected an honorary member on the consecration of the lodge, and he had considered himself one ever since; and if there was no minute of the fact it must be a mistake on the part of the Secretary.

Bro. Terry returned thanks for the compliment paid to him; after which, on the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Terry for performing the ceremony of installation, in the absence of Bro. Glaskin, and Bro. T. Hastings Miller, who was in Carlisle.

The W.M. stated that Bro. Terry was unable to stop to banquet, as his son attained his age of twenty-one that day, and there was to be a celebration on the occasion, at which Bro. Terry's presence was indispensable.

The lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren partook of an elegant banquet, provided by Messrs. E. Newell and Co., confectioners, Hackney, and honoured the usual toasts. The evening was a most delightful one, the wines were exceptionally good, and the speeches brief and to the purpose.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).

—The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. Alfred Brookman, W.M.; George Kenning I.P.M.; Dr. Samuel Benton, S.W.; Samuel White, J.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chaplain; J. Derby Allcroft, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., Secretary; Edward Anderton and Thomas Benskin, Dirs. of Cers.; Wm. Henry Froom, Steward; Fred. Crockford, Arthur B. Hudson, John Larkin, M. R. Webb, Joseph Lavender, Dr. Alder Smith, Joseph Renals, and H. Gustavus Buss, A.G.S., Hon. Member.

The visitors were Bros. Edw. E. Harding, Unity, 183; Charles Lee, Eccleston, 1624; A. Herbage, Domestic, 177; V. Alpeter, Mizpah, 1671; Geo. Rawlinson, Windsor, 1754; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.W. Middlesex, Thames Valley, 1460; W. Rust, Old King's Arms, 28; Jno. Norton, Maybury, 969; H. Watson, St. John's, 349, D.G.M. Malta; and Dr. A. Greatrex, Neptune, 22.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M. invested the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette with the collar and jewel of the office of Secretary.

An application from Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen for a grant of money for the Royal College of Music was read by the Secretary, in response to which the W.M. proposed, and the I.P.M. seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be contributed from the funds of the lodge, which was duly carried.

Three gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge. The brethren then retired to dinner, under the genial sway of the W.M.

Bros. H. G. Buss replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Watson, D.G.M. Malta, and Colonel Peters, P.G.S.W. Middlesex, replied on behalf of "The Visitors." The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by some good recitations and songs given by Bros. Larkin, Colonel Peters, Lee, and Watson.

ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Newby-place, Poplar, on Friday, the 6th inst. Bro. W. C. Young, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Witherstone, acting as S.W.; Joseph House, J.W., W.M. elect; T. L. Kennett, S.D.; H. J. Hancock, J.D.; Rev. J. A. Alloway, Chap.; J. Grout, Org.; Leonard Potts, I.P.M.; J. K. Coleman, P.M.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., Treas.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; W. J. Rundell, I.G.; J. Gander, E. C. Knowles, H. J. Day, S. Kirk, W. Pearson, J. J. Pearson, J. C. Pittam, J. Smith, R. White, and other brethren, and visitors.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read, disclosing a very satisfactory state of affairs, there being a balance in hand, after every liability had been cleared off, and the whole of the handsome lodge furniture and regalia paid for. Bro. White was then raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., the ceremony being rendered in his usual good style.

The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Joseph House, who was presented by Bro. Leonard Potts, acting as Director of Ceremonies, to Bro. Young, the retiring W.M., for the benefit of installation, the whole of this grand and beautiful ceremony being rendered by Bro. Young in a most able and impressive manner. It has been the custom in this lodge for the retiring W.M. to undertake this duty; but Bro. Young, being the first initiate of the lodge who has attained the position of W.M., and a Mason of only five years' standing, great credit is due to him for having so thoroughly studied his work as to be able to render it with such good effect. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Young for his services as Installing Master, and to Bro. Leonard Potts, for acting as Director of Ceremonies. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. T. L. Kennett, S.W.; W. J. Hancock, J.W.; Rev. J. A. Alloway, Chap.; W. H. Farnfield, Treas.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; W. J. Rundell, S.D.; E. Witherstone, J.D.; J. C. Pittam, I.G.; J. Grout, Org.; W. Mills, Dir. of Cer.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

Bro. House, W.M., announcing that he had consented to act as Steward at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of £10 10s. was voted from the lodge funds to his list.

Bro. Farnfield, P.M. and Treas., also stated that he intended acting as Steward to the Girls' Institution.

Bro. Rundell, Secretary of the All Saints' Lodge of Instruction, informed the brethren of the removal of the lodge, which was now held every Friday evening in the library of the Town Hall, and hoped that the additional comfort and convenience gained by the removal would lead to a large attendance of the brethren of this and other lodges.

The lodge then adjourned, and most of the brethren re-assembled for the banquet, at Bro. Anderson's, the White Hart Tavern, Cannon-street, E.C., where a most enjoyable evening was spent, Bro. F. H. Cozens having charge of the musical arrangements.

The W.M., Bro. House, in very happy terms, proposed the usual Masonic toasts, and in the course of the evening presented a Past Master's gold jewel, of the value of £10 10s. to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. C. Young, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren as a mark of their great appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge during his term of office.

In returning thanks for this token of goodwill, Bro. Young remarked that previous to taking office he had formed a high ideal of Masonry, and believing that candidates for the different degrees lost much of the beauty and completeness of the ceremonies by the omission of the charges and lectures on the tracing board, he had studied these, and during his tenure of the chair he had given these his special attention. As he had heard these lectures first given by Bro. House, at that time D.C., he was sure that the W.M. would continue this feature, and from the great ability and research displayed by him in the address of "Traces of Masonry," recently given by him, and his zeal in Masonic matters generally, the All Saints' Lodge was to be congratulated on the promise of a most successful year's work.

"The Health of the Visitors," and "The various Officers of the Lodge," were proposed by the W.M., in terms suitable to each, and responded to. After which the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and happy meeting to a close.

MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE (No. 1900).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields, where a very large and distinguished company assembled to witness the performance of the ceremony. In addition to the W.M., Bro. Dean, the brethren present were Bros. Travers, P.M.; G. P. Festa, S.W.; F. R. W. Hedges, J.W.; J. D. Collier, P.M., Sec.; Hubert J. Capon, S.D.; H. Slyman, J.D.; Samuel Brooks, D.C.; W. H. Gardner, I.G.; W. H. Staff, Org.; Edmund M. Doble, Stwd.; Col. A. A. Stevenson, P.G.M. Canada; General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Hon. Justice Prinsep, Dist. G.M. Bengal; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap., Dep. G.M. Surrey; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board Gen. Purposes; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Dorset; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; F. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; E. Letchworth, P.G.S.; E. Baxter, P.G.S.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.W. Herts; James Terry, P.G.S.W. Herts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.W. Middlesex; J. Mason, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; Captain Adolphus Nicols, P.G. Superintendent of Works Punjab, W.M. 1974; S. M. Lazarus, P.P.G.W. Wilts; T. B. Brockbank, P.P.G.D. Lancaster; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; T. W. Walford, 771; Frederick Hunt, 188; A. E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; W. F. Larkin, 209; John Wilson P.M. 209; J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687; Henry Perks, I.G. 229; E. W. Shelton, P.M. 1366; Louis Byrett, P.M. 1828; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; R. Barton, 771; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; C. Graham, S.D. 894; J. Bazalgette, 1401; E. B. Cox, 1563; S. W. Schartau, 1539; E. Moss, W.M. 1927; Albert James, 1706; J. E. Shand, P.M., Treas. City of Westminster Lodge; G. Read, P.M. 511; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, W.M. 1928 (*Freemason*).

Shortly after the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the former meeting confirmed, Bro. Travers, P.M., presented to the W.M., Bro. G. P. Festa, S.W., who had been unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the lodge for the year ensuing, to receive at the hands of Bro. Dean the benefit of installation. Bro. Dean then proceeded with the ceremony, and in the presence of forty Installed Masters placed Bro. Festa in the Master's chair of the Montague Guest Lodge. After having invested Bro. Dean as I.P.M., and received the congratulations of the Masters, and the customary salutations from the brethren of the Three Degrees, Bro. Festa appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, S.W.; H. J. Capon, J.W.; W. H. Dean, I.P.M., Treasurer; J. D. Collier, P.M., Secretary; Henry Slyman, S.D.; W. H. Gardner, J.D.; Samuel Brooks, P.M., I.G.; E. N. Doble, M.C.; W. H. Staff, Organist; C. M. Tate, W.S.; and B. Banks, Tyler.

Bro. Dean then delivered the addresses, and, on concluding the ceremony, received the hearty congratulations of the brethren on the admirable way in which he had installed Bro. Festa. It is, however, but fair to say that the performance was a fitting completion of a year's excellent working of the lodge by Bro. Dean. Bro. Edward Lyon Shelton, P.M. 1366, was elected a joining member, after which Bro. Festa presented in the name of the lodge to Bro. Dean a magnificent gold Past Master's jewel and a Past Master's collar and massive silver jewel. On both the jewels was the following inscription: "Presented by the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, to W. Bro. W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the courteous manner in which he presided over them as first W.M. and founder. October 11th, 1882."

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and are beautiful specimens of jewellers' work.

Bro. Dean, in acknowledgment, said he scarcely knew how to return thanks for this very handsome jewel and Past Master's collar and jewel which the lodge had given him as a mark of their esteem and approbation, but he could assure the brethren that he should ever wear it with pride and pleasure,—with pride, as a memorial of his having been the first Master and one of the founders of this lodge; and with pleasure, as he felt he had given the brethren satisfaction during his year of office.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Collier, P.M. and Sec., read the two following letters which had been received in acknowledgment of the vote of congratulation to Her Majesty on her escape from attempted assassination:—

"3, Saville-row, W., May 1st, 1882.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I enclose the answer from Gen. Sir Henry Ponsonby on the part of the Queen, and the copy of the resolution passed by the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, which, at the request of the brethren, I forwarded to Windsor to be laid before Her Majesty, congratulating her on her Providential escape.—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

"MONTAGUE GUEST.

"To the Secretary, Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, Inns of Court Hotel."

"Windsor Castle, April 26th, 1882.

"My dear Guest,—I am commanded by the Queen to request that you will convey to the members of the Montague Guest Lodge Her Majesty's thanks for the kind and loyal expressions contained in their resolution, a copy of which you have forwarded for the Queen.

"Yours sincerely,

"HENRY PONSONBY.

"Montague Guest, Esq."

On the motion of Bro. Dean, seconded by Bro. Collier, this letter was ordered to be entered on the lodge minutes. An initiate was proposed, and the lodge was then closed.

A splendid banquet was afterwards served in the Grand Hall, and the usual toasts were subsequently proposed.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters," &c., very briefly, but in giving the last of these toasts, named each of the Grand Officers present, and added that it would be difficult for him to expound their qualifications.

Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey, in reply, said he always thought that this toast, with which the W.M. had done him the honour to couple his name, was a most difficult one to respond to, because there was nothing that he or anybody could say in reply to it which the brethren must not have heard "usque ad nauseam." It was very difficult to say anything new of the Grand Officers present and past; and he thought they had great responsibility, because it must be remembered that

they were permanent members of Grand Lodge, and therefore to a certain extent the proceedings of the Grand Lodge were governed by them, and they had an influence there which he thought the Craft acknowledged generally. In fact, the acknowledgment of that responsibility and of that status was always shown by the kind reception given to this toast. On these occasions the toast of "The Grand Officers" was always warmly received. Now, he believed the Grand Officers were worthy of the confidence placed in them. They certainly did their best to further the interests of the Order; but if there was one thing which was more dear to them than another it was seeing a young lodge prospering in the way the Montague Guest Lodge was prospering. Comparing it with natural events, he should say that this lodge was just weaned. It had parted from its first cherisher and nourisher, and was now beginning to be able to do without the nurse it had at starting. What he had seen that evening showed how admirably well the lodge had been founded, and that there was every prospect that it would be a distinguished lodge in the Craft.

Bro. Dean, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He said he proposed the toast with a very great deal of pleasure, and very little was required of him to recommend the toast to the brethren. What he could say truthfully of the W.M. was, from what he knew of him, that he was a most zealous and efficient Mason, and he could also add that he was a most charitable Mason. When he said this he only had to mention that three of the founders of the lodge who represented the Charities this year had taken up a collective sum of £500, and of that £500 nearly two-thirds had been taken up by the present W.M. That spoke well for his charity. As regarded his efficiency, he (Bro. Dean) could fully testify. He had known him some years in Freemasonry; he had met him in several lodges, and knew how ably and well he did his work. Indeed, he might say, his working of the ritual was perfect. As to his zeal, he did not think any one could testify much better than he (Bro. Dean). The lodge was fortunate in having secured the services of their highly esteemed Bro. Montague Guest for obtaining the warrant for the lodge. Within a very short time of the application being sent in, the warrant was granted. Since obtaining the warrant, there had been a great amount of preliminary work to do. In that preliminary work no one could have been supported better than himself (Bro. Dean) by the W.M., who had been most indefatigable from the granting of the warrant until now. The brethren could not have selected a better Master, it would be impossible; and he sincerely trusted that the W.M.'s health would be spared him during his year of office to enable him to carry out the duties of the chair, which he (Bro. Dean) felt positive the W.M. would do, with credit to himself and satisfaction to all the brethren.

The W.M., in response, said he could not put into words what his heart felt at the present moment. He was afraid he should make a very long speech if he did so; and if he condensed all he wished to say they would have something like one of those meat sausages which, although it might contain the essence of two or three mutton chops, would be none the less disappointing. This, however, he might say, that since he had had the honour of belonging to this honourable Order he had endeavoured to carry on his duty fearlessly, and strictly to practise those virtues laid down at his initiation. He need scarcely say that the past would be an incentive to his future to do what was right.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," the W.M. said, that although his deficiency in eloquence prevented him from saying what he would like, yet what the brethren had seen that evening of the Installing Master would enable them to say he was a perfect Mason. They had seen how he started the lodge and the progress it had made; they had seen the way in which the W.M. worked the ritual, and how he had performed the installation ceremony that evening. Having been a co-worker with him in the formation of the lodge, he was fully aware of the pains and trouble Bro. Dean had taken, and he was quite sure that when the jewel he now wore upon his breast was voted in the lodge, it was the unanimous intention of the brethren to show him honour for what he had done.

Bro. Dean, in reply, assured the brethren that his work this year had been truly a labour of love in the cause of Freemasonry. From the commencement of the lodge, as he had before stated, he had the assistance of not only the present W.M. but of all the founders of the lodge, in doing what they possibly could for its benefit, and not only in the formation of the lodge, but as its officers they had worked. It had been to him, therefore, a very great pleasure. Not only had the W.M. been doing everything he could to make matters go right and successfully, but from the highest to the lowest officer they had each—one and all—done their duty admirably in the formation and in the general working of the lodge. It was all very well for a Master to say that he could do all that was requisite in the lodge, but it was only with the assistance of his officers that it was possible for him to do it with credit and satisfaction. In that respect he had been extremely fortunate, and he could only thank the brethren, the officers and founders of the lodge, and also the officers and brethren generally, for the very kind assistance they had given him, and for the way they had helped him in all matters he had brought forward; they had supported him in every possible way, and he was only too pleased and proud to say that during the past year they had not had the slightest difference of opinion. The lodge had worked most admirably; one and all had taken an interest in it; each one had studied to do his duty individually, and they had carried it out to the great satisfaction of every one. The success of the lodge naturally followed; but it had followed beyond the expectations of the founders when they proposed it. They had initiated eleven in the lodge, and had had several joining members. All were good, true, and worthy brethren, he was proud to say—men who should be admitted to Freemasonry. It was the duty of lodges to be very particular as to whom they admitted. In conclusion, Bro. Dean remarked that the success of the lodge had exceeded his anticipations, and had been more than he had thought or dreamt of.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," of whom he read the list, and called upon Bro. Col. Stevenson, Past Grand Master of Canada, to reply.

Col. Stevenson, in reply, said he did not desire that the brethren should accept him as a fair specimen of Canadian Masons, for this particular reason, which would commend itself to their judgment—he was sure that they had within

that room two magnificent specimens of Canadian Masons, Bros. General Brownrigg and J. M. P. Montagu. Both these brethren were made in Canada; and he believed the brethren would admit that even the Grand Lodge of England owed something to that benighted country, inasmuch as it had given it two such useful members. Following the example which had been set of making short speeches, he would say he was exceedingly grateful for the courtesy and the kind and fraternal feeling which had been shown him during the past two or three days that he had been within this great city; and it had occurred to him that if he could only spare the time (and people who lived in such a great city believed that visitors from abroad could spare the time) he would experience the same hospitality that people going to America would experience. Now, his stay was a very limited one, but he had enjoyed himself most thoroughly. It was a most fortunate thing for him to have met the Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, through whom he had experienced great hospitality. He had experienced this at Golden-square, and now he had experienced it again in the Montague Guest Lodge. For such a young lodge it was a marvel, and it had presented a most creditable spectacle that day. He had admired, as everybody else must have admired, the very efficient manner in which everything was done in the lodge. He thought they had made a splendid selection in their choice of a W.M., who had exhibited great judgment in his choice of officers. He should look with considerable interest upon the working of No. 1900. They had no such high number as that in Canada. The people there had more to do in clearing the forest, sowing the seed and reaping the harvest, than in learning Freemasonry. Still there were parts here and there where Freemasonry was cultivated, and when England, Scotland and Ireland had learned that it was their duty to send people out there instead of to foreign nations, where the feeling was not always in favour of this country, he had no doubt they would be able in Canada to build it up, and on the same principles has had been witnessed that evening. He had enjoyed himself very much in the lodge; he had also enjoyed himself very much at the banquet table; and he had also very much enjoyed the music. After a few remarks on the programme, the distinguished brother said the brethren must be cautious as to whom they admitted into the Order; that number was not to be so much accounted as quality; and that if the privilege of the ballot-box was not carefully exercised they might get inferior members into the Order, who would be found to be like one bad apple in a barrel of fruit.

The W.M. next proposed "The Charities." The fundamental object of Freemasonry was charity. Charity was the giving to those who were in want; but there was another kind of charity which some time or other they were called upon to practice—charity of heart. The second they had been called upon in this lodge to practice, and he hoped that they would continue to do so; that they would have brotherly love still in them, and spread it wherever they could. There was another brother present (Bro. Terry) who could expound the other charity better than he could, and he should call on him to respond to this toast.

Bro. James Terry, in response, said he ventured to think that in that lodge and on that night this was one of the most appropriate toasts that could possibly have been given, because inaugurating, as it was, the W.M.'s year of office. The W.M. commenced with a recognition of those Institutions which were a comfort and solace of persons in declining years, and the assistance of those of the rising generation. The W.M.'s kindness of heart was not confined to those guests who were around the table, because he was at that moment entertaining the inmates of the Benevolent Institution at Croydon in commemoration of his (the W.M.'s) accession to the chair of the Montague Guest Lodge. He (Bro. Terry) had just received a telegram from Croydon stating that the inmates of the Institution had enthusiastically drunk the W.M.'s health, and expressed their wishes for his prosperity and that of his lodge. When the brethren heard from P.M. Dean that the amount of money taken up from this lodge to the three Institutions this year was £500, it spoke well for the kindness of heart of those who had taken the position of Stewards, and those who had supported them. The sum of £500 from a new lodge in the course of twelve months was no inconsiderable amount. In provinces £500 sometimes was not sent up in twelve months; and, therefore, it was something that a lodge might be proud of. But was there not a cause for it? Was not the cause that the lodge had as one of its officers the secretary of one of those Institutions of which he had spoken? He hoped that the coming year would be as prosperous as the past to the lodge, and equally successful to the Institution of which he (Bro. Terry) was Secretary. The lodge had present that evening a brother who had kindly consented to preside at the festival of the Benevolent Institution in February, 1883, the R.W. Prov. G.M. for Surrey, and it was to be hoped that the Montague Guest Lodge, having had the honour of his presence that evening, would kindly and considerately think they owed him something for that honour, and would give the name of a Steward for the festival. Nothing would be a more graceful recognition of the honour conferred by the presence of that distinguished soldier. If also they accompanied that Stewardship with a gift of notes and cheques and gold, the General would highly esteem it. What the Institutions were doing might be seen in the newspapers. He would thank this lodge for what it had done in the past and hope that it might continue so to do in the future; that the brethren who were coming into it would follow the example so well set by the W.M. and the other founders of the Lodge; and their feelings might still remain in the hearts of the other members; and that those who would follow might emulate the example set in 1881 and 1882, when the Montague Guest Lodge came into existence.

The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary." There had been so much said about Bro. Dean that evening that he was at a loss what more to say about him. He had worked heartily in the lodge as W.M., and if he carried out the duties of Treasurer as well the lodge would have every reason to be satisfied. As to Bro. Collier, the Secretary, he was second to none. He was indefatigable, courteous, and always ready at any call,—in fact, he would do all he could to please everyone.

Bro. Dean, I.P.M. and Treasurer, said it was an honour to follow so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Montague Guest, in the office of Treasurer. It was pleasing to him to find that the brethren placed their trust in him, and it

would be his study to take care of the lodge funds and do everything for the well-being of the lodge. At the end of his year he hoped they would be able to show as good a balance as they did at the present time.

Bro. J. D. Collier, P.M., Secretary, thanked the W.M. for re-appointing him as Secretary, and assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge. As one of the lodge, he believed they were bound to do everything they could to be worthy of the name they bore. He believed they would do all they could for the Charities, which was their intention from the first. He was quite sure they would endeavour to do so, and in their prosperity would never forget those in adversity.

The W.M. proposed a special toast in honour of Bro. Howard, who had journeyed from the Province of Dorset to be present at this meeting.

Bro. Howard responded, and said he felt proud of his province in having achieved such success as had been won by the Montague Guest Lodge. Bro. Dean was an excellent specimen of a Dorsetshire Mason. The province had many such good Masons.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, S.W., in responding for "The Officers," said he would not at that late hour detain the brethren with any lengthened remarks, but he assured the W.M. that the officers felt very much indeed the way the brethren had drunk their health, and they appreciated in all sincerity the hearty reception that had been accorded to them. Anything the officers were able to do to promote the interests of this lodge would be done.

The Tyler's toast was then honoured, and concluded the proceedings.

A beautiful selection of music was performed by Bros. Albert James, Robert de Lacy, and Herbert Schartau, under the direction of Bro. E. Moss, W.M. 1929.

CHICHESTER.—Lodge of Union (No. 38).

A very successful meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., the W.M., Bro. the Earl of March and Kinrara, M.P., P.G.W., was unavoidably absent, and the chair was filled by the I.P.M., Bro. R. G. Raper, P.P.J.G.W. All the other officers were at their posts, and the brethren in attendance numbered between thirty and forty, the Past Masters present including Bros. the Rev. H. M. Davey, P.P.G.C.; G. Smith, P.P.G.D.; G. Molesworth, P.P.G.D.; G. Gatehouse, P.P.G.D.; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G. Supt. of W.; J. St. Clair, P.P.J.G.W.; J. M. Percival, and others.

The chief business of the evening was the raising of three brethren to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The candidates were Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle; the Rev. E. Meredith-Brown; and T. Jarman. The working of the lodge was never seen to greater advantage. Bro. Raper fairly surpassed himself in the Master's chair; and, indeed, all the officers displayed the greatest efficiency.

At the close of the raising the brethren adjourned to partake of light refreshments, at the invitation of Bro. Raper; and, on the lodge being called to resume labour, the candidates were invested, and the ceremony carried to a conclusion.

NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).

This lodge resumed working after the summer vacation on Tuesday last. The W.M., Bro. Toplis, occupied the chair, supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. G. Chapman, S.W.; E. C. Patchitt, J.W.; H. Vickers, S.D.; A. J. Barber, J.D.; and H. E. Wilson, I.G. There was a very good muster of the brethren of the lodge and also several visitors. Amongst the latter being Bro. C. G. Wragg, P.M., P.G.S.; and other Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers.

There being one candidate for initiation, the ceremony was most ably and efficiently performed by the W.M. After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to supper, which was well served in the banqueting-room of the Masonic Hall.

The cloth being drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. Wragg, P.G. Sec., responding to the toast of "The Prov. G.M. and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," said he remarked that as a province they were highly favoured by the appointment of both the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M., they being brethren who were anxious for the welfare and prosperity of Masonry, and, therefore, had used the powers of their high and important office to the advantage of the lodges throughout the province. He also paid a well-earned tribute of praise to the efficiency of the whole of the Prov. Grand Officers.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. M. Vowles, P.M., who, after acknowledging the courteous and hearty manner with which the visitors had been received, said that he had much pleasure in offering his testimony to the very able manner in which the business of the lodge was conducted. While unwilling to make invidious comparisons, he could not but remark that, speaking from a long experience of Masonic working, the Newstead would bear favourable comparison with any other lodge he had ever seen.

"The toasts of "The W.M.," "The Officers of the Lodge," and "The Initiate" were duly honoured and responded to.

Bro. A. R. Watson contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening by giving some choice selections of instrumental music, the Tyler's toast bringing a most agreeable evening to a close.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 40).

On Monday night last the regular meeting of the above strong and flourishing lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a numerous assemblage of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. G. S. Shotton, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. Thos. Potter, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, S.W.; Thos. Binks, J.W.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., Secretary; Geo. Davison, S.D.; Geo. Robson, J.D.; J. Cowling, I.G.; J. A. Hall, Acting Organist; and John Hunter, J.S. Among others present were Bros. J. H. Morton, P.M.; Geo. Lawson, P.M. and P.P.G.P.; J. J. Abbey, P.M.; John Stokoe, P.M. 48, and P.P.G. J.W.; Hugh Golder, W.M. 1119; Joseph Roberts-on, P.M.; Thos. Coulson, P.M. and P.G.J.D., &c.; J. T. Wilson, I.P.M., &c.; John Heppell, Secretary 1970; Wm. Davidson, J.W. 1970; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read

and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Marshall, which proving favourable, the candidate and Mr. Thos. Richardson Dowson, previously balloted for, were initiated. The ceremony was performed very effectively and impressively by the W.M., Bro. Shotton. The working tools were explained to the newly-initiated brethren by Bro. Thomas Binks, J.W., in a careful manner. Bros. Lawrence Inkster, Henry Hinde, J. Henderson, and John Thos. Lee were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s by Bro. J. T. Wilson, I.P.M.

The W.M. announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham would be held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Darlington, when a good attendance was requested to support the Marquis of Londonderry, the P.G.M., and his officers.

The Secretary, Bro. J. S. Wilson, P.M., announced that the W.M. had donated from the funds of the lodge £2 to assist the widow of a deceased brother.

There being no other business the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, over which Bro. J. T. Wilson presided. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Newly-Raised Brethren," referred to the fact that Bro. Henry Hinde, son of Bro. John Hinde, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer of the lodge, was about to leave his native town for Texas, there to embark in farming. He wished him every success and happiness in the new country.

Bro. Hinde, in returning thanks, said had he stayed in South Shields it was his intention to work himself up in Masonry; and as soon as he got settled in America he would connect himself with the Freemasons there. He was quite proud of having been admitted among them, and he could assure them he would often think of his brethren of St. Hilda's.

A very pleasant evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Lodge (No. 317).

The first meeting of this lodge since July, was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The lodge was compelled to adjourn last July, *volens volens*, consequent upon the Hall undergoing a thorough cleansing and beautifying; and it is pleasing to record that during the recess a grand transformation has taken place in the various rooms, especially in the lodge-room, which now presents a marked contrast with its former appearance. The following members were present: Bros. H. Walmsley, W.M.; W. Nicholl, I.P.M.; R. Tomlins, S.W.; J. Wilson, J.W.; J. Smethurst, P.M. Treas.; J. Dawson, P.M. Reg.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.D.; R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), J.D.; J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D. of C.; J. R. Lever, P.M. Org.; J. Smith, I.G.; J. Garside, and J. G. Elderton, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; D. Donbavand, P.M.; Mark Vickers, P.M.; Dr. Chas. Jas. Rix, Ezra Cohen, A. Wild, R. Bradshaw, and W. D. Nelson. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Sinclair, W.M. 163; Matthew Owen, 163; D. Begis, 1798; and A. E. Jones, 581.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Lees Holden, and being unanimous in his favour he was declared elected. The candidate however was unable to put in an appearance, the cause of which was explained satisfactorily by his proposer.

There being no further business upon the circular, the lodge, after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren, was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, and a very agreeable evening was passed.

HORNCASTLE.—Olive Union Lodge (No. 1304).

On the 5th inst., the brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John, when Bro. the Rev. J. A. Chalmers was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Henry Sharp, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Lincolnshire, impressively performed the ceremony, and was afterwards highly complimented by the W.M. The newly-installed Master of the lodge then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. Pinches, I.P.M.; Joseph Walter, S.W.; W. S. Clitherow, J.W.; James Ward, P.M., Treas.; C. Dixon, Sec.; W. Taylor Sharpe, S.D.; S. Pollexfen, J.D.; J. C. Osborne, P.P.G.O., Org.; A. W. Healey, I.G.; and H. B. Farnsworth, Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Ball Hotel, where the annual banquet was provided in Bro. Caswell's usual sumptuous style. Bro. J. A. Chalmers occupied the chair, and Bro. Joseph Walter the vice-chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren spent a very harmonious evening.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).

The usual monthly meeting of the above pleasant little lodge took place at Bro. E. West's comfortable hostelry, the Three Crowns, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. J. O. Elder, the following Past Masters and officers were present: Bros. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.G.J.D. Essex; W. Vance, P.M.; W. J. Burgess, I.P.M.; V. J. Holloway, S.W.; C. F. Lewis, J.W.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; A. Ives, S.D.; C. Jolly, J.D. (*Freemason*); J. C. Smith, Org.; C. Guy, I.G.; W. Page, P.M., Tyler; C. W. Smith, P.M. 831; and T. Welch, 1327.

The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for of Mr. Charles Hifford, who was unanimously accepted and initiated. Bros. Jones and Canning were then passed, and Bros. Turner, Humphrey, Harding, and Elves raised in the several Degrees. The whole of the work was done by the W.M. in a most admirable manner, although he was suffering from recent severe indisposition.

After the usual business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a nice little supper, such as Bro. West so well knows how to make acceptable, and, having supplied the inner man, returned to the lodge-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who said that those who had had the privilege that night of hearing Bro. Elder work the Three Degrees, would not readily forget the impression created; notwithstanding the fact that he was suffering from a severe chest complaint. It was a great trial of fortitude, and while they rejoiced at having him with them that night, he trusted yet to see him restored to health so as to be able to take his place among the Past Masters, and continue to render the

assistance to the lodge which had so well distinguished him hitherto.

The toast was received with applause, and in response, Bro. Elder thanked them all for their hearty support and good wishes, especially under the sickness that had overtaken him. He thanked Bro. Manning for the services rendered the lodge at their last meeting, and could only wish that he had the health and strength to be as useful and zealous in the cause of Masonry as Bro. Manning was. "The Initiate," "Visitors," "Past Masters" and "Officers," were the concluding toasts.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).

The installation meeting and St. John's Festival of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side. Lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock by the W.M., Bro. David Johnson. There were also present Bros. James McGrath, S.W.; J. T. Brierly, J.W.; W. S. Watson, P.M., Treas.; G. Burslem, Sec.; H. P. Jones, P.M., D. of C.; S. D. McKellen, I.P.M.; J. Atkinson, S.D.; G. Johnson, J.D.; B. Halliwell, I.G.; W. Hill, Tyler; J. G. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G. S.D. West Lancashire; W. Patterson, P.M.; C. H. Matthews, R. Dronfield, W. Biggs, T. Carter, F. Pugh, Org.; J. Cowgill, C. W. Maybury, and others. Visitors: Bros. S. Titmas, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; W. Potts, I.P.M. 467; R. White, S.W. 1052; J. Boulton, P.M. 1055; J. Dawson, P.M. 317; R. B. Carmichael, 1021; J. Wild, 277; G. Chadderton, I.G. 854; T. Ward, I.G. 1011; J. D. Bamford, 854; S. Siddall, 277; J. G. Elderton, 317; J. Seamor, 1219; and A. Kenworthy, 277.

The Auditors' report having been presented and passed, Bro. Gillman took the chair, and Bro. McGrath was then, with due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S., and then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Brierley, S.W.; G. Burslem, J.W.; D. Johnson, I.P.M.; W. S. Watson, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Jones, P.M., Secretary; S. D. McKellen, D. of C.; J. Atkinson, S.D.; G. Johnson, J.D.; B. Halliwell, I.G.; W. Hill, Tyler; W. Biggs, Senior Steward; G. Ainscow, J. Blum, and C. W. Maybury, Assistant Stewards. The address to the W.M. was delivered by the I.P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. Jones, P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. W. S. Watson, P.M. The whole of the work was done in a most efficient and impressive manner, and well sustained the reputation which the Trafford Lodge has earned for its excellent working. A candidate having been proposed, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Later in the evening the brethren assembled at a banquet, the provision and serving of which reflected the highest credit upon the host, Bro. Wood. The W.M. presided.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," and "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master," having been honoured in true Masonic fashion,

The W.M. proposed "The Earl of Lathom, P.G.M. of West Lancashire; Col. the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Deputy P.G.M.; and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. Titmas and Gillman.

Bro. Titmas, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, in responding, said that the Prov. Grand Lodge of which he was a Past Officer had ever done all in its power to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and especially the welfare of the Masonic Charities. He expressed the belief that the Provinces of East and West Lancashire were second to none for the way in which they supported the benevolent institutions of the Order.

Bro. Gillman, P.P.S.G.D. West Lancashire, also responded. He was, he said, greatly pleased to find that notwithstanding his long but unavoidable absence from the Trafford Lodge, of which he is "father," he still occupied a warm place in the hearts of the brethren, to whom he should always be ready to render any Masonic services in his power. It must not be supposed that because provincial officers did not always attend lodge that they were neglectful of their duties. If they were not present they were generally engaged elsewhere upon Masonic business.

Bro. Johnson, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Newly-Elected W.M." An initiate in the lodge, his conduct, said Bro. Johnson, had on every occasion been of a character which deserved the approbation of the brethren. He hoped Bro. McGrath would have a most successful year of office, and if he found that he had more work than he could manage he (Bro. Johnson), would be glad at any time to render his assistance.

The W.M. (the toast having been honoured with much enthusiasm) returned thanks. He said that when he looked round, and saw the Past Masters who had served before him, and when he took into consideration their abilities as compared with his own, he realised the responsibilities of his high office. He would only say, that he would do everything to maintain the name and reputation which the Trafford Lodge had borne for many years past, and he hoped, when his term of office expired that the lodge would be an even more prosperous lodge than it was at present. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. Bro. Johnson, and presented him in the name of the brethren with a handsome Past Master's jewel, bearing an inscription commemorating the fact that he was the first initiate in the lodge who had attained to its chair.

The toast was honoured in a manner which evinced the high esteem in which the I.P.M. is held by the brethren, and Bro. Johnson responded in a few well-chosen sentences.

Bro. Watson, P.M., gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Gillman," who was, he said, one of the founders of that lodge, and had supported it in more ways than one. He thought it was only due to Bro. Gillman to say that the lodge would not have attained the position it now occupied but for his efforts. In that connection he might be allowed to mention another Past Master, who had sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present, Bro. C. B. Harding, P.P.S.G.D., to whom the lodge was also much indebted.

Bro. Gillman, in responding, said it was a great pleasure to him to find the lodge holding the position it did. It already had two Provincial Officers amongst its members, and he thought he should not be very far wrong if he expressed the belief that before long they would have a third.

The "Visiting Brethren" having been toasted, Bro. McKellen, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said that although they all felt that they had

not done so much for the Masonic Charities as they would have liked to do, yet they had done the utmost in their power, and they intended to do considerably more in the future. The speaker commented on the fact that it was marvellous that while boys' homes, orphan homes, refuges, ragged schools and various other means for ameliorating the condition of the poor and distressed were continually brought under notice by means of circulars, pamphlets, &c., very little was done to bring the Masonic Charities before the notice of the brethren. To a large extent, in Masonic lodges, very little indeed was known of those charities, which were the pride and glory of the institution; and if the work of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, the institution for Aged Freemasons and the other institutions which were carried on by the Craft at an enormous expenditure could be more widely made known, he was sure much more would be done for them than was at present the case.

Bro. Dawson, P.M., responded. He said the length and breadth and height of Freemasonry was summed up in the words "brotherly love," which, in reality, meant Charity, and that upon those lines a glorious Brotherhood had grown up, extending to every part of the globe. It did not require much kindness of heart to feel a love for children, and, therefore, it was that the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools received a fair share of support. With regard to the Charities for the aged, he need hardly remind that assembly that in Manchester about the time of the New Year the old men and women were never forgotten. The Masonic Charities were not supported from a selfish point of view. The Brotherhood to which those present belonged was not a benefit or friendly society, and yet he had very little hesitation in saying that there was no society that had done, and continued to do, so much for its members as Freemasons did by means of their Charities. The Boys' and Girls' Schools had been most distinguished, because for years the most successful candidates at the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations had been pupils from the Schools. But facts, he thought, spoke well for these Charities, for the manner in which they were administered in London, and for the care and love bestowed upon them by the Craft, who found the wherewithal to support them.

Bro. Gillman then proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Trafford Lodge," and in doing so paid a high compliment to Bro. Burslem, who, having discharged in a most assiduous manner the duties of Secretary for three years, had, he said, well earned the honourable position of Junior Warden, to which he had that day been appointed. The toast was responded to by Bro. Blum, Halliwell, and Burslem.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by the W.M., and replied to by Bros. Johnson, McKellen, and Jones.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of a most enjoyable festival to a close.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the performance of an excellent musical programme, in which Bros. Pugh, Cowgill, Carmichael, Brierley, the W.M., Chadderton, and other brethren took part.

NORWICH.—Walpole Lodge (No. 1500).—The opening meeting of the session of this, the largest and most successful lodge in the province, was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, under the gavel of its W.M., Bro. G. B. Jay. He was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. Jno. Harper, I.P.M.; Sam. J. Carman, S.W.; M. J. Bailey, J.W.; Chas. E. Stevens, S.D.; J. J. Nosken, J.D.; C. W. Bacon, P.G. Steward, I.G.; Thos. Lord, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. D. of C.; R. H. Gissing, Sec.; Geo. Brittain, P.P.G.O., Treasurer; Arthur N. Mann, Organist; and E. Hollidge, Tyler. Among the brethren present were Bros. D. Mannings, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Quarter-Master F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Bullard, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; T. J. Mackley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; D. G. F. Gaul, Edward Ellis, Sydney Smith, J. H. H. Cooper, W. R. Tidmann, Jno. Cox, J. Weyer, Everett Howard, Everett F. Howard, H. G. Chalker, W. H. Baker, W. W. Warner, W. H. Keen, Isaac Churchyard, H. Ninham, and Geo. Wood. Among the visitors were Bros. J. B. King, Du Toits Pan Lodge, Kimberley, South Africa, and J. W. Browne, P.G. Steward (Freemason), 807.

The lodge was draped in black and the officers and brethren of the lodge wore crape, in consequence of the death of Bro. George Snowden Diggins. Previous to the opening of the lodge the Dead March in "Saul" was most effectively played by the Organist.

The W.M. then opened the lodge, but before proceeding to the formal business of the evening, he rose and said that he desired to say a few words with reference to the death of Bro. Diggins, who, he stated, though young in Masonry, had given promise of being an honour to the Craft. They had always found him to be of a studious nature, of a loving disposition, and a willingness to contribute towards the relief of those whose necessity required his aid. He (the W.M.) regretted that their brother had been cut off so soon, as he had no doubt he would have in course of time become distinguished amongst them, and have been a credit to the Walpole Lodge. However, it was not for them to complain, but to bow humbly to the G.A.O.T.U., and resign themselves to His will. He, therefore, wished to propose a vote of condolence to Bro. Diggins, the father of the deceased, in his present affliction, and an assurance of sympathy with him and his family at the loss they had sustained.

This was duly seconded and carried, and the Secretary was asked to convey the same to the friends of the deceased.

The usual business of the evening then commenced, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was some desultory business which occupied the lodge some time, but nothing of interest to general Masonry. Before closing the lodge, the W.M. said that he had during the recess received a letter from Bro. the regimental Sergeant-Major of the 7th Dragoon Guards, bidding the lodge farewell on their leaving England. On the proposition of the W.M., a vote of congratulation on their recent glorious victory and safety, was passed, and the same was ordered to be sent to the brothers of the lodge belonging to that regiment now serving in Egypt.

Bro. C. W. Bacon, who a few months since attended the meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with sufficient contributions to enable him to become a Steward of the charity, rose and presented Bro. John Harper, I.P.M., with a life vote in that noble institution. He also presented the lodge with some votes for the forth-

coming election. Bro. Harper, on behalf of himself and the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, thanked Bro. Bacon for his kind present.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, and, on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were duly given and acknowledged.

We congratulate the W.M. on the success of his lodge, believing that it is mainly due to his excellent deportment and skilled ability at all times exhibited by him in the Craft.

Some excellent songs were given during the evening by Bros. D. Mannings, T. J. Mackley, E. Wilkins, and others, which rendered the evening an exceedingly pleasant one.

SHOREHAM.—Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Royal George Hotel. The W.M. Bro. T. Packham, P.M. 315, presided, while among the members present were: Bros. J. Hainson, S.W.; E. Bridges, J.W.; H. Cheal, Sec.; T. Hardy, S.D.; R. B. Higham, J.D.; A. R. Browne, D.C.; T. Holloway, I.G.; K. Smith, Org.; W. Swale, and R. B. Y. Powell, Stewards; A. J. Carpenter, E. New, G. Courtney, W. T. Giles, J. Parnell, S. D. Fursey, W. Bodle, H. Packham, R. G. Webb, G. Fieldus, J. Hughes, J. Nickelson, J. Harman, Tyler; and H. H. Hughes, Assist. Tyler. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. G. R. Godfree, 315; R. Paige, 420; J. Aldridge, J.W. and S.W. 1638 and 1958; J. T. Musson, W.M. 1797; F. Daniel, 732; A. Burrows, 186; H. B. Carrick, W.M. 1303; Webb Turner, P.P. G.S.B. 1303; W. Lanham Thomas, W.M. 1141; J. B. Colbron, 1636; J. C. Buckwell, 1797; H. Payne, 315; T. Hosgood, W.M. 13; A. Marshall, W.M. 1466; E. E. Street, P.M. 56; R. J. Rastrick, P.M. and Treas. 1069; T. Francis, W.M. 56; J. Parnell, P.M. 804, P.P.G.S.B. Sec. 1958; J. Lintott, P.M. 804 and 1958; J. W. Stride, P.M. 315, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Broadbridge, W.M. 1636; and G. S. Godfree, P.M. 1821.

The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. J. Harrison, P.M. 804, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. Hants and Isle of Wight, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were chosen by the W.M. to assist him during his tenure of office, and those present, with the Treasurer, Bro. T. Packham, I.P.M., were invested with their insignia of office: Bros. E. Bridges, S.W.; T. Hardy, J.W.; Rose-Johnson, Chap.; H. Cheal, Sec.; R. B. Higham, S.D.; T. Holloway, J.D.; A. R. Browne, D.C.; R. B. Y. Powell, I.G.; K. Smith, Org.; W. Swales and G. Fieldus, Stwds.; and J. Harman, Tyler.

Bro. T. Packham was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. Bro. J. Harrison was elected Charity Steward, and Bro. T. Hardy, Almoner.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren, after a short interval, sat down to an excellent banquet. The newly-installed W.M. presided, the vice-chairs being occupied by his Wardens.

The usual loyal toasts having been given by the W.M., and warmly received, he gave "The R.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" and then proposed "The R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex." He regretted that their Prov. Grand Master was prevented by a previous engagement being present that evening. The lodge bore his name, and the brethren were well aware of his genial, affable bearing, and of the great interest he had at all times taken in their welfare.

Bro. Harrison next proposed "The W. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Scott had fully intended to have been present, but since the previous evening had found himself compelled to attend another meeting. As a Provincial Officer of twenty-seven years standing, Bro. Scott was well-known to the brethren, and was worthily esteemed by them all.

Bro. Stride responded. Eleven years he took Provincial honours as one of the Wardens, and had the interest of the province still at heart. He was pleased to find the Burrell Lodge making great efforts to promote the Masonic Charities, and it was evident that the York Lodge, to which he belonged, and which had been foremost in the Sussex Province in charities, must look to its laurels.

Bro. T. Packham proposed "The W.M., and Success to the Burrell Lodge, 1829." In Bro. Harrison he had found one ever ready to assist him in the duties of his office. His assiduity in the Craft was well-known throughout Sussex and Hampshire, and, as a sterling Mason and one who upheld and practised charity, he had few equals. The Burrell Lodge must be congratulated upon securing such a worthy W.M.

Bro. Harrison, on rising to respond, was most cordially received. He was afraid Bro. Packham had sounded his praises too highly, for he felt he was not deserving of the eulogiums passed upon him. Reference had been made to his efforts on behalf of the Masonic Charities. It would stimulate him to use greater exertions in the future, and he hoped next year to take up at least £200 to the Charities' meeting. It must be pleasing to them to know that the lodge possessed over fifty votes—more than they were as brethren in number—and he found that by their exertions they had been enabled to assist their distressed brethren and those left behind who required help.

Bro. Harrison next proposed "The W.M.'s of Lodges in the Province."

Bros. Francis, Daniel, Thomas, Turner, Carrick, Broadbridge, and Misson replied.

Bro. Harrison then gave "The I.P.M. and Past Masters." He felt happily situated in having such a supporter during his year of office as Bro. Packham, and contrasted his own position with that held by his predecessor in office.

Bro. Packham, in responding, traced the history of the lodge, and remarked that though it might not be generally known, the existence of the Burrell Lodge was due in the first place to Bro. Higham. He himself had done his utmost to assist in its progress, and it was a proud moment of his life to find that he had gained the affection of the brethren. When he became W.M. he felt an indescribable loneliness, lacking the support of his I.P.M., but during his serious illness he received the kindest possible assistance from Bro. Harrison, and for that help he should always feel grateful to him. He concluded an eloquent response by thanking the brethren for the confidence they had placed in him.

Bro. Packham then proposed "The Masonic Charities." The lodge was moving in the right direction, and it was highly gratifying to find that though entering upon its fourth year of existence they had fifty-three votes for the Masonic Charities. Their thanks were due to Bro. Harrison for the great zeal he had shown in the matter.

Bro. Stride, in responding, gave an interesting outline of the course adopted by the York Lodge in furthering the Masonic Charities, and though pleased to find the Burrell Lodge making headway in securing votes, he should do his utmost to make the York beat them, if only "by a length."

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," acknowledged by Bro. Major Webb Turner; "The Officers of the Burrell Lodge," responded to by Bros. Bridges and Cheal; and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening some excellent songs were sung by several of the brethren, while Bro. Aldridge gave an excellent flute solo. Bro. K. Smith, who superintended the musical arrangements, recited "The Charity Dinner" in excellent style; the duties of accompanist during the enjoyable evening being carried out by Bro. G. Cole.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—At the meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. J. B. Sarjeant presided as W.M. His officers were Bros. J. N. Bate, S.W.; R. Poore, J.W.; A. J. Styles, S.D.; H. Stokes, J.D.; J. W. Hartley, I.G.; and there were also present Bros. John S. Terry, P.M., Sec.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; M. E. Stokes, J. S. Eidmans, R. W. Pooler, and others.

The lodge was in the First Degree during the evening, and the work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony and charge, the working of the First and Second Sections, calling off, entry drill, and calling on. The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. Sarjeant for his services for the first time in the chair of K.S., and the manner of his work fully justified the encomiums he received. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the lodge will be in the F.C., and the ceremony, charge, and lecture of that Degree will be worked in full. Bro. Hartley was elected a member, and the lodge was then closed in harmony.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—This lodge met as usual on Saturday last at the Five Bells, New Cross-road, Bro. Emblem (a rising young Mason) being W.M., assisted by Bros. Youngman, S.W.; Anderson, J.W.; Osborn, S.D.; Bellis, J.D.; Shaw, I.P.M. 834, I.G.

The First Ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. J. R. Behenna, W.M. 1531, personating the initiate. The Preceptor, Bro. Geo. Andrews, gave the Lecture on the Tracing Board. The First and Second Sections were worked. The lodge was opened up in the Second and Third Degrees and closed down to the First. Bro. Lover, P.M. 1178, and Bro. Wooley were proposed as members, the former, in acknowledgment, paying a graceful compliment to the W.M. and Preceptor for the excellent manner in which the work had been performed.

The Secretary read the balance-sheet, as audited, which disclosed a most satisfactory financial position, the total receipts being £14 10s. 1d., expenditure, £13 11s., made up as follows: Ordinary expenses, 15s. 6d.; expenses on rehearsal of consecration by Bro. James Terry, £3 6s.; grants to distressed brethren, £4 4s. 6d.; grant to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £5 5s.; leaving a balance of £1 8s. 3d., in hands of Treasurer, including 3s. 2d. brought forward from last year. 1292 brethren had attended the lodge during the year, being an average of 242 per night.

The lodge was closed in the usual form, Bro. Youngman, S.D. 1571, being elected W.M. for the next meeting.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541). This excellent lodge of instruction, of which the well-known and respected Bro. J. R. Stacey is the Preceptor, is held in connection with the Loughborough Masonic Club, and until last week met regularly on Saturday evenings at Loughborough Junction. A removal having been considered necessary, arrangements were made with Bro. C. Sims, of the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, and at that prosperous establishment the meeting of Saturday, the 30th ult., was for the first time held. There was a very large gathering of members and friends. Amongst those present being Bros. J. A. Smith, W.M.; J. Butterworth, S.W.; J. B. Sherring, J.W.; J. R. Stacey, I.P.M.; G. J. Dawson, Treas.; H. A. Stunt, Sec.; C. J. Axford, S.D.; G. Cooper, J.D.; J. Stafford, I.G.; A. J. Martin, Steward; S. J. Eidmans, E. Farwig, P.M.; H. M. Appleton, C. Jones, C. Martin, C. F. Haines, C. Sims, W. J. Webb, W. Stuart, P.M.; W. Walker, Alfred Stokes, W. Bristow, E. Abell, J. Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; W. Maxted, W. J. Godden, H. Stokes, E. Bye, W. Stuart, R. Poore, H. Bigg, H. Venables, R. Forster, J. D. Smith, J. Hill, O. S. Finch, T. Hendon, Brand, W. B. Briscoe, and others.

The lodge was opened and minutes read. The Second Section was worked by the brethren under the questioning of Bro. Stacey, Preceptor; the Second by Bro. Farwig, P.M. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Smith, Bro. Eidmans being the candidate. The brethren assisted Bro. James Stevens to work the Fourth Section, and the lodge was then closed. Subsequently harmony prevailed, Mr. A. E. Stunt presiding at the piano, and Mr. T. White and several brethren sang excellently and to the expressed satisfaction of all present. This musical termination to lodge work will be repeated on each future first and third Saturdays. The earnest endeavours of Bro. Stacey to render this lodge of instruction efficient deserve encouragement, and we hope to see still larger gatherings as occasions may offer.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Chest and Stomach Complaints.—The source and centre of almost every ailment is impurity of the blood; dislodge this poison, and the disease departs. Holloway's Pills exercise the inestimable power of thoroughly cleansing each component part of the blood, and rendering this fluid fit to perform its important functions. They cope most successfully with chest diseases, stomach complaints, liver disorders, and many other maladies, which were once the besetting dangers of mankind at certain seasons in town and country. The directions for use enable every one to regulate the operations of these Pills with the greatest nicety. Chronic invalids, valetudinarians, and all whom other treatment has failed to relieve, are respectfully invited to try Holloway's celebrated medicine, which will strengthen and cure them.—[Advrt.]



To-night witnesses the production of M. Planquette's "Rip Van Winkle," at the Comedy Theatre. Miss Violet Cameron and Bro. Lionel Brough will be the chief characters.

Mr. Charles Reade will shortly produce, at the Adelphi, a new play written by himself, entitled "Love and Money." Miss Amy Roselle, we hear, will take a part in it. Mr. Reade also becomes manager of this theatre. Miss Fanny Leslie, who is now playing here in "Drink," will, we understand, go to the Grand Theatre, Leeds, at Christmas, for the pantomime.

The Globe next week opens under the lesseeship of Mrs. Bernard Beere, with a play by the Poet Laureate, "The Promise of May." Mr. Kelly will be the stage-manager and an actor, whilst Mr. Abud will continue as manager in the front of the house.

The Olympic has been taken by Miss Genevieve Ward, who will in January bring out "Forget me not," in which she will play *Stephanie* for the 718th time. Mrs. Leigh Murray and Mr. W. H. Vernon have also been engaged. Mr. Vernon is always a satisfactory player whatever he puts his hand to.

Tom Taylor's comedy, "The Overland Route," played at the Haymarket on Saturday last, was originally produced, in 1860, at this house by the late Mr. Buckstone. Mr. Charles Matthews was then *Tom Dexter*, and Mr. Compton *Sir Solomon Fraser*. It was again brought out in 1873, Mr. Buckstone retaining his old part, and Mrs. Kendal playing *Mrs. Sebright*. Since then, we believe we are not wrong in stating, it has not been seen in London. Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft have reproduced it with great care and most lavish expenditure. The house, too, has been re-decorated and made still more a place of luxury and refinement. "The Overland Route," it has been well said, was made to fit, as a tailor makes a coat. It cannot be deemed a play, in the strict sense, for it has no beginning, middle, nor ending, yet many of the play-going public will thank the present lessees of the Haymarket for reproducing it. Many of us were not born in 1860, and what has delighted our forefathers will delight us; at any rate, we want to see if it will not. The writer must rank among those who is not able to compare the caste of 1860 with that of 1882. His mother and the author were school-children together in those days. Tom Taylor displayed a taste for acting. Two of the acts of "The Overland Route" are supposed to take place on board the *P and O Simoom*, and the third on a desert island, on which the ship is wrecked. Those who have made the voyage from Southampton to India will be able to appreciate the accuracy of the representation of the ship on the stage. *Tom Dexter*, as played by Bro. Bancroft, is the central figure of the piece. He has taken a steerage passage home after a not very prosperous career in India. The ship's doctor falls ill, and *Dexter* being a medical man, amongst other things, takes his duty, and finds many of the passengers anxious to be his friend now he is in a better position. He falls in love with the daughter of *Mr. Colepepper*, ex-commissioner of the Badgerlyfore District. His love is returned. On this little affair the plot mainly hangs. *A Captain Clavering* is also in love with the demoiselle. *Mrs. Sebright* (Mrs. Bancroft) is a charming widow—what widow is not charming? She is not a widow, but assumes that character to carry on a flirtation with more propriety with old *Colepepper*, who is a widower, and with *Sir Solomon Fraser*, an ex-resident at several of the courts of Indian Princes, who is rich and haughty. *Mrs. Sebright* gives herself out as a widow for another reason, which is that to inflict humiliation on her rival *Mrs. Lovibond*, who believes herself to be a widow, through not having seen *Lovibond* for some years, and encourages the attentions of a *Major McTurk* in a marked degree. But her husband is not so far removed as perhaps she could wish, for he is on board the *Simoom*, and in the very next cabin, confined to his berth with an attack of "mal de mer." On *Mr. Lovibond* are the eyes of a detective, who takes him to be a swindler named *Downey*, he having purchased the berth and taken the name of this malefactor. A good deal of amusement is naturally caused by this mixing up of characters, and by *Mrs. Lovibond* discovering her long-lost husband worn down with sea-sickness and with a gash in his throat caused by an attempt at shaving in the rolling ship. Mrs. John Wood and Mr. David James, respectively play *Mr. and Mrs. Lovibond*. The first act takes place on the deck, and the second in the saloon of the ship. The third in the desert island in the Red Sea. Bro. Bancroft, as *Dexter*, plays with his usual good humour. The doctor always turns up at the right moment and does the right thing. When *Mrs. Sebright* flirts too much with her admirers *Dexter* draws her attention to her having a husband. When *Clavering*, his rival, becomes offensive, *Dexter* brings to his memory a certain gambling transaction in which he did not play a bright part; this shuts him up. Of course Mrs. Bancroft, as the charming widow, is charming. She flirts and makes no secret of it, but shows withal a kindness of heart. This is effectively displayed in the wreck scene on the island. Miss Tilbury, as *Mary Colepepper*, shows great promise for a young actress. Mr. Brookfield's *Colepepper* is particularly good. He displays much originality, only in keeping with his recent performance in "Odette," as the versatile and keen-witted waiter at the gaming house. *Sir Solomon Fraser*, Mr. Bishop, is well executed also; chiefly in the last act does he cause amusement by his drollery. Mr. Everill, Mr. Stewart Dawson, Miss Daly, Miss Phillips, and Mr. Smedley are amongst some of the rest of the characters, all well played, but for whom we have not sufficient space to particularise. The Lascar sailors and ayahs call for mention, so strikingly do they resemble the reality on board a *P and O* boat. The scenery is painted by Mr. Telbin and Mr. Hann, as usual. Mr. Brookfield's monologue, "Nearly Seven," preceded the comedy, but met with only a degree of success. The author is also the actor. Probably owing to being alone on the stage, and its

first appearance, he seemed somewhat nervous in his own farce. Its plot is easily explained. A young bachelor, engaged to be married to a country lass, has met a professional beauty, a *Mrs. Shillingworth*, who has many charms. He is to entertain her at dinner in his chambers, and whilst dressing turns over in his mind the qualities of the two ladies. He finds a letter from his young lady, announcing that she and her mother have started for London unexpectedly on business, and will call on him at seven—the very time he expects *Mrs. Shillingworth*. He succeeds in putting the latter off, and just as he has done so, the mother and daughter arrive, and finding a dinner prepared, congratulate him on his forethought, thinking it is on their behalf. Probably before this appears in type the monologue will go better than it did the first night. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, with their two sons, visited the theatre on Monday night.



Mr. George Watt's eighth series of Philharmonic Concerts was commenced, on Wednesday last, in the Dome Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The building was completely filled, and the programme gave every satisfaction.

Friday next, the 20th inst., being the anniversary of the death of the great English musical composer, Mr. W. Balfe, the tablet that has been placed to his memory in Westminster Abbey will be unveiled. The interesting ceremony is timed for three o'clock after the usual afternoon service.

On Thursday evening last a meeting was held at Cardiff, for the purpose of starting a guarantee fund in connection with the Welsh National Eisteddfod, which will take place next year in that town.

A meeting of the General Hospital Committee, Birmingham, was held on Friday last, when Mr. Jaffray handed over a cheque for £4000, being part proceeds of the recent musical festival. Mr. Jaffray remarked that the accounts were not yet closed, but his belief was that a further considerable sum of money would find its way into the coffers of the charity.

The Royal Albert Hall Choral Society's season will open on the 1st November, when Gounod's "Redemption" will be given for the first time in London under the personal direction of the composer.

On Monday evening the Opera Comique was the scene of an experiment, the success of which is, however, very far from being assured. A ladies' orchestra, though a recognised institution in Vienna and the large cities on both sides of the Danube, is so complete a novelty to the English public, that something above the average order of musical excellence will be needed in order to secure its establishment here. Still, Miss Lila Clay is to be congratulated on the boldness of her venture, and if the performance on Monday was of very unequal merit, enough was done to show that a ladies' orchestra may yet find for itself a home in London, if not under the protecting aegis of the Lord Chamberlain, at all events, at one of our numerous music halls. The stage of the Opera Comique, when the curtain rose on the evening in question, presented just such an appearance as travellers associate with the stage erected in a Vienna beer-garden. In front were rows of ladies in different coloured costumes, behind was the orchestra of harps, tambourines, and timbrels, Miss Lila Clay occupying a central position at a piano, and conducting her band with much skill. The programme, however, was stronger than would be required by a Viennese audience, and had about it something of the negro minstrel troupe, with its corner-women and interlocutor, &c. However, the sentimental songs and the glees were remarkably good, conspicuous among those who contributed to this part of the novel entertainment being Miss Alice Aynsley Cook, who sang "Dreaming" with much expression. Miss Emma D'Auban distinguished herself in the comic portion of the performance. The second part consisted of an operetta, entitled "On Condition," by Mr. Robert Reece and Mr. Meyer Lutz; but here the result, notwithstanding the efforts of Miss Edith Vane and Miss Cook, was decidedly equivocal.



The prizes won during the last session by the students of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain were distributed on Wednesday evening last, by the president, Mr. Michael Carbeighe, the Pereira medal, which is the blue ribbon of pharmacy, being awarded to Mr. Frederick William Short. Professors Redwood, Bentley, and Atfield reported most favourably of the work done by the several classes; and Mr. Ince, F.L.S.F.C.S., spoke in terms of great eulogium of a school which, though it had not existed for half a century, could already boast of a Pereira, a Todd, a Thompson, and a Fownes.

The School of Art Wood Carving, which is held at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, in connection with the City and Guilds of London Institute, for the advancement of Technical education has re-opened. There are several free studentships in both the day and evening classes vacant, the funds of which are provided for by the aforesaid City and Guilds of London Institute.

On Thursday last, the Lord Mayor, G.J.W., distributed the prizes at the recent Exhibition of Turnery, to the successful competitors in the different classes. Mr. Holtzapfel spoke in high terms of the improve-

ment shown in the quality of the wood turning exhibited, and Bro. Horace Jones, G.S. of W., city architect, bore his testimony to the excellence of the work done in stone. Mr. Thomas Macdonald, Mr. William Banks, and Mr. John Brown, the first prize-takers in wood, stone, and precious stones respectively, having made the customary declarations on accepting the freedom of the Company, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, for the part they had taken in the proceedings.

Bro. Raikes, M.P., on Friday last, in the Guildhall, Preston, distributed the prizes and certificates won at the recent Oxford Local Examination, and in doing so, laid stress on the importance of a good classical education.

The experiment the Clerkenwell Vestry made on Friday week with a view to lighting Pentonville-hill with incandescent lamps turned out very satisfactory. There were eighty-two lamps, and the power generator was a 50-horse-power engine, the effect being brilliant.

The Rev. Benjamin Jowett, M.A., Master of Balliol College, and Regius of Greek in the University of Oxford, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor in succession to Dr. Evans, Master of Pembroke College. Mr. Jowett has nominated as his Pro Vice-Chancellors the Dean of Christchurch, the Master of Pembroke, Rev. Mark Pattison, Rector of Lincoln, and Rev. Dr. Bellamy, President of St. John's.

The following has been chosen by the Statistical Society as the subject of the Essay for the annual competition for the "Howard Medal" for 1883, namely, "The best Exposition of the Experiences and Opinions of John Howard on the Preservation and Improvement of the Health of the Inmates of Schools, Prisons, Workhouses, Hospitals, and other Public Institutions, as far as Health is Affected by Structural Arrangements relating to Supplies of Air and Water, Drainage, &c." The essays must be sent in on or before the 30th June next, and the winner of the medal will receive, in addition, a sum of £20.

The Syndical Chamber of Belgian Horticulturists of Ghent have resolved on holding an International Horticultural Conference in that city in April, 1883.

On Monday evening a large and influential meeting was held in the Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, for the purpose of supporting the International Fisheries Exhibition of 1883. The Mayor presided, and among those who took part in the proceedings were Mr. E. Birksbeck, M.P., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Exhibition, and Sir E. Lacon, Bart., M.P.

Archaeologists will be in raptures over the discovery recently made in the neighbourhood of Poitiers, where an entirely Gallo-Roman town has been unearthed. Already a temple measuring 114 yards long by seventy yards broad, baths covering two hectares, a theatre with a stage ninety yards deep, streets, houses, and other buildings, covering altogether seven hectares, have been brought to view, and the excavations are being continued, disclosing more edifices, sculpture in good preservation, supposed to be of the second century, and a number of iron, bronze, and other articles.

The expedition despatched by the United States for the purpose of observing the transit of Venus, and consisting of Professor Newcombe, Lieutenant Cary, Ensign Holcombe, and Mr. Ulke, left Plymouth on Friday last, in the Union Company's steamer *Durban*, for the Cape of Good Hope. The Astronomer-Royal at the Cape has promised to collect all possible information as to the best station for the Americans to occupy, and it is considered probable they will establish themselves at Beaufort, about 300 miles from Cape Town, as there is almost invariably a clear sky in that neighbourhood.

No less than 1911 medals and coins, of the estimated value of £1000, have been lately abstracted from the Grenoble Museum, the robbery having, it is said, been effected in a most ingenious manner.

The scheme which Sir Joseph Bazalgette has submitted to the Metropolitan Board of Works, for connecting London north and south of the Thames below bridge by means of a bridge, or otherwise, contains three chief proposals, namely: (1), The erection of a high-level bridge between Little Tower-hill and Bermondsey, eighty-five feet above Trinity high water mark, at an estimated cost of £1,000,000; (2), A tunnel between Shadwell and Rotherhithe; (3), A tunnel between Blackwall and Greenwich. The total cost of the three means of communication is set down at £5,200,000, which could be borrowed at 3½ per cent, and paid off in sixty years at an annual expenditure of £207,660 by means of an additional rate of 1½d. in the pound. Or as he suggests, the coal and wine duties, which expire in July, 1888, might be renewed for a further term, the amount they produce annually being £285,000, or considerably more than the sum required.

The formal opening of the newly-founded Selwyn College, Cambridge, and the installation of its Master, the Hon. and Rev. A. T. Lyttelton, late Fellow of Trinity College, took place on Tuesday. Among those who took part in the ceremony were the Bishops of Ely, Oxford, Winchester, Lichfield, and Chichester, Earl Powis, Lord High Steward of the University, the Masters of Christ's, Clare, and Corpus, the Provost of King's, and Professors Kirkpatrick and Cayley. A luncheon followed, at which the Master presided. The College, which is named in honour of the late Bishop Selwyn, is already complete to the extent of sixty-four sets of rooms, and there are already entered half that number of students.

The Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Scotch reformatory and industrial schools reached Aberdeen on Tuesday, and visited the several institutions concerned.



The Aldersgate Lodge, at the meeting held on Monday last, voted the sum of ten guineas to the Royal College of Music, of which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is the founder and president.

The Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction, held in connection with the Loughborough Masonic Club, has removed to the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road. The meetings take place on Saturday, at eight p.m., on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The meetings, after the usual routine of instruction has passed, partake of a musical character.

Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton met their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and family at Ballater station, on Saturday last, on their way to London. Bro. Capt. Lord Charles Beresford accompanied the Royal party who arrived in London at 7 o'clock on the following morning, and afterwards attended Divine service.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn will celebrate their golden wedding on the 25th inst., at Barron's Court, Ireland. They are surrounded by a large family gathering, and will entertain a number of friends on the occasion.

Bro. the Very Reverend the Dean of York, P.G. Chap., read a paper at the Derby Church Congress last week on "Religion in its relation to the Upper Classes of Society," which was frequently applauded. Our very reverend brother is entitled to speak on this subject, as by position and marriage he is acquainted with most of our aristocracy. He strongly denounced the young men and women of the upper classes who fritter away their lives and do not occupy their time with something good, but took occasion to say, and we fully endorse his remarks, that these are in the minority, though they too often come to the front.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., rector of Long Melford, Suffolk, preached in the Dean of Llandaff's place at the Temple Church, last Sunday morning. Dean Vaughan is in residence at his Cathedral.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, F.R.S., has published the first volume of a new work, "Pathways of Palestine." Our reverend brother is considered to be one of the leading lights on anything connected with the exploration of the Holy Land.

Bro. Capt. Bedford Trevelyan Pim, R.N., and Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., are both the subjects of a biography in the last number of *Men of Mark*.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Bro. Sir John Whitaker Ellis, Lord Mayor, G.J.W., W.M. 1, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Bro. George Kenning, I.P.M. Aldersgate Lodge, Bro. Capt. Youle, Bro. C. W. Thompson, Bro. Major J. Davies Sewell, Bro. Lieutenant Henry Wright, Bro. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., Bro. H. H. Cooper, Bro. W. Holland, Bro. C. Ritter, Bro. Baron Emanuel, Bro. Capt. Mackenzie, Bro. Sheriff Burt, and Bro. Comptroller Brand were amongst the numerous company invited by Bro. W. H. Pannell, C.C., on the occasion of his inauguration as Master of the Patten-makers' Company, a position to which, although a very young man, he has been elected, but one he thoroughly deserves, and will hold with great éclat. Bro. Pannell is likely to make a great name in the Corporation of London.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to grant a Royal Charter of Incorporation to the Royal Colonial Institute, on the petition of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. being the President, and the M.W. His Grace the Duke of Manchester, the chairman of the Council.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, have been spending a few days with Sir Robert and Miss Phillimore, at their pretty country seat, the Coppice, Henley-on-Thames.

Bro. the Earl of Derby spoke at Manchester on Monday on behalf of the Prisoners' Aid Society. The Earl and Countess will receive guests at Knowsley during the week.

Bro. Lieut. J. J. Allinson, Sec. St. Leonard's Lodge, is a candidate for a seat in the local board of St. Leonard's, and promises to address the ratepayers on the drainage question.

Bro. Col. Wilkinson, P.M., Cholmeley Lodge, a director of the North Staffordshire Railway Co., has been elected deputy chairman of the Banbury and Cheltenham Railway Co., now in course of formation.

Bro. the Earl of Kintore, G.S.W. Scotland, Grand Master Mark Masonry, England, received a letter from Sir Stafford Northcote, regretting his inability to visit Aberdeen at the opening of the Working Men's Constitutional Club.

Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, P.G.M. Scotland, was one of the vast company who supported Sir Stafford Northcote at Glasgow, last week, on his political tour.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson has been invited to stand for the borough of Finsbury at the next general election, but has not yet given his decision.

Bro. Sir John Bennett is a candidate for the London School Board for the City division. He will have a rival of no small oratorical powers to contend against in the person of Mr. H. C. Richards, a barrister, of the Temple, who was educated at the City of London School, and is on the Council of the City of London College.

OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE.—The public by noting the prescriptions of the medical profession, and acting on a quarter of a century's experience, have found out that there is but one remedy which can be relieved upon so to cleanse and soften the skin, that its healthy action shall be absolutely ensured. The remedy is a luxury known as **WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP**. See that each tablet and wrapper bears the words, **Sapo Carbonis Detergens**, without which none is genuine.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has paid a visit to the Mayor of Liverpool (Mr. Hughes), at Newsham House, on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Lord Mayor and Bro. Sheriff and Alderman De Keyser and Mr. Sheriff Savory will visit the Mayor of Reigate, to be entertained at a banquet.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., delivered an important political address at Darlington on Monday.

Bro. the Right Hon. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., has stated that the Law Courts will not be opened on the first day of term after the long vacation, but towards the end of November, when, doubtless, Her Majesty will open them in person on her return from Scotland.

The Grand Concert Hall, West-street, Brighton, better known as Mellison's Skating Rink, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday night last, the hotel attached being seriously damaged by water and smoke, while the Castle Hotel, Middle-street, was completely burnt out. The loss is estimated at £20,000.

We are requested to state that the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425, of which Bro. George Read is Preceptor, has been removed from the Westbourne Restaurant, Craven-road, Paddington, to the Norfolk-square Hotel, London-street, Paddington, where the brethren will find admirable accommodation. The lodge meets every Monday evening at eight o'clock.

The Masonic "At Homes," held in connection with the Masonic Club at Portsmouth, are to be continued this season, and met for the first time on Wednesday.

A special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight will shortly be held to elect a Treasurer, in place of Bro. Frost, P.M., and also to receive the report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed revision of the Constitutions. Bro. Frost has served the office of Treasurer for seventeen years.

At Brighton the construction of a winter garden on the sea-front is talked of, and a resolution in its favour was last week passed at a meeting presided over by General Shute, C.B. The proposed garden will also include the erection of assembly rooms, library, baths, boat houses, &c., and the erection of another pier, as part of the undertaking is on the tapis.

At the meeting of the International Monetary Standard Association, held in Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, the following resolutions were unanimously passed: 1. That the formation of the Association and its work during the current year having been instrumental in exciting increased interest in the question of a bi-metallic standard of values, it is desirable to enlarge its area and continue its efforts. 2. That the Association regard with satisfaction the forthcoming International Conference at Cologne, as having in view the further enlightenment of public opinion, and as tending to unite the advocates of the bi-metallic system in continuous efforts for its establishment under international agreement among the civilized nations of the world. 3. That a deputation from the meeting be appointed to represent the Association in the International Bi-metallic Conference to be held in Cologne.

Bro. the Rev. T. Puttick, curate of Ore, Chaplain Derwent Lodge, No. 41, has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor to the living of Alfriston.

The Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. Derbyshire, has left Balmoral Castle, where for some time past he has been staying as minister in attendance on Her Majesty.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, held at Morland's Hotel, Dean-street, Oxford-street, on Wednesday next.

A Convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, of the London School Board, contributes to the current number of "Good Words," a paper on "Tricycling in Relation to Health."

Bro. Deputy Saunders intends to seek re-election on the School Board for the Greenwich division.

Bro. G. M. Felton, C.C., presiding over an extraordinary general meeting of the Birmingham and Warwickshire (Brush) Electric Light and Power Company (Limited), said he thought they had every prospect of a good business, but he would prefer the shareholders to see for themselves the letters which had been received by the directors from various firms and corporations respecting the use of their system.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex will be held at Hastings, on Friday, the 20th inst.

A college for the instruction for pure and applied science has been erected in Chelsea, by public subscriptions, assisted by Government aid. Its object being to teach the various sciences at a low fee, viz.: chemistry, metallurgy, physics, physiology, botany, geometry, and architectural drawing. Attached to the Science Division of the college, is a large Art School, which is open to ladies only, in the day time, and mixed classes in the evening, for drawing and painting in oil, tempera and water colour, from the flat and from the cast, also painting on porcelain and china. There are also special life classes. In connection with the college are also large kitchens fitted with every requisite for the practical teaching of plain and high class cooking. The promoters have fitted up in the college, large metallurgical and chemical laboratories, lecture rooms, &c.; the building being large enough to accommodate 1000 students. The new session of Onslow College commenced on October 2nd, under the directorship of Bro. W. H. Martin, assisted by a large staff of qualified masters.

SPECIAL!—MARTIN'S MAGNETIC CURATIVE BRLT cures rheumatism, and all kinds of nervous affections, and is a conservator and promoter of good health. Testimonials, press opinions, and fullest particulars free by post. Or waist measure and P.O.O. for 21s., 31s. 6d., or 42s., made payable at General Post Office to JOHN HUGH MARTIN, the world-renowned Magnetic Curative Appliance Manufacturer, 272, Regent-circus, Regent-street, London, W., will secure one by return of post. Daily attendance from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. and advice free.—[ADVT.]

Bro. W. Malthouse, C.C., presided at the meeting of the City of London Tradesmen's Club, held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street.

The Duke of Connaught reached Assiout, on his trip up the Nile, on Monday evening, where, as at Girgeh and Benisouef, His Royal Highness met with a most enthusiastic reception, there being at each place a large concourse of people to see him, and the houses being illuminated in his honour.

The extensive premises comprising nearly the whole of the quadrangle formed by Cockspur-street, Trafalgar-square, Pall Mall East, and the frontage directly looking down Pall Mall, and which have for so many years been known as Waterloo House, and in the occupation of Messrs. Halling, Pearce, and Stone, have just acquired a very successful installation of sixteen Arc Electric Lights, which have been furnished by the Metropolitan (Brush) Electric Light Company, the power generator being a 12-horse-power (nominal) Otto gas engine.

The late Bro. the Rev. P. F. T. Ravenshaw, to whose death we briefly referred last week, was initiated into Freemasonry in 1851, while an under-graduate of Oriel College, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. In 1862 he was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire, and six years later was invested with the purple as a Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The record of the tour of the Australian Eleven, which appeared in the pages of *Bell's Life*, have been re-issued in book form.

The members of the Court of the Curriers' Company dined together at their Hall, London-wall, on Saturday last. Dinner was served from the Albion. Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., on Saturday last, took his seat on the Court of the Company.

The statistics of attendance for July, August, and September, 1882, at the Guildhall Library and Reading-room are as follows: Library—Day, 29,456; evening, 8834; total, 38,290. Reading-room—Day, 23,143; evening, 5569; total, 28,712. Museum—Day, 23,010. Total attendances, 92,012. July, August, and September, 1881: Library—Day, 26,872; evening, 8218; total, 35,090. Reading room—Day, 20,374; evening, 5077; total, 25,451. Museum—Day, 19,633. Total attendances, 80,174. Increase, 9838.

Bro. A. G. Church presided on Saturday last over the ordinary general meeting of the Vienna General Omnibus Company, held at the offices, No. 6, Finsbury-circus.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden, will entertain his brother Grand Officers for the year, and the members of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, of which he is now Worshipful Master, and other Masonic guests, at the Mansion House, on Friday, the 20th inst. Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott gave a similar entertainment during his mayoralty, when he was Grand Junior Warden. On that occasion the Prince of Wales was the principal guest of the evening.

Bro. A. Meyrick Broadley, the English barrister selected to defend Arabi Pacha, is a member of the English bar of several years' standing. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's-Inn in Trinity Term, 1869, and is now an advocate of the Consular Court at Tunis.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending October the 7th was 983.

H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh has graciously consented to lay the first stone of Smeaton's Tower, at Plymouth, on Friday next. The tower in question till recently stood on the Eddystone Rock, on which it was erected during the period 1756-59.

Mr. John Chevallier Cobbold, who was M.P. for Ipswich from 1847 to 1868, died, at an advanced age, on Friday, the 7th inst. The deceased was the father of Bro. P. C. Cobbold, one of the present representatives of the same borough, and at the time of his death held the office of its High Steward.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has presented a valuable American organ to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany will be presented with the freedom of the city of Glasgow on the occasion of his approaching visit, in order to open the Royal School of Art Needlework in that city.

Bro. Alderman Knight, Lord Mayor elect, has been appointed Master of the Loriners' Company for the ensuing year.

Bro. James Terry will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation at the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich-green, on Thursday, the 26th inst.

Bro. Seymour Smith announces his annual benefit concert for Saturday evening, the 21st inst. As on former occasions he has secured the services of many prominent artistes and a highly influential list of Stewards. The concert will be given at the South-place Institute, Finsbury, and tickets may be obtained of Bro. Seymour Smith, 153, Gordon-road, Nunhead, or of any of the Stewards.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or IONIC DAILY FOOD. It cures indigestion, Heartburn, Constipation, Liver and Stomach Complaints, &c., besides having such wondrous nourishing properties. Makes Soups, Porridge, Custards, Puddings, Biscuits, &c. Tins, 1lb. 1s. 6d.; 3lb., 10d. Barrels, 28lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

GREAT JEWEL ROBBRIES.—The public are becoming so accustomed to reading reports of jewel robberies that numbers of the nobility are taking steps to secure their valuables from the attack of the modern burglar, and the demand for Milner's Jewellery Safes is largely on the increase. These are made to fit in cabinets to suit any kind of wood, and are the best and cheapest safeguard against fire and thieves. Milner's Safe Company, (Lim. l.d.), 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.