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MISTAKES will occur in the best regulated families, and "errata" in typical arrangements will sometimes take place. We regret, by an oversight, to have credited £125 to Comp. JAMES TERRY, (we beg his pardon for the mistake), and to the Era Chapter, when it ought to have been the Islington, 1471. Bro. Moss's contribution is allotted to the Grosvenor, instead of to the Star. The 175 mentioned turns out to be 174, Sincerity, and brought in £148 10s, the Steward being Bro. FRASER. The Clerkenwell Lodge (a new lodge, so that its return is very creditable to it), Bro. HASTINGS MILLER, Steward, has brought £150 3s., while the Brixton Lodge should really be £105. As regards the provinces, Surrey returns £906 4s.; West Yorkshire, £430 2s.; Middlesex, £356 8s. 6d.; Suffolk, £166 12s. 6d., instead of £312 1s. 6d., which was made up by mistakenly including Bro. General BROWNROG's return. Worcestershire, £218 13s., which was credited to Warwickshire; Kent, £253 5s. Warwickshire was carelessly substituted for Worcestershire, for which we ask forgiveness at the hands of that distinguished province. We repeat our regret for such unsatisfactory inaccuracies, and trust that Masonic courtesy and Masonic goodwill will make every allowance for a "lapsus pennæ," as well as "lapsus typi."

HAVE our readers quite realized the importance of the bearing of the fact, mentioned by Bro. W. H. RYLANDS, of an entry of a Freemason and gentleman of 1603? By itself this is in reality worth a good many elaborate lucubrations. It upsets all previous theories, and antagonizes many dogmatic assertions. That there was a Speculative English Freemasonry in 1603 is a fact which demands the close attention of all Masonic students, and will lead, we trust, both to careful researches and ere long to striking "finds." Let us, therefore, set ourselves to work. The history of the Guilds and the archives of our lodges are practically a sealed book still to us. Let us seek to investigate the one, and unroll the other.

THE election for the Girls' and Boys' charities are again before us, and numerous are the "Canards," as to relative chances and "double events." We understand that so great is the pressure for the Boys', and so light for the Girls' School election, that the proposition of exchange for girls for boys varies from four to six to one. We are even assured on a good authority, that three Widows' votes are exchangeable for one Boys' vote. These are little facts which serve to show how the wind blows, and do not seem out of place in a Masonic journal. They are only for the adepts!

SOME one has averred that practically Masonic charity is only in name. The actual incriminations are, "the liberality of the order is not in proportion to its means." We venture to meet this assertion with a distinct negative. As an order, the Masonic Order is most remarkable and commendable for its annual gifts and offerings for Masonic charity. We do not indeed say, that all is done that might be done. Far from it. But we do assert this, that the annual returns of Masonic liberality are very suggestive and striking. Where is the other society that does so much? Let us see it, or hear of it. To have a fair comparison we must strike out all professedly religious bodies, for their platform is not ours! Freemasons give for the cause of charity, not in the name of religion, not with the zeal of proselytism. And though these acts of charity become religious acts, because given liberally, truly, and really, they can only be measured from their own position, which is independent of and different from all other societies and associations. They certainly do not however deserve adverse criticism or petty dispraise. They are in themselves, we repeat, most remarkable and laudable, alike as before the Craft and before the world.

GREAT as are our annual returns to our Charities we are a little afraid we trace in them one or two symptoms of weakness and retrogression, despite all that is said and done. We allude mainly to the small number of contributing new lodges and chapters, and above all to that vast majority which sends no Stewards and "makes no sign." It is quite clear now that if our Charities are to be maintained, much less progress, they must have new blood to help their efforts and increase their returns. We cannot keep going over the same old tract again and again; we cannot appeal only to the same old friends year by year. For though it is of course true that new Stewards and fresh friends appear, yet their number is not in proportion to the needs of the Institutions and the numbers of the Craft. Strictly speaking, taking any test you like, the proportion of old Stewards, however striking, is too large, and seems to urge a little more zeal on the part of our new lodges and somewhat more earnestness on the part of our younger Masonic generation. There are still many lodges and chapters, old and new, which have as yet done nothing officially for our Charities, and we therefore press upon them one and all to throw off their lethargy, and before 1883 has passed away to qualify themselves with votes for the Charities by reasonable, and seasonable, and proper grants. The two great Educational Charities have their anniversary festivals still before us; we trust later on to be permitted to recount some remarkable proofs of awakened zeal and meritorious energy on the part of our lodges, chapters, and brethren.

WE call attention elsewhere to a most interesting little history of the Margate Sea Bathing Infirmary. We do so among other reasons as well as the inherent excellency and abounding usefulness of the institution itself, on account of this fact, that our distinguished brethren, Sir ERASMUS WILSON, JOHN CLABON, and Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, have taken, and still take, a very active part in its management and development. It is a purely philanthropical and meritorious institution.

ALL our readers, for English Freemasons are ever patriotic citizens of their great country, will have been appalled by the Westminster outrage, and have deeply regretted to hear of the alleged atrocious attack on Lady FLORENCE DIXIE. Such, the outcome of dynamite heroes and unbridled savagery on the part of Irish secret societies and assassination circles, will have ineffably distressed, nay, disgusted all lovers of peace, order, and legality amongst us. It would almost seem as if, despite our boasted advance in civilization, education, and the like, the only apparent result is this outburst of hopeless savagery and barbarism. We shall all heartily join in the hope that the factors and actors in these detestable conspiracies of outrage, destruction, and coldblooded murder may speedily be tracked out and brought to justice, and that a proper measure of vindictory punishment may be meted out to them. We are glad to note that the authorities have decided to increase the police force in the metropolis.

WE are sorry to note every now and then evidences amongst us that our normal professions of brotherly kindness, good feeling, courtesy, and consideration, are more on the lips than in our hearts, merely technical expressions, without any living meaning or reality. If our readers will turn to our correspondence columns to-day they will notice readily one or two striking illustrations of a prevalence of personal feelings and even reckless unkindliness, utterly un-Masonic in temper and development, by which some who boldly term themselves brethren and Freemasons are actuated even as regards pure acts of philanthropic goodwill.

It would almost seem as if the great annual Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge was about to degenerate into a low form of meeting for suburban betting. We deeply regret to read the statements and comments of the press. We trust that something of a more chivalrous and creditable spirit will prevail, and that we may be spared the scandal in 1883 of having these, our "Olympian games" put a stop to by the University authorities, because hurtful to, and subversive of, the best interests of the undergraduates. In the recent race Oxford, as might have been realized without adventitious betting, beat the Cambridge crew.

We propose to call attention to Bro. Binckes's important letter in our next.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I was looking over a German work the other day when I came on a chapter entitled the "History of Freemasonry in England." This is a work in four volumes published at Leipsic in 1835, under the name of "Acerellos," by Carl Rosser. It is a translation of a well-known French work by Reghellini de Schio. Hence the credit for a clear view of English Masonic history must be divided between these two writers. The writer leans distinctly to a knightly origin of Freemasonry as connected with the Templars, &c., and "mixed up" in an incomprehensible way with working Masons and learned brethren. He takes Ashmole's as the real historical period, but curiously enough immediately assumes the preponderating influence of Hermeticism. He tells us that Ashmole revised the Rosicrucian formulæ of initiation, which up to that time had been based on Greek and Roman usages and the mysteries, and that his remarkable "reform" in the tendency moreover of Templary, was the origin of the division between Dermott and the Grand Lodge later. I commend this statement to the special notice of Bro. Gould. The writer goes on to say that in Bacon's "Atlantis" are to be found the germs of the subsequent teaching of T.G.A.O.T.U., Hermetic association, the connection with the "Diciplina Arcani," once a favourite idea of Dr. Leeson, and Masonic Mysticism. In 1703 he tells us that there were many admissions into the Order, (why that date I know not), and that the result was the revival of 1717.

The York Grand Lodge was the oldest, he tells us, and the Modern Grand Lodge, which had sprung from York, burned its documents, he hints, for special reasons, and he asserts that Desaguliers, whom he calls "Sir Desaguliers," was the apostle of the modern rite, and carried out the Templar reform of Wren, who, in 1663, had found a Templar body in London, from which he took the idea of modern Freemasonry. Masonic history with a vengeance! Indeed, in one passage the writer talks of Egyptian, Misraimite, Scottish, English, French, German, Templar rites as mixed up in our English system. He believes that Swedenborg introduced a religious and Masonic reform in England, which is an absurdity, and that Cagliostro found a footing and many adherents for his Egyptian Masonry in England. He alludes to Benedict Chastanier's Chapter of Philosophic Scottish Masonry as an important "factor," of which little or nothing is known, and his whole idea of English Masonic history is hazy and hopeless in the extreme. He asserts that Ramsay was the founder of the Royal Arch grade, of which fact there are the gravest doubts, and as he appears to make poor Ramsay go to France from England with Royal Arch and Templar grades in 1768, when he had long been resting quietly in his grave, his chronology is not superior to his history.

Altogether, if any one wishes to see in a few pages the most extraordinary jumble of facts and fiction, incorrect assertions, unreliable statements, and unaccessible dates, he had better wade through this 25th chapter, and whether in the original or the translation. As an effort for information or improvement I cannot commend this use of time, but as a trial of patience it may do us all good.

CONSECRATION OF THE SAINT MICHAEL'S CHAPTER, No. 1273.

The St. Michael's Chapter, No. 1273, was consecrated at the Town Hall, Sittingbourne, Kent, on Thursday, the 15th inst., in the presence of Lord Holmesdale, Superintendent of the province, and the following companions of the Order:

Comps. J. M. Goldfinch, M.E.Z.; Charles Barley, H.; Herbert Black, J.; Joseph Hornden, S.E.; Elias Goshan, S.N.; Geo. T. Green, P.S.; R. H. Platin, 1st A.S.; Samuel Varren, 2nd A.S.; and Joseph Akhurst, Janitor. The visitors present were Comps. Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G. Supt. Kent; J. H. Eastes, Prov. G.H.; Charles Holtum, Prov. G.J.; B. K. Thorpe, Prov. G. Treas.; Henry Penfold, Prov. G.N.; Rev. T. Robinson, P.P.G.H., Grand Asst. Soj.; H. Sadler, Grand Janitor; A. Spears, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Price, P.Z.; A. J. Bird, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Geo. Page, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; J. C. Moore, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Joseph Plant; G. Tidcombe, P.Z., P.P.G.S. Middx.; F. W. Edwards, P.Z.; Edward Lukey, P.Z.; J. G. Poderin, P.Z., P.G.S.N.; J. Wordley, Z.; J. Bagshaw, P.Z.; M. J. Sullivan, H.; E. J. Penney, P.Z.; Edwin Beer, P.Z.; G. Burton, Z.; V. Brown, P.Z.; H. T. Naylor, Z.; R. Burfield, P.Z.; R. J. Brown, J. F. Lewis, C. Day, H. Tuff, F. H. Cozens, A. W. Hubbard, C. Drawbridge, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Consecrating officer was Ex. Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.Z., P.P.G.H., and Asst. Grand Soj. The other companions who assisted in the ceremonies were Ex. Comps. J. S. Eastes, P.Z., Prov. G.H., acting H.; C. Holtum, P.Z. Prov. G.J., acting J.; T. S. Warne, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., acting S.E.; H. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., acting D.C.; and H. Sadler, P.Z. Grand Janitor, acting A.D.C.

After the chapter had been opened the companions saluted Lord Holmesdale, and subsequently Comp. Robinson addressed the companions and assured them of the pleasure it afforded him to be present to consecrate a new Royal Arch Chapter for Kent. He was sure also that all the companions were pleased to be present to assist in such an excellent work, and to see the increased interest that was being taken in the welfare of Freemasonry in the province. Speaking of St. Michael's Lodge and the other provincial lodges, he said it was far better that the brethren of a lodge should have a chapter attached to the lodge where they had learned the first principles of Masonry than that they should have to go to a strange chapter to learn those further secrets which were necessary to make a Mason perfect. The brethren of St. Michael's Lodge would now have an opportunity of learning both Craft and Arch Masonry in their own lodge and chapter. It had pleased him very much to have been instrumental in assisting in this work, and he thanked the brethren for the great courtesy they had shewn in their communications which they had had with him preliminary to the charter being granted.

The usual introductory formularies having been observed,

Comp. T. S. WARNE, Prov. G.S.E., delivered the following oration: The deeply interesting and solemn ceremony in which it is our privilege to bear a part to-day—humble though that part may be—is one which, apart from the externals which surround it, cannot but bring prominently before us the real aims, principles, and objects of this Sublime Degree of Freemasonry. As we have been instructed by our symbols and teaching that the Royal Arch is but the carrying on and completion of the Craft Degree, so must it be kept constantly before us, that its principles and aims are ever the same, namely, the honour and glory of God and the promotion and diffusion of brotherly love, relief, and truth. But while we keep the objects and principles of the Degree perpetually before us, let us ever remember that the worship and adoration of the Most High is our highest aim, and the name of God, while the pole-star of our guide, is the only basis on which this Sublime Order is founded. As the ceremonies of to-day, as well as those which will

hereafter be enacted in this chapter, are founded on the great and mysterious name of God, so as Royal Arch Masons we see and adore Him in His great and glorious attributes of omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence. His omnipresence is witnessed in filling heaven and earth with His glory, and condescending to receive the adoration of countless myriads of celestial and created beings. His omnipotence is displayed in calling the universe with its myriads of teeming worlds into existence and filling them with beings; it may be of even a higher order of intelligence than ourselves. Whilst in his omniscience we dimly behold Him with the eye of faith viewing from His celestial throne world upon worlds created and peopled by Him, and not disdainingly, we may unreverentially hope, to observe with His approving all-seeing eye our humble proceedings to-day. As then the great aim and supreme object of this Sublime Degree is the worship and glory of God, and the adoration of the Most High, let us with that reverence and humility which should become us strain to carry out the behests of His sacred will by a cheerful obedience to those divine laws which He has given for our guidance, by aiming at living pure and unsullied lives, by communicating a knowledge of His will, and by diffusing as much as in us lies, happiness to our fellow creatures. That such may be the distinguishing aim and primary object of one and all the companions of this chapter, in the inauguration of which we take our part to-day, is our earnest hope, and that it may become the centre of light, diffusing its rays of beneficence on all within the circle of its influence is our sincere desire. Finally, may we venture to hope that peace, harmony, concord, and true brotherly love may ever prevail among all the companions of this chapter, and may they thus perpetuate the glories of its honoured name, "St. Michael," by triumphing over all foes to the peace, happiness, and prosperity of its members. May this newly-consecrated chapter become (symbolically) beautiful as the Temple of Solomon, peaceful as the Ark, and like the burning bush in Horeb, a flame with zeal to promote the glory of God and the good of his fellow creatures, and, at the last, be meet to be citizens of the New Jerusalem above. May the practical exercise of all Masonic virtues be the distinguishing characteristic of every individual member of this chapter, and thus may they, collectively, truly shine as lights in the world, and may each in the words of our greatest poet "Have a tear for pity and a hand open as day for melting charity." And to all who are now assembled may we while travelling through this thorny path of life so pass our sojourning here that we may have the approbation of heaven for our encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience for our support. So, finally, may it be ours, at the closing hour of our existence to hear the Master's voice saying "Come up brother," and be admitted into the Heavenly Temple, there to enjoy, in the presence of the Most High, light, glory, and bliss—ineffable and eternal.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the musical portion being borne by Comps. F. H. Cozens and A. Hubbard, Comp. Plant, of Canterbury Cathedral, presiding at the harmonium. At the conclusion of the ceremony, which was performed with the greatest fluency and impressiveness, the installation of the three Principals was conducted, Comp. Robinson performing these ceremonies from beginning to end with the same excellence as he had the consecration. The three Principals never having been in either chair before, the M.E.Z. had to take the three chairs, the H. the second and third chairs and J. the third chair. The companions installed were Comps. John Matthew Goldfinch, Z.; Charles Burley, H.; and Herbert Black, J. The other companions appointed and invested were: Comps. John Harnden, S.E.; Elias Gorham, S.N.; George Thomas Green, P.S.; Platin, 1st A.S.; S. Varran, 2nd A.S.; and W. Pannell, Janitor.

On the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded by the H., a vote of thanks for consecrating the chapter and installing the Principals was passed to Comp. Robinson, and ordered to be entered on the chapter minutes, and the consecrating officer and assistants were elected honorary members of the chapter.

Comp. ROBINSON thanked the companions for the compliment, and several propositions for exaltation and joining were then given in.

The chapter was afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to the Bull Hotel to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Comp. the Rev. THOMAS ROBINSON in responding for "The Grand Officers" said the Grand Superintendent of the province (Lord Holmesdale) being present ought to be called upon to respond to the toast; but his lordship allowed him to respond. The toast was always well received in every chapter, and it deserved to be, because there was a great deal of work to be done in Grand Chapter as well as in Grand Lodge, and he was sure, speaking for the Pro Grand 1st Principal and the 2nd and 3rd Principals and others, every officer of Supreme Grand Chapter was proud of the honour that had been conferred upon him. Those officers used their utmost endeavours to carry out the desires of their chief and to promote the good of the Order.

The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Health of Lord Holmesdale, Grand Superintendent of Kent," said the companions of St. Michael's Chapter, one and all, were much obliged to his lordship for being present, and expressed their thanks to him for that attendance; it certainly was not what they could expect, considering his lordship's numerous engagements. The companions had had the pleasure of meeting his lordship on many occasions and had found he devoted a great deal of time to Masonry, and that he knew what was the foundation of Masonry—charity. They hoped to see his lordship present in the chapter on a future occasion, when he would be able to mark the progress made by the chapter.

Lord HOLMESDALE said the M.E.Z. had in proposing the toast been good enough to say many kind things of him, and given many good reasons why the toast should be heartily drunk. He (Lord Holmesdale) thought he had at last discovered one reason why the toast was well received at Masonic meetings. They had all heard of the patient camel who travelled forward all day steadily, but at night he got troublesome till he smelt his refreshment. So it was with the companions—after going through long ceremonies and a great deal of Masonic work, they were uncomfortable till they smelt that blessed thing a cigar, and that accounted perhaps for the cordiality of this toast that evening. They had done a great deal of Masonic work that day. He was speaking he was sure the sentiments of all the companions when he said they were all delighted with the way Comp. Robinson and his assistants had done the work. It gave them all much pleasure, and it was a very good thing for Masonry when another chapter was added to the roll of the Kent chapters, particularly when the consecration and installation were done so well, that the chapter must add lustre to Royal Arch Masonry in the province. And if it gave the companions generally pleasure to be present, how much greater pleasure must it be for the 1st Principal of the province to be present? because the companions must understand that his Masonic credit, as far as Royal Arch Masonry went, was bound up with the success of Royal Arch Masonry in the province. Perhaps it was somewhat selfish to say this, but the success of Royal Arch Masonry was very dear to him. He knew it was

equally dear to the hearts of the other companions present; but it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present on such an occasion as this, and he hoped there would be many such in future, for there were still gaps to be filled up in Arch Masonry in the province. Whenever they met he hoped they should never meet with less success or a less hearty greeting than they had in St. Michael's Chapter. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Second and Third Grand Principals of the Province, Comps. J. S. Eastes, and C. Holttum." It is an excellent thing to be a good chief, but it was also an excellent thing for the chief to have good assistants, and Lord Holmesdale was singularly fortunate in this respect. Whenever any information was wanted it was always granted, and while they had such officers the success of the Royal Arch Masonry in the province was assured.

Comp. J. S. EASTES, Prov. H., in reply, said he had no doubt Comp. Holttum like himself felt it a very great honour to be a Provincial Grand Officer under Lord Holmesdale, and it was a high and laudable desire to wish to be so, and the companions knew as well as he did how splendid a thing it was to serve under so admirable a chief. They had worked together in the province well, and it was due to the truly hearty Masonic feeling of the Superintendent. He (Comp. Eastes) most heartily rejoiced to be present at the consecration of another chapter in the province. The St. Michael's was the 15th in the province. It was scarcely possible to have a chapter to every lodge, because it was most desirable if they had a chapter it should be strong, and they could not possibly have, as far as his observation in the province went, more than one chapter to three lodges. The real reason was that many of the brethren in a lodge did not feel disposed to go on to the Royal Arch Degree or higher in Masonry than the Craft. Some were satisfied with that, others on the contrary were not satisfied, but desired to go on. Therefore, as he said the previous Thursday, they got the cream of Freemasonry in the Royal Arch, and such he hoped it would always be in the Province of Kent. He thanked the companions for having that day enrolled him as one of the members of the chapter, and he should feel himself identified with St. Michael's Chapter for the future.

Comp. HOLTUM said he had had the honour of being promoted by his lordship to office in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Kent. He had been over 30 years a Mason, and he only wished he had been one long before. He was sure that Masonry made them all better men, and he hoped that all who joined this chapter would feel very grateful that it had been established.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The other Grand Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter," and coupled with the toast the name of Comp. Spears, who had been a member of Prov. Grand Chapter as long as it had been in existence.

Comp. SPEARS in reply said he was very grateful that he had been so long a member of Prov. Grand Chapter of Kent. It was one of the proudest days of his Masonic life when the Grand Superintendent gave him office. It was an honour given to him as well as to his chapter, which was one of the oldest in the province, No. 158. He had been within a few months of 20 years a Mason, and he only regretted, as Comp. Holttum did, that he had not been one before. He enjoyed Masonry when he entered into it, and he went heart and soul into it. The night he was initiated he thought as Lord Brougham did when he left Edinburgh, "Now for the woolsock," "Now for the chair." He would say to all his Masonic friends, young Masons and young companions, "There's naught but what's good to be understood by a Free and an Accepted Mason." They had always found it so. A good Mason was a good and practical man, a good citizen, a good father, and a good member of society. He was proud to be able again to meet the companions and he congratulated the M.E.Z. on the consecration of this new chapter, which added one more to the list in the province of Kent. As Comp. Eastes had said it was not necessary that every lodge should have a chapter attached, because they found a great many brethren that belonged to lodges joined chapters which belonged to other lodges, and he thought it added to the bond of friendship in Masonry of members of several lodges belonging to one chapter.

The M.E.Z. in giving "The Health of Comp. Robinson" said the brethren would all agree with him that the ceremony of consecration and the ceremonies of installation had been splendidly performed. For himself he was a little confused because he had so many things to pass through; but he thought a great deal of it, and he never heard a ceremony better performed. It surprised him how Comp. Robinson could remember so much and keep on talking for so long a time. He must have begun very early so that it got set into his bones and sinews. The way in which Comp. Robinson did the work regularly struck it into the companions. He hoped Comp. Robinson would excuse him for not saying all he wished to say, but he could not help adding that every word was most expressive and there was not one word superfluous or one word that was omitted.

Comp. the Rev. T. ROBINSON, G.A.S. (who was received with cheers), said they were told on very good authority that there was a time for all things, a time to be serious and a time to be merry. The time to be serious was over. They were at the banquet, and whatever toasts they had they should enjoy merriment and jollity now. It was true in the ceremony he had the honour of being the principal officer, in that the character of that service was highly serious, and was not simply by reason of his cloth, but by being an old Mason, that he had thrown any spirit into the ceremony which he had rendered, and if he had met with the companions' approbation he was most heartily glad. More especially was he glad to hear the words which had fallen from the M.E.Z., because after all he was the first person to have felt these things, as he was the Principal of the chapter, and on him, at all events for one year, but in all probability for many years, a great deal would depend. For it was most important that the Principal by his character outside the chapter and in it should set an example to the companions of the chapter and to the outside world that it was not mere tomfoolery, not mere nonsense, not the mere knife and fork degree that was going on, but as people knew there was a bible to be seen and they sometimes heard it was open in the lodge, so the services were with the open unveiled pedestal in the chapter as they were with the open volume in the lodge; it was not to be trifled with. There was a time for all things. Let them be serious at such a time. And now, having spoken enough of himself, let him give the toast which after all was the toast of the day, and he would give it in a way in which he hoped it would be given year after year. Year after year he hoped they would have their festivals as other chapters had and would look with gratification on the Principals they had had, and losing one would find another to carry on the traditions of the chapter till the final goal was won, not perhaps on earth, but in another where they would meet their reward and be accepted by the Great Judge of heaven and earth. And it was of great importance to remember that the chapter was the climax of Freemasonry, for, as Comp. Eastes had said, if Masonry was the milk of human nature the Royal Arch

chapter was really the cream of Masonry. If some men came into Masonry with feelings of levity, some for position, or for something to gain, some looking on it as a social club—if any of those hearty good fellows as they were called, to use a common phrase in their town, and excellent social companions, if they did not catch the spirit and imbibe the true principles of Masonry, there they would stop; but those who had the true spirit of Masonry would go higher and higher, and they would find that it was the Great Father of us all that is our worship, whatever the climate, whatever the politics, whatever the nationality, yet we were still creatures of one Great Creator, and it was our duty to communicate happiness to our fellow creatures and not to let the light which was not ours by our own merit, but which was given by a Great Power above, be hidden within our bosoms from any absurd ideas of selfishness, but let it be communicated to all. Therefore in the great Order to which they belonged, to which the Royal Arch was a great addition, it was a great thing that the Principals of the chapter should set an example themselves and communicate light and impart instruction to others. It was a great thing that in every succeeding year Masons should look forward with pleasure to the future, and on this great occasion when they drank the health of the Principals, which he was about to call upon them to do, and to join with it another which would never again be given in the chapter, "Prosperity to St. Michael's Chapter and long life and happiness to the Principals who were to preside over it," he trusted they would drink it with all sincerity and heartiness, and wish the Principals a happy and prosperous year of office.

The M.E.Z. on behalf of himself and Comps. Burley and Black thanked the companions for the toast. And before the companions left he wished to go a little into the history of the chapter. There was a death among the petitioners after the petition was granted which put them rather in a fix and on their beam ends; but they were fortunate enough to get Major Moore to consent to become 1st Principal. His name, however, not being on the petition he could not be accepted. Then it was put to him (Comp. Goldfinch), but from his Masonic modesty he did not wish to take it. At last it was put to him as a duty and he accepted it. That was why he was placed in the first chair, and he should endeavour to do his duty in it. He knew he should be well supported by his officers right and left, and that they would assist him as much as lay in their power. They did not expect to be perfect at first. That showed the importance of going into Masonry in their young days, as Comp. Holttum had said. He (Comp. Goldfinch) was old; but there was life in the old dog yet, and as long as he lived he should try to do his duty. He hoped when the Grand Officers came on future occasions they would be able to say that the officers of the St. Michael's Chapter did not want assistance from outside their chapter. What Comp. Stears had quoted from Lord Brougham was equally true of him (Comp. Goldfinch). When he first entered Masonry he intended to get to the top, and this he should endeavour to do if they did not trip him up.

The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Visitors" said those who gave the invitations were more the debtors than they who accepted them. Most of those that day had come from a long distance, and had sacrificed a great amount of time.

Comp. T. S. WARNE, Prov. G.S.E., in reply said it was with great pleasure that the companions, with their Grand Superintendent at their head, received the invitation; it was a great pleasure to see the ceremony so ably performed, it was another great pleasure to see the Three Principals placed in the chair, and the chairs so worthily filled, and it had been a source of great pleasure to receive the hospitality of the chapter at the banquet table. They hoped, as they knew, that St. Michael's Chapter would have an excellent career, and the visitors, they knew, would always receive an hospitable welcome. It would be at all times a great pleasure to visit the chapter of which he had the distinction that afternoon to be elected an honorary member. If circumstances would allow he should from time to time come and see how they were working, and he expressed the hope that St. Michael's Chapter would add lustre to the Province and be a most distinguished chapter.

Comp. PENFOLD also replied, and said he felt a double interest in the chapter because he was one of the petitioners for the St. Michael's Lodge, and its second W.M. He was delighted to find it had attained such growth and that it had a chapter granted to it.

The other toasts were given before the company broke up.

The chapter was furnished by Comp. George Kenning, Little Britain, London.

CONSECRATION OF THE MAWDDACH LODGE, No. 1988, NORTH WALES.

The M.W.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having granted a warrant for a new lodge to be held at Barmouth, the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Sir Olley Wakeman, Bart., in the absence through ill-health of Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynne, Bart., M.P., the P.G.M., recently held a Provincial Grand Lodge at St. Ann's-buildings, Barmouth, for the purpose of consecrating the new lodge. The attendance was large, and included many brethren from distant parts of the province. After the consecration the Deputy Provincial Grand Master installed Bro. Lovegrove as W.M. Bro. W. R. Davies was invested S.W. and Bro. Jones as J.W. Before the lodge closed a number of members joined and several were proposed for initiation.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Cors-y-Gedol Hotel, at which, about 40 brethren attended.

After the usual Masonic toasts Bro. LOVEGROVE, in returning thanks for his health, took the opportunity of thanking Sir Olley Wakeman for his attendance there to perform the ceremonies of consecration and installation.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Our readers will learn with regret, that Miss Davis, the head governess of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to whom the school owes so much and to whose ability and indefatigable exertions is due its present high standard of efficiency, is suffering from serious illness, and it is feared many weeks must elapse before she will be sufficiently restored to health to resume her duties. It is, however, satisfactory to know, that so perfect a condition of efficiency has Miss Davis brought the system of teaching and discipline, that her temporary absence will but serve to show how well those trained and educated by her are able to undertake the duties and responsibilities attaching to the important post she holds.

We understand that Miss Redgrave, who has for some years acted as Miss Davis's first assistant, has been formally deputed by the House Committee to undertake the duties of head governess during the absence of Miss Davis, which we, and we are sure all our readers, trust may be of short duration.

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To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Keystone," "The Kirkcaldy Times," "Boletín Masonico," "El Taller," "Die Bauhütte," "The Court Circular," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Broad Arrow," "The Battle Axe," "The Cape Mercantile Advertiser," "The Hull Packet," "Boletín do Grande Oriente do Brazil."



SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1883.

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.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In enclosing for your information a copy of the report and accounts for the past year, I desire to call your attention, and through you that of your readers, to one item in the latter, under the head of "Receipts, annual donations, and subscriptions—lodges, chapters, &c.—£315 14s." This I would wish to have carefully considered in connection with a paragraph in the article "The Boys' School" in your issue of 3rd inst.: "Many wealthy lodges give their subscription of one guinea, some few two guineas, and the great majority, from want of thought let us hope, do not subscribe at all." This is the "one source from which a very considerably augmented annual income may be fairly looked for," viz., steady annual support from lodges, chapters, &c. £315 from nearly 2000 lodges, to say nothing of chapters, &c., which means that about 1750 do not subscribe at all. It must not be inferred that valued and valuable donations securing permanent qualifications are not made, and that often by non-subscribing lodges; but what I am anxious to impress, and for years have been sedulously striving to impress, upon lodges, &c., is the real necessity for their devoting annually a small portion of their funds by way of subscription, and were this done we ought to rely with as much confidence as on dividends from investments on an annual income of at least £2000 for this Institution. On this important subject more anon.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Secretary.

March 20th.

THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My friend Bro. Neilson, of Dublin, still clings to his statement that Mother Kilwinning is to all intents and purposes a Provincial Grand Lodge. He is entirely wrong, however. The Master of Mother Kilwinning is ex-officio Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, and as such has the appointment by commission of the following officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, viz.: Depute Master, Substitute Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary, and Chaplain. The present Secretary of Mother Kilwinning holds a commission as Provincial Grand Secretary, but that does not constitute the mother lodge the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire.

There are other points in Bro. Neilson's letter to which in the interest of Masonic history I must take exception.

1. Because it is found in a minute of date December 20th, 1643, that the Lodge of Kilwinning styles itself "The Antient Lodge of Scotland," Bro. Neilson concludes that it must then have held the position of what is now known as the Grand Lodge of Scotland. And upon this assumption he suggests that Scotland's Grand Lodge is the premier by many years. At the date of the minute in question the Lodge of Kilwinning held the position of one of the head lodges mentioned in the Schaw statutes of December, 1599, and exercised jurisdiction over the Craft in Ayrshire, Renfrew, and Dumbarton.

In noticing the Kilwinning minute of the 20th December, 1643, Bro. Neilson says that a full copy of the same is to be found in a book of which the Secretary of Mother Kilwinning is the author. In this he is also wrong. The portion of the book to which my brother refers contains not the "full minutes of 20th December, 1643," but the short excerpt of the same, given by me in No. 2 of my "Notes on Mother Kilwinning," which appeared in the London "Freemasons' Magazine" of August 8, 1863, and other portions of the same chapter of my notes are, without acknowledgement, embraced in the compilation named by Bro. Neilson as an authority on the old minute under review. If Bro. Neilson will again look into my "Freemasonry in Scotland" he will find the full minute given on pages 410 and 411.

2. In his letter of 12th inst. Bro. Neilson writes: "The Grand Lodge of Ireland never asked any Grand Lodge for recognition or exchange of representatives, its position being such that it has always to be asked to grant these favours." I do not know what is recorded in Ireland on the point; but it is on record here that in December, 1850, the Grand Secretary of Ireland, in a letter to the Grand Secretary of Scotland, proposed "an interchange of representatives between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland." This proposal was favourably entertained; and in February, 1851, Bro. the Hon. Augustus G. F. Jocelyn, a Past Substitute Grand Master, was appointed "representative from Scotland in the Grand Lodge of Ireland." Bro. Dr. Samuel Somerville's appointment as representative from Ireland was accepted in May of the same year.—Ever faithfully yours,

D. MURRAY LYON,
Grand Secretary.

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, March 17th.

THE COMING ELECTIONS IN APRIL.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Will you kindly allow me space once again to ask any of my good brethren who have Boys' and Girls' votes to spare, kindly to send them to me?—Yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W.,

March 15th.

P.S.—In gratitude as a Masonic brother, I beg to offer this "outpourings of a most appreciative bosom" to that worthy, philanthropic, enlightened, full-handed, and large-hearted member of our Order who in response to my appeal for votes for "Tettenborn" sends a munificent P.O. order for one shilling! May his praise be in all our lodges! On the whole, I do not venture to find fault with the arrangement, as if all my correspondents will do the same, I shall end by making "a good thing" of it. Another brother returns me the circular unpaid, so that I pay 2d.; an act of Masonic courtesy and consideration. As the man says in the play "Ou allons nous?" A.F.A.W.



A LECTURE ON THE GRAND EPOCHS OF FREEMASONRY. Second Notice. By S. F. NEWMARCH, P.M., late D.P.G.M. Warwickshire.

This lecture, delivered in the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, has previously been noticed in our columns. Able as it is undoubtedly, we still venture to think that it is better adapted for lodge or chapter than for publication or review. We have become very jealous of Masonic publication in respect of ritual work, ceremonial usage, or historical traditions, many of which are peculiarly unfitted for the "popular world who are not Masons." Still the lecture is before us bodily in print, and so we notice and commend it both for clearness and ability. And yet as we peruse it, there comes over us a strong sense of the impossibility of dwelling upon it more in detail in these reserved and circumspect pages. The lecture is peculiarly "ad Fratres et Socios," and is best suited we think, nay we feel sure, for the privacy of lodge and chapter. There has been far too much publication of our "aporreta" and our inner life and teachings as Freemasons; let us pause wisely in

time. "Ferre gradus retrorsum" is often a proof of wisdom as well as of discretion; and for some time past we have sedulously sought in the *Freemason* to curtail and control that modern tendency to Masonic "gush," which like our ladies dresses leaves little for the imagination, and less for the unseen.

DEBRETT'S PEERAGE, BARONETAGE, KNIGHT-AGE, AND COMPANIONAGE. Illustrated with 1,500 Armorial Bearings. Royal Edition. Edited by ROBERT H. MAIR, LL.D. Personally revised by the Nobility. London: Dean and Son, Publishers, 160A, Fleet-street, E.C.

DEBRETT'S ILLUSTRATED HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE JUDICIAL BENCH. Revised by the Members of Parliament and the Judges. Compiled by the same Editor and published by the same firm.

It is somewhat difficult to say anything of such a work of reference as "Debrett's Peerage," which makes its appearance annually, and each year of publication, though it appears to have been as complete as it is possible to make it, is always increasing in bulk and value. This year, for instance, there are upwards of 60 pages of new matter relating to the predecessors of peers, so that the history of each noble family is more complete than ever, as much so perhaps as is necessary or desirable, if the work is to be kept within anything like a convenient size. At the same time, all the old features which have secured for it so just a reputation, have been as carefully compiled and checked with their several authorities as in preceding years. Full particulars as to the places of education, degrees obtained, naval, military, or official services, honours in former and recent wars, and residences, clubs, patronage, are given in the case of each titled personage, and as the work is timed to appear before the opening of Parliament, the information is the latest as well as the fullest that can be obtained. Earl Cairns speaking in the House of Lords in 1876, described "Debrett" as "a depository of information which" he "never opened without amazement and admiration." Since then we are told, over 486 pages of additional information have been added and, there can be no doubt that between the introduction of the new and the gradual elaboration of the old matter, the work would scarcely be recognised as the same as that of which the then Lord High Chancellor of England spoke in terms so eulogistic. "Debrett's Illustrated House of Commons and the Judicial Bench" is equally worthy of commendation, the same elaborate care being noticeable in the compilation and arrangement of the particulars furnished. In this case, likewise, the old matter has been improved, where improvement was possible, and new matter added where any needful information had been omitted. We congratulate editor and publisher alike on the success of their labour.

THE ROYAL ARCH MASONS' HYMN. Written and composed by JOHN ST. CLAIR, P.Z. 38, P.G.S.B., Sussex. London: George Kenning, the *Freemason* office, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

Comp. E. St. Clair, is to be congratulated on his hymn. The words are tuneful and the setting excellent, the latter being arranged so that it may be sung either in unison or as a quartet for men's voices. We commend it strongly to the notice of Royal Arch Chapters.

MAY'S BRITISH AND IRISH PRESS GUIDE, 1883. London: 159, Piccadilly.

A work of this kind is not only useful but necessary in houses of business which have anything to do with journalism, directly or indirectly. This is the tenth year of issue, and ample as was the information that was contained in last year's Guide, it seems to us the editor has this year succeeded in increasing it, and at the same time making it clearer and more precise. Thus there is a complete list of all the daily papers published in Great Britain, the morning and evening papers being distinguished from each other. More prominence has been given to Continental newspapers which occupy three times the former space, and include besides the principal weekly journals nearly all the dailies published in Europe. Other features might be noticed, but we have said enough to show that "May's British and Irish Press Guide" is as trustworthy as ever, and far more extended than in past years.



Masonic Notes and Queries.

LEWIS.
Despite the somewhat unencouraging remarks of my esteemed Bro. Speth, I venture again to allude to the subject. "Pegging away" is the duty of us all who wish for information or to obtain light. I have yet to learn there is any sufficient knowledge, much less infallibility on the subject. I cannot accept Bro. Speth's derivation of Steinmetz from a German word to measure. Steinmetz, as all the German dictionaries state is a stone cutter or stone hewer, and seems naturally to come, as I said before, from meizen or meizan, to hew, hence meissel, a chisel, and thus answering to the analogy of other languages, lapicidas and latomos from lithotomos. If Mr. Skeat is correct as to "Macio," low Latin for Macon, we clearly have the same idea running through all languages,—a builder of houses or walls. Curiously enough Maurer translated in German "a Mason" is strictly speaking "a waller," and Freimaurer is "a freewaller." But it is another curious fact, that as far as I know there is no use of Freimaurer before the 18th century, and "Maurer" is not used in the Steinmetzen rules, though on this point Bro. Speth can speak more accurately. So late as 1836, one of the best of German dictionaries does not recognize the word "Freimaurer." The French authorities on "Louve," which I have consulted are very reticent and uncertain. Unfortunately I have not seen Littré's great dictionary, but Boyer's Dictionnaire of 1776, that of the Académie of 1835, and Spiers' Dictionary, &c., 11th edition, of 1859, have been lately studied by me. According to these "Louve" and "Louveteaux de Macon" are well-known terms, but they give us no clue to their derivations or the reason of their name. The "Dent de Louve" seems originally to have been what we call a "tack," used for carriage springs and leathers, and it has apparently developed into the meaning Bro. Speth

gives it. Spiers tells us that "Louve" was technically "a sling," "louver" to sling, while Boyer points out that "louve" may be translated slings, or "iron pincers;" at the same time he gave "louver," the meaning "to make a hole in the stone, to heave it up." He seems, however, to consider a "louve" a "piece de fer qui attache a la corde d'une grue," and "louver" is also "terme de Macon, faire un trou dans une pierre pour faire entre la louve." But all this brings us no nearer the derivation, and if we have in mediæval architecture a compound system of mechanical terms, though all more or less influenced by the Gothic and German languages, we may well wish then for some clue to the original meaning of "louve." Bro. Speth seems clear that it comes from "loup;" I am not, and hence the little difference between us. It often appears to me, I may be wrong, that we are in danger again now of falling into the grave, critical error of Oliver and others, "assuming a fact," (as a learned judge once said), "and then arguing upon it," forgetting that the past history of Freemasonry is still involved in doubt, that we are still comparatively but on the threshold. Bro. Ryland's recent find of a Speculative Freemason in 1603 raises inevitably questions which cannot be put on one side, and must be faced and dealt with. If there were lodges admitting Speculative Freemasons in 1603, whence came they? what their history? The mere Operative Guild theory, however good in some respects, is insufficient to meet such an altered condition of Masonic research. So my worthy Bro. Speth must not feel surprised if many of us keep "pegging away," unless indeed he is prepared to recommend and produce a "Masonic Pope." "Roma locuta est, causa finita est."

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE TITLE "FREEMASON."

In a leaderette of March 10th the recent contributions of Bro. W. H. Rylands, under the above heading, are cited as carrying the juse of the term "Freemason"—in connection with non-operatives—farther back than it has hitherto been known to prevail.

Passing over, however, the familiar instance of John Boswell of Auchinleck's membership* of the Lodge of Edinburgh in 1600, Bro. W. Officer, P.G.D. Scotland, in the *Freemason* of May 24th, 1879, communicated a remarkable extract from the MS. records of the presbytery of Jedburgh. The passage cited went to show, that objection being taken to the Rev. James Ainslie, because he was a *Freemason*, the neighbouring presbytery of Kelso, Feb. 24, 1652, expressed an opinion that "in the purest times of this Kirke, Maisons . . . have been ministers."

The Rev. A. T. Grant, of Rosslyn, Past Grand Chaplain of Scotland, on whose authority the above quotation was furnished by Bro. Officer, has since supplied me with two remarks upon this case, which I have quoted at p. 444 of my "History of Freemasonry." The first is that Freemasonry was then held by many of the *strict* Presbyterians as not incompatible with their principles, the fact that Mr. Ainslie was deposed on the restoration of Charles II. showing that he belonged to the covenanting section of the Church. The second is, that by the solemn declaration of a Church Court in 1652, Freemasonry was practised by men other than operative masons before 1600, "the purest times of this kirke," to a Presbyterian doubtless being the years subsequent to the Reformation of 1560, or, at any rate, before the introduction of Episcopacy in 1610.

Returning to Bro. Ryland's excerpt from the Manchester Registers, in one respect we are still left comparatively in the dark. This brother's communications are generally so fortified by authority, as to be conclusive beyond what the mind altogether wishes, but in the present case, there is a weak link in his chain of evidence. The extract dated Feb. 12, 1603-4, is not open to cavil, but the alleged connection between the "Edward Holland, gentleman," and the "Edward Holland fre-mason," rests solely on an *inference* drawn by Bro. Ryland's correspondent, from entries that are not in evidence. It is highly probable that the *gentleman* and the *freemason*, were one and the same person, but in order to determine this point, the nature of the earlier allusions to the former should be disclosed.

R. F. GOULD.

AHIMAN REZON.

In the last *Freemason*, Bro. Neilson speaks of Laurence Dermott's "Ahiman Rezon," 3d. Ed., 1752. There is a misprint here of course, but I should like to ask for an exact description of the authority cited. The "Ahiman Rezon" was first published in 1756, a second edition followed in 1764, a third in 1778, and a fourth in 1787. Of the last named I know but a single copy, which is in the valuable Masonic library of Bro. Grabham, P.M. 19.

R. F. G.

CHESHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Cheshire Educational Institution was held recently at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street, Birkenhead, to determine the amounts to be recommended at the Court of Governors at Crewe on the 28th inst., for the education of certain children for the ensuing year, to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and for the transaction of any other business in connection with the institution. Bro. J. R. Simm (one of the Vice-Presidents), W.M. 605, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B., Hon. Sec.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., Hon. Treas.; H. J. Lloyd, P.M. 721; J. A. Hodgkinson, S.D. 461; G. Moss, W.M. 758; W. M. Mellor, P.M. 758; H. Barlow, W.M. 361; J. Beech, P.P.G.P., P.M. 361; J. Roberts, P.M. 324; A. M. Palmer, W.M. 941; T. Maples, 537; and J. White, 1384.

The Honorary Secretary (Bro. STEVENSON) read the balance-sheet, from which it appeared that the expenses incurred in the education of 24 children during the year had amounted to £161 17s. 2d., the cost of management to about £40, which showed a saving upon the year. There was a balance of £505 in the bank, and another of £90 in the Treasurer's hands; but it was hoped the former sum would soon be safely invested in mortgage, so as to realise 4½ per cent. The fees, donations, and subscriptions from lodges and chapters during 1882-3 amounted to £218 12s. 6d. The interest on investments realised £186 16s. 6d. The total invested funds of the charity last year was £4121,

* Lyon, p. 51, Lawrie (1804), changes this worthy's name to Thomas, and dubs him *Warden* (p. 102); which is copied without acknowledgment by Findel (p. 113), who gives the records of the Lodge of Edinburgh as his authority?

but now it stood at £4341. The Secretary's annual report stated that the funds were gradually increasing, but the claims upon the Institution were growing in proportion. It was hoped that during the coming year the lodges and chapters who had not given their support to the charity to the extent to which they should in the past would see their way to extend more hearty help.

The reports were unanimously adopted, and on the motion of Bro. LLOYD, seconded by Bro. MOSS, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stevenson (honorary Secretary) and Bro. Platt (honorary Treasurer) for the extremely valuable services they had rendered to the institution in connection with their respective offices.

Bro. STEVENSON, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed a hope that they would soon, as the result of the generosity of the brethren, be enabled to extend the benefits of the Institution, in imitation of the scheme followed by the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

The sum of thirty-two guineas was voted in aid of the education of four additional children of the deceased Freemasons, and the renewal of grants to those already on the Institution were subsequently sanctioned.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Simm for presiding.

THE ROYAL SEA-BATHING INFIRMARY FOR SCROFULA AT MARGATE.

On the 11th of July, 1791, Dr. Lettsom, a physician, Mr. Deputy Nichols, and other Londoners, met at the London Coffee-house, and resolved to establish at Margate, as a place of extreme salubrity, "a receptacle for the relief of the poor whose diseases required sea-bathing." With the aid of Dr. Anderson, of Margate, Mr. Charles Le Bas, Master of the ceremonies there, and others, they bought a piece of land on the cliff about a mile to the west of the town of Margate, which then ended at the High-street (as appears by an interesting plan in the first minute book). The Prince of Wales became patron, and the hospital, after some delays, was erected and opened in 1796. There is a note, dated December 18, in that year, which mentions the singular belief experienced by the patients. "Most had laboured under long-continued maladies, and were restored to health by one course of bathing, and, on intermediate days, drinking the sea water."

Early in this century a wing was added, and it is recorded in 1816 that "of the numerous ills that flesh is heir to" none can be named that has been cured in more remarkable instances than scrofulous affections by the renovating properties of the sea. From this period the hospital became exclusively devoted to the cure of scrofula.

In 1853 the Rev. John Hodgson, vicar of St. Peter's, Thanet, honorary secretary to the hospital, made a grand effort to increase the funds, and obtained the support of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishops of London and Winchester, the Lord Mayor of London, and the Presidents of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. Under his active management, which continued till his death, additional wings were built, making up the number of beds to 250, and the hospital was kept open during the whole year, having previously been open only in the summer.

A few years ago Sir Erasmus Wilson, passing a short vacation at his bungalow in the neighbouring hamlet of Westgate-on-Sea, became a director, and soon evinced a desire to introduce all modern scientific improvements into the hospital. But the rooms of the old building were not capable of conversion into the airy, lofty, non-infection-bearing wards found in modern hospitals. So he erected new buildings, comprising four new wards and a bath-room, with terraces above them and day rooms connected by corridors with the old hospital. He also built a beautiful chapel for the use of the patients, the services having been previously held in the dining room. At his instance her Royal highness the Princess of Wales graciously consented to the wards being named after herself and daughters. The keys of the new erections, which are reputed to have cost some £30,000, were handed by Sir Erasmus to the directors at the last annual visitation.

They have been able from time to time to buy adjoining land and thus to keep other buildings at a distance, and to give the patients the full benefit of the sea air. They are now engaged in building a wall to prevent the inroads of the sea.

The stations of the London, Chatham, and Dover and South-Eastern Railway Companies are near the hospital, and bring patients from all parts, but principally from London.

The patients do not now "drink sea water on intermediate days," according to the early record; but by the skill and care of the honorary doctors and two resident surgeons, with the aid of the sea air and bathing, and good diet, wonderful cures are wrought. "Scrofula," says a little pamphlet, written by the honorary secretary some years since, "is a terrible disease, which haunts our country from John O'Groat's House to the Land's End, but is principally developed in the dirty courts and pestiferous alleys of great towns. It is said that there is scarcely a parish in England where some traces of it are not to be found; but it is among the poor that it assumes its most terrible forms. The Sea-Bathing Infirmary collects the worst cases. A visit must bring immediate conviction as to the character of the disease, and the necessity of a special institution for treating it." He records a conversation with one of the London surgeons, now an active director, at an annual visitation some years since. There is no such institution in the country, said this learned man, with something like enthusiasm.

Dr. Chambers, once Mayor of Margate, was wont, at the annual visitation, to say there was no such air in the world as at Margate—it came straight and fresh from the North Pole.

We have omitted to mention the Medical Board in London, consisting of the first surgeons and physicians, who see that no patient is admitted for any other disease than scrofula, and Col. Creaton, the Treasurer, who is just now unhappy because the funds are very low.—*Times*.

The Prince of Wales visited the Olympic Theatre on Saturday afternoon last, for the purpose of witnessing the performance of "A Great Catch," by Mr. Hamilton Aidé, in aid of the funds of the School of Dramatic Art.



Craft Masonry.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel Lambeth, on the 14th inst. Bro. W. M. Robinson, W.M., occupied the chair, and there were present, Bros. Jannaway, W.M. elect; Knight, S.W.; Hale, J.W.; Davies, S.D.; Minstrell, J.D.; Watson, I.G.; Skirving, P.M.; Hall, Thurkle, P.M.; Treas.; Bond, P.M.; Ross, P.M.; Clegg, P.M.; Whiting, P.M.; Dickey, Z. Huntley, Barnett, Chambers, Carrington, Cottebrune, S. Lloyd, C. J. J. Chambers, James Carter, H. Wright, E. Wood, Stuart, P.M., Sec.; and a large number of other members of the lodge.

The report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance in favour of the lodge was received, and on the motion of Bro. Minstrell who stated that the committee unanimously recommended an honorarium to Bro. Stuart, P.M., for the admirable and careful manner in which the lodge accounts had been kept. He could call attention to considerable arrears on the part of some members and suggested that it was a matter which the lodge would do well to take seriously into their consideration with the view of instructing their Secretary to write to the members in question asking them if they desired to continue members of the lodge, and if they did to comply with bye-law 11, which provided that members of the lodge must not allow their subscriptions to fall twelve months in arrears. Bro. Skirving, P.M., moved the adoption of the report, which was passed *nem. con.* The installation of Bro. Jannaway as Worshipful Master was then proceeded with, his predecessor in the chair, Bro. Robinson, P.M., assisted by Bro. Stuart, P.M., performing the ceremony. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Knight, S.W.; Bale, J.W.; Davies, S.D.; Minstrell, J.D.; Birch, I.G.; Watson, Dir. of Cers.; and Lampton and Chamberlain, Wine Stewards. A valuable gold jewel was presented to Bro. Robinson, P.M., for his services in the chair during the past year. The Audit Committee recommended that the names of the members of the lodge should be printed once every year in the notices calling the lodge meeting, and that the name of no member who was twelve months in arrears should be included in the list. Bro. Huntly gave notice that he should move the adoption of this recommendation at the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren and their visitors sat down to the installation banquet, which was served in excellent style by the worthy host, Bro. Carrington.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—On Monday evening the members of this old and proverbially excellent lodge assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance, under the presidency of Bro. John Hughes, W.M., who was supported by Bros. G. A. Cundy, I.P.M.; D. Hughes, S.W.; H. McClelland, J.W.; H. Darcy, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; E. Harris, S.D.; H. Harbord, J.D.; David Hughes, I.G.; E. C. T. Hand, Org.; R. Pittan-Stevens, R. Giffard, and R. F. Whur, Stewards; W. Lewis, P.M.; A. Griffith, P.M.; Alfred Ginger, P.M.; J. Hoddinott, W. R. Haylock, J. Eade, C. Bisle, L. Lawley, S. Roberts, L. Lawton, G. Smith, H. Barwell, J. E. Finster, C. Bate, G. Chivers, E. Venner, Walter Venner, J. Vale, R. Fletcher, W. B. Smith, R. Torry, W. C. Packman, S. E. Green, T. W. Cundy, J. Hardwicke, D. Walker, W. H. Easey, G. Rubardt, W. Plater, H. W. Chamberlain, W. Alder, P. Raynor, A. U. Prince, R. Gillard, J. Woodstock, Tyler, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. W. E. Haycock, 1196, P.M. 901; T. J. Poupard, 209; C. H. Dent, 765; C. J. Bennett, 1365; H. Price, 177; W. C. Hall, W.M. 749; E. Gill, 1017; W. Thomas, 1853; J. C. Lawrence, 1356; J. Francom, 1623; C. N. Cross, 1791; and H. Taylor, 1642.

Lodge having been opened in accordance with the usual formalities, the ballot was opened for Mr. H. W. Chamberlain, who had been nominated by Bro. Bisle, and seconded by Bro. Easey. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Chamberlain was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., assisted by his officers, who acquitted themselves admirably. Lodge was then advanced, when Bro. Fletcher having satisfactorily answered the interrogations was raised to the Sublime Degree, the ceremony being most impressively performed, the musical portion of the rite being effectively played by Bro. Hand. Considerable time was occupied in the consideration of the bye-laws, and at the conclusion of business the brethren and visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In the course of the proceedings the Worshipful Master announced his intention of going up as Steward at the festival of the Boys' Institution, and he appealed warmly for the support of the brethren. He was confident of taking up a more substantial list in behalf of that charity than had ever yet emanated from the City of London Lodge, and he thanked the brethren for what they had already done, and for what he yet expected at their hands. It was his earnest desire that honour should be reflected on the City of London Lodge by the warmth with which they encouraged and supported the deserving institutions.

Bro. Chamberlain suitably responded for "The Initiate," Bros. Haycock and Taylor for "The Visitors," and Bros. Lewis, Griffith, Darcy, and Ginger for "The Past Masters."

"The Healths of the Officers of the Lodge" was also proposed in felicitous terms and duly acknowledged, and a very agreeable evening was closed with the Tyler's toast.

Some excellent songs and recitations varied the proceedings, which were throughout of a most happy and enjoyable description.

FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).—The annual election meeting of the above flourishing lodge was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. A. Peterken, W.M., who was supported by Bros. H. S. Godolphin, S.W.; E. J. Friedeberg, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M., Treas.; W. Hogg, P.M., Sec.; A. Budd, J.D.; R. S. Sadd, I.G.; R. Durell, I.P.M.; H. R. Hallam, P.M.; H.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," in doing which he remarked that if every society enjoyed the advantage of being represented as theirs was by a royal prince, their future king, they must be eminently successful. He did not mean to say that other societies were not successful, but he thought Freemasonry was the most successful of all societies.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast was "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past." Without making any comments or passing any encomiums on the Grand Officers he must mention that they had with them at the banquet table and had present with them in the lodge a Past Grand Officer of England, who was also Past Grand Secretary and present Grand Senior Warden of the Province of Surrey—Bro. Greenwood—whose name he would associate with the toast.

Bro. Greenwood begged on the part of the Grand Officers to thank the W.M. and brethren for the manner in which the Grand Officers had been referred to by the Chairman and for the way in which the toast had been received by the brethren. He did not know that the duties of Grand Officers were very onerous, but he thought that they were Masons who had done good suit and service in the past. He highly esteemed the honour he had received by being made a Grand Officer of England, but he believed it was a sort of reflected light due to his long connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, where he had been Grand Secretary for many years.

Bro. Pile said that it was his intention to place the next two toasts together. It was "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M. for Surrey, Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.; the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G.M. for Surrey; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." Bro. Greenwood had referred in very pleasant and eulogistic terms to the Province of Surrey, saying that it was really for what he had done in the Province of Surrey that he had obtained his position in Grand Lodge. It appeared therefore that grand office in the Province of Surrey lead to office in the Grand Lodge of England. In Bro. General Brownrigg they had a brother who had Masonry at heart, and when he took the chair in Grand Lodge the work did not suffer by his presidency. He asked them to drink this toast with their accustomed goodwill, and called on Bro. Greenwood to respond.

Bro. Greenwood said he hoped the W.M. and brethren would forgive him for again taking up their time, but he had no alternative as he had been named by the W.M. His connection with the Province of Surrey had extended over 28 years. The W.M. was quite right in speaking highly of their Provincial Grand Master, and he could assure them that the Provincial Grand Master was excessively proud of his province. He had seen General Brownrigg once since he presided at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he expressed himself so. With the exception of three, every lodge in the province had sent up a Steward to that festival. The result was a proud one, for these Stewards had brought up a sum of close upon £1000. He had seen Bro. Terry, who was very much pleased at having got over £13,000 for his Institution, and he (Bro. Greenwood) felt that a great deal of that success was attributable to the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. Their Provincial Grand Master had the interests of the province at heart. Perhaps the most difficult task was of choosing his officers, seeing that there were 26 lodges in the province, and the Provincial Grand Master had in his gift but five or six appointments. They must be quite sure of this, that the Provincial Grand Master, acting through his eyes—the Deputy Provincial Grand Master—does his best to find and appoint the best men.

Bro. Horsey, I.P.M., said that he held the gavel once again for the purpose of proposing a toast which he was sure would meet with approval. It was "The Health of Bro. Pile." He was quite sure that he had only to mention the name to secure their favourable attention. Every brother there knew what a good Mason and kind friend they had in their present W.M. He was sure that no brother of the Wallington Lodge had worked harder for the promotion of the lodge and afterwards for the working of it, nor had any taken greater interest in the instruction lodge connected with it, and he was quite sure that no lodge with such a Master had any occasion to fear a want of success.

Bro. Pile, W.M., said he could scarcely find words to express himself sufficiently grateful for the hearty manner in which the brethren had received the toast of his health. He assured them that anything for the benefit of the lodge which he could do should be done. He returned his thanks to the proposer of the toast for the very kind expressions he had used with regard to himself.

The Worshipful Master said he now desired to propose "The Health of the Visitors," a toast than which no toast ever gave him greater pleasure to propose. The Wallington Lodge was always very glad to receive visitors, and he was pleased to say that they had rarely seen so goodly an array as on this occasion. The list was a long one and therefore he would not go through it, he would confine himself to calling upon the brethren of the lodge to drink most cordially to the health of the visitors.

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and Bros. Langton, Pritchett, Taffs, and Gibbs, returned thanks.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast was that of the I.P.M., Bro. Horsey. The W.M. said he must plead for limiting his remarks an excuse similar to that made by Bro. Gibbs, P.M. After all that had been said he had very little to add. He should therefore confine himself to proposing the toast "Good health, long life, and great happiness to their I.P.M., Bro. Horsey."

Bro. Horsey returned thanks, and the W. Master then proposed to the brethren present to drink to "The Prosperity of the Masonic Charities." Such an association of men as the Masonic Craft must have its Charities, and he was glad to say that the Masonic Charities were as wealthy as any charities in the kingdom. They had had reference already made to that charity at the festival at which their Prov. Grand Master presided, and they were pleased to mark the degree of success which attended the festivals of all the three Institutions. They had no visitor present who was immediately connected with the Charities, and he should therefore call upon Bro. Morgan to respond for the Institutions.

Bro. Morgan said possibly Bro. Terry was resting—and he must need rest after his recent exertions—upon the

laurels he had earned. Bro. Binckes, who was so popular wherever he went, was unfortunately rather out of health. Bro. Hedges was perhaps not so well known as those he had mentioned, but he was a most energetic and assiduous Secretary. His festival would take place in May, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, will take the chair. The festival of the Boys' School would take place in June, when Bro. Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. Kent, would preside. Both Institutions stood in need of support, and he hoped that neither would have any lack of Stewards from the provinces. As regarded the Province of Surrey, he hoped that they would maintain in the future the work which they had been doing in the past for all the Institutions.

The Worshipful Master also proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Press," which was acknowledged by Bro. Massey. The other toasts included "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bros. Sawyer and Baldwin, and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a large assembly of the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. T. Coulson, P.G.J.D., who was supported by his officers. Among other visiting brethren present was Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec. The lodge having been opened Bros. Thos. Tosbach, Christopher Cliff, D. T. Marshall, Rev. Harris, Sutcliffe, and G. Morton were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Robertson, P.M., D. of C. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

INSTRUCTION.

STEBONHEATH CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—This new centre for Masonic instruction, of which we gave several preliminary notices at its formation some few months since, has now resolved itself into a well appreciated rallying point for enquiring brethren. At the meeting held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Bro. Hirst's, Three Crowns, Mile End-road, the chair was occupied by Bro. C. H. Bardouleau, a young and zealous brother of Lodge 1421, who was well supported by the members and for the first time essayed the working of the Second Degree. The remainder of the evening was devoted to working the First, Second, and Third Sections of the First Lecture.

At the conclusion of the working Bro. Bardouleau presented in the name of the members a handsome gold signet ring with Masonic device engraved upon the stone, to Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, in recognition of that brother's kind services to the members.

The presentation was couched in graceful terms and elicited a modest and gracious reply from the worthy recipient, who was evidently taken by surprise at the manifestation of the kind wishes and esteem in which he is held by the members. It is at all times gratifying to witness the appreciation shown by lodges for the services rendered by the Preceptors and Secretaries, [without whose disinterested services these useful organisations would soon cease to exist.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—The anniversary banquet of this flourishing lodge took place recently at Bro. Clark's commodious hostelry, the George Hotel, Millwall, Cubitt Town, E. The parent lodge was strongly represented by Bro. G. T. Linn, W.M., his officers, and brethren, the number being strongly augmented by some influential brethren, who had also been attracted by the announcement that Bro. J. Delves, P.M., the worthy Preceptor of the lodge, would rehearse the ceremony of installation. The ceremony was rendered in capital style, and it derived especial importance from the fact that Bro. Delves, P.M., will be called upon to discharge the onerous duty of Installing Master at the next meeting of the mother lodge, 1382, and in favour of Bro. G. B. Smith, S.W. and W.M. elect.

A very instructive and at the same time pleasurable lodge meeting was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the spacious salle à manger, where an excellent supper was served. Bro. Linn presided in his usual able and genial manner, the company numbering about 50 brethren. The loyal and several of the usual toasts were duly and briefly honoured, but as a rule the remainder of the evening was harmoniously devoted to the enjoyment of some capital singing, which gave great pleasure until the time arrived to separate.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 19th inst., at 8 p.m., when there were present: Bros. Gray, W.M.; Martin, S.W.; Pope, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; W. E. Hildreth, Hon. Sec.; Polac, S.D.; Le Cren, J.D.; Forss, Preceptor; and Wright, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree; Bro. Le Cren, candidate for raising, was then interrogated and entrusted and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Le Cren, candidate. Bro. Forss, assisted by the brethren, next worked the First Section of the Lecture. Bro. Forss then worked the Second Section of the Lecture and gave the traditional history, and finally worked the Third Section of the Lecture, and lodge resumed to the First Degree. Proposed by Bro. Forss and seconded by Bro. Pope that Bro. Martin be W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Martin returned thanks and appointed his officers in order. The lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

ERA CHAPTER (No. 1423).—This chapter held a meeting on the 10th inst., when there were present among others Comps. J. W. Baldwin, M.E.Z.; Faulkner, H.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., P.Z., acting J.; E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., I.P.Z.; Wingett, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed and several communications from absent members read the chapter was duly closed and

the companions adjourned to refreshment. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were proposed and honoured and the companions then separated.

WIGAN.—Harmony Chapter (No. 178).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 14th inst., Comp. J. Phillips, M.E.Z., in the chair, supported by Comps. G. L. Campbell, H., and T. Milligan, J. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and the accounts, duly audited by Comps. J. D. Murray and Fhos. Hunter, were presented and passed. The three newly-elected Principals, Comps. G. L. Campbell, Z.; Thos. Milligan, H.; and H. D. Croft, J., were presented to the Installing Master, Comp. C. B. Holmes, P.Z., who was ably assisted by Comps. J. T. Callow, 86, and R. Martin, jun., 1356, and duly installed into their respective chairs and saluted. The newly-installed M.E.Z. afterwards appointed his officers for the year, and they were invested by Comp. Holmes as follows: Comps. J. D. Murray, S.E.; W. M. Wylde, S.N.; J. M. Ashurst, P.S.; R. B. Seddon and John Browne, A.S.s.; C. B. Holmes, Treas.; W. Holt and J. Hodgkinson, Stewards; and W. A. Patterson, Janitor. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

The companions afterwards adjourned to a substantial banquet, and after the cloth had been removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a manner that has seldom been seen among the Arch Masons in Wigan.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The annual chapter of this body was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The opening ceremony took place at six o'clock, when the throne was assumed by Frater the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, as E.P., there being also present Fratres M. Millington, Constable; J. Marshall, Marshal; J. S. Cumberland, as Prelate; T. B. Whythead, Registrar; A. T. B. Turner, Sword Bearer; E. Houlden, Standard Bearer; G. Simpson, as Capt. of Guards; W. Brown, and W. B. Dyson. Amongst the visitors were Fratres T. W. Tew, Prov. Prior West Yorkshire; J. D. Kay, Prov. Sub-Prior West Yorkshire; T. Gibsin, Fidelity Preceptory; S. Middleton, Prov. Chancellor North and East Yorkshire; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes the Registrar read a number of apologies from absent fratres. The throne was then taken by Frater T. B. Whythead, who proceeded to install the Preceptor elect (Frater Millington), who having been proclaimed and saluted appointed the following officers: Fratres J. Marshall, Constable; A. T. B. Turner, Marshal; T. B. Whythead, Registrar; Rev. W. Valentine, Prelate; J. S. Cumberland, Sub-Marshal; W. Brown, Captain of Guards.

The preceptory having been closed a Priory of Malta was opened, and Fratres W. Brown and W. B. Dyson were admitted and installed as knights of the Order, after which Frater Millington was elected and installed as Prior, the ceremonies in the Degree being worked by Frater J. S. Cumberland very effectively.

Supper was subsequently served in the refectory, and the fratres passed a pleasant evening under the presidency of the newly-installed Prior.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. LORD SHERBORNE.

The remains of our late distinguished brother were interred at Sherborne on the 14th inst. The proceedings were of a private character. Our Gloucester brethren seem to have been unaware when the funeral of the deceased nobleman would be until the day of the event, when a telegraphic message reached this city from Sherborne that it would take place at noon of that day. Application was at once made to the Very Rev. the Dean on behalf of the Masters of the Gloucestershire, Lebanon, and Zetland Lodges, and from the First Principal of the Royal Arch Chapter, asking permission for the cathedral bells to ring a funeral peal, which was readily granted. The sonorous passing bell tolled after morning service for an hour, and following the afternoon service at four o'clock the bells rang at intervals for two hours, with their mournful muffled adjunct, and the tolling of the age of the deceased. The usual monthly meeting of the Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, happened to be held in the evening of the same day, presided over by Bro. Jeffs, the City Sheriff. A portion of the furniture of the lodge was draped in black cloth, and the order of the ceremony of the evening was singularly appropriate to the mournful incident of the day. After an eulogistic address from the Chairman, the following vote of condolence was adopted: "That the officers and members of this lodge most respectfully offer to the Lady Dowager and family of the late Right Honourable Lord Sherborne their expression of deep sorrow on his lordship's lamented decease. The position which the late Lord Sherborne filled in the Masonic Craft for so many years as Provincial Grand Master, and his lordship's ever gracious kindness to all under his rule, by which the Craft so much prospered will long be gratefully remembered and cherished in the hearts of the Brotherhood." There has been a general enquiry how respect can be further shown to the memory of Lord Sherborne. A Past Master of the Order has suggested that a funeral sermon be preached in the Cathedral in the afternoon following Easter Sunday by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and also that permission be asked of the Dean and Chapter that following the service memorial wreaths be placed inside the communion rails fronting the beautiful reredos, which was erected a few years ago by the Masons of the province, and which Lord Sherborne at that time unveiled with Masonic state and ceremony.

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The next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting for Hants and Isle of Wight will be held at Petersfield.

At the Portsmouth House of Commons Bro. A. L. Emanuel (Member for Greenwich) has been unanimously elected Chairman of Committees, and Bro. P. H. Emanuel (South Devon) has been appointed President of the Local Government Board. The House meets every Wednesday night.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., in his capacity of Secretary of State for War, has consented to become a patron of the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society.

H.R.H. the Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, has signified her intention of becoming patroness of the Exhibition of Domestic Sanitary Appliances and Hygienic Dress, which will be held some time hence at Humphrey's Hall, Knightsbridge, under the auspices of the National Health Society.

Through the intercession of the Prince of Wales with the Emperor William of Germany, the English residents in Hanover have obtained the grant of a piece of ground, free of expense, on which to erect a church.

A man named William Howard, with a brace of aliases and describing himself as a clerk, was brought up before Mr. Mansfield on Saturday last on a charge of attempting to obtain money under false pretences from Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Dorsetshire, and S. C. Allsopp, M.P. Both members were present and gave evidence, and in the result Mr. Mansfield remanded the prisoner for further inquiries.

We learn that the entertainment given by Bro. Bowyer last week, at Freemasons' Tavern, was in celebration of his 50th birthday and not his silver wedding as stated by us. We appear to have anticipated the last event by some five years or so, but it enables us to express the hope that our worthy brother may be spared till then to pursue his useful and prosperous career, and that we may be alive to chronicle it.

Sanguine hopes are entertained that Bro. Carl Rosa will be induced to undertake the duties of managing director of the "National English Opera Company," which is being organised with a view to completing the Opera House on the Embankment commenced some years since by Bro. Col. Mapleson.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Secretary of State for War, has given permission for the forts at the mouth of the Thames and Medway to be placed at the disposal of the auxiliary forces at Eastertide.

Bro. Lord Wolseley had undertaken to preside at the centenary festival of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick at the Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday evening last, but a summons to Windsor prevented him carrying out his intention, and his place was supplied by Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G. Warden England, Bro. Colonel E. King-Harman, M.P., P.G.M. Meath, being among his lordship's principal supporters. Subscriptions were realised to the amount of £700.

Bros. Lord Claud Hamilton and the Hon. D. Plunket are among the members who have been appointed Chairmen of the Private Bills Committees of the House of Commons.

The annual general meeting of the Masonic and General Life Assurance Company, Limited, was held on the 8th inst. It is satisfactory to find that the capital of the company is well invested, and that the funds continue to be largely in excess of the amount of the liability under policy contracts shown by the last valuation of its business. It is clear that the company is in a thoroughly sound condition and that its policy-holders are most amply secured. We wish it every success.—*Insurance Journal*.

Sunday last was the thirty-fifth anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, and the auspicious event was observed with the usual honours in London and at Windsor, the church bells ringing out merry peals in the early morning. The Royal salutes, however, were deferred till Monday.

Bro. James Willing's sensational drama, "The Ruling Passion," which has been withdrawn at the Standard owing to other engagements, will be produced tomorrow (Saturday) evening at Astley's.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13, which is held at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, on Thursday, the 29th inst. Bro. Wm. Akers, S.D. 13, will be W.M.; Bro. Gooding, United Military Lodge, S.W.; Bro. G. Masters, J.W. 13, J.W.; and Bro. G. B. Davies, P.M. and Sec. 13, Preceptor. Workers are invited; the lodge will open at eight o'clock p.m.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present at the special general meeting of the trustees of the British Museum on Saturday last, when it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Government to purchase the Ashburnham MSS., subject to the deduction of from 160 to 170 of the Libri and Barrois MSS., which it can be shown were wrongfully taken from those libraries, and for which the French agents are prepared to recommend their Government to pay £24,000. However, the bulk of the Libri and Barrois sections, which are of great value from the Dantes, Romances, &c., they include, will remain, as well as the Stowe MSS. and appendix.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of Advanced Years.—The grand climacteric being passed, mankind passes to old age. Then the digestion becomes impaired, the nervous system grows feeble, and the physical powers become enervated. Now arise congestion of the liver, lungs, or head, followed by dropsy, asthma, or apoplexy, which frequently afflict and often destroy the aged. As the liver usually becomes torpid, its activity may speedily be revived by rubbing Holloway's Ointment thoroughly over the pit of the stomach and right side, at least twice a day, and taking the Pills at the same time. This treatment also disperses all other congestions by varying the parts rubbed according to the situations of the mischief.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Henry Gloster, P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M. 1531, W.M. 1326, died at his residence, 114, Douglas-street, Deptford, on Saturday, the 17th inst. Memoir will appear next week.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624, King's Head, Ebury-bridge, Pimlico, S.W., on Saturday, the 31st inst., at seven p.m., by the members of the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180.

Messrs. R. Spencer-Stanhope, E. Abbey, and Walter have been elected members of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours.

Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., Major-General William Fielding, Bro. Colonel G. King-Harman, M.P., P.G.M. Meath, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Sir W. Seymour-Fitzgerald, G.C.S.I., and Mr. E. Sandys-Dawes, J.P., have been elected members of the Empire Club.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, has given £500 to the Edinburgh Association for the University Education of Women, for the purpose of founding a bursary.

The *Athenaeum* announces that the local committee which undertook to raise the sum of £350 for the purpose of purchasing Mr. McKie's collection of relics and editions of the late Bro. Burns's works has been successful in its object.

Bro. Baron de Worms, M.P., was we regret to say prevented from attending in his place in the House of Commons during the latter part of last and the beginning of this week through indisposition. However he is now much better in health.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, according to the *Court Circular*, of Friday last, was confined to his room from the effects of a sprain. The Duchess of Albany and the infant princess are both going on most favourably.

On Thursday evening, the 15th inst., the Prince and Princess of Wales and suite visited the Savoy Theatre, and for the second time witnessed the performance of "Iolanthe."

The Lord Mayor of York received a letter from Sir George Wombwell of New Park on Thursday last, in which the latter informed his lordship that the Prince of Wales has consented to lay the foundation stone of the York Fine Art Institute in July next.

On Saturday last the Mayor of Leeds received a communication from the Prince of Wales, expressive of his Royal Highness's regret that he should be unable, owing to his numerous engagements to accept the invitation to open the new Corporation Offices in July next.

Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, and Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., were among the guests at Sir Arthur and Lady Hayer's dinner on Saturday evening last, at their residence in Grosvenor-square.

The Prince of Wales presided at the banquet given on Saturday last, by the United Service Club, in honour of Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., on his return from commanding our fleet in the Mediterranean. The Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge were also present, and among the other guests, who numbered about 150, were Bros. Admiral of the Fleet, Sir H. Keppel, General Lord Wolseley, the Earl of Kimberley, and Major Lord Harlech.

Among those present in the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on Sunday last, to hear the first sermon preached by the new Archbishop of Canterbury since his induction into the primacy, were Bros. the Earl of Ravensworth, the Earl of Cork, Lord Carrington, G. Warden (Lady Carrington), Christopher Sykes, M.P., and C. Cotes, M.P.

The eleventh annual chess match between the representatives of Oxford and Cambridge was played at the St. George's Chess Club, Albemarle-street, on Saturday last, the result being a tie, as each side won four games, while the remaining three were drawn. There were seven players on each side. Mr. Zukertort officiated as umpire.

The will of Bro. William Beattie, late of 100, Fentiman-road, Clapham-park, associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, who died on December 19th last, was proved on the 10th ult., by Mr. C. G. Watt, one of the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £25,000. The testator bequeaths 52 guineas to the Institution of Civil Engineers, an annuity to his mother, and legacies to his brothers and others. The residue of his real and personal estate is to be held upon trust for his sister (Mrs. Gruner) for life, and then for her children in equal shares.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the ordinary meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works on Friday last, when it was unanimously agreed that the Works and General Purposes Committee should be charged with the duty of preparing and bringing up a Bill to be laid before Parliament with a view to having repealed the clauses in the Metropolitan District Railway Company's Act of 1881, which enable the company to construct openings or shafts for ventilating the railway. The chairman, by a further resolution, was authorised to affix the board's seal to any petition to the House of Commons to obtain the waiving of the standing orders, so as to allow of the introduction of a bill on the subject.

HOW TO SECURE GOOD HEALTH.—MARTIN'S CURATIVE MAGNETISM.—Health secured, Natural restored, and Health promoted by the use of this Natural Agent, now so extensively used. See Press opinions, testimonials, and fullest particulars in 48 page pamphlet, which is sent gratis to all by John Hugh Martin, Inventor and Maker of the Improved Appliances, 272, Regent-circus, London, W.—[ADVT.]

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Bro. Dr. Wynn Westcott, M.B., P.M. St.4, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset, has been appointed Deputy Coroner for Central Middlesex.

Bro. R. Grey, P.G.D., has been elected Treasurer of the Grand Officers' mess, in place of Bro. Clabon, who has resigned.

The installation meeting of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, was held at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, on Wednesday last. Bro. G. B. Smith was installed in the chair. A report will appear in our next.

A catalogue of works in all departments of literature, published in and relating to Africa, America, Australia, China, India, Japan, the West Indies, &c., on sale by Mr. George Rivers, of Queen's Head Passage, Paternoster-row, has been handed to us, and any of our friends who have a hobby for collecting standard works would do well to consult this little catalogue, which will, no doubt, be forwarded on application.

The Master of the Rolls, Sir George Jessel, died on Wednesday last. The Court of Appeal will sustain a very heavy loss by his comparatively early death.

The *United Clerks' Journal* is the title of a new weekly paper, which, judging from the number before us, bids fair to become the representative organ of that numerous body of workers who come under the designation of clerks. The articles are well written and the news carefully arranged and comprehensive.

Sir William Jenner, K.C.B., M.D., has been unanimously re-elected President of the Royal College of Physicians, London.

The City Commission of Sewers have resolved to continue the contract with the Brush Electric Lighting Company for another year, subject to ninety days' notice. Having regard to the increased cost, they did not advise the adoption of either of the systems of improved gas-lighting now being tried in Fleet-street and Holborn.

We understand that a new weekly journal, devoted to the popular exposition of Sanitary Matters and to the education of the people in the laws of health, will be shortly issued by Messrs. Wyman and Sons, London. The new journal will be entitled *Health*. Its programme includes original articles, essays on personal health, and departments in which the interests of the family circle, of recreation, and of correspondence on health topics, &c., will be duly considered. There appears to be a wide field for such an enterprise, and the aims of *Health* seem thoroughly consistent with the spirit and policy of the education of our day.

The Marquess of Hamilton (one of the vice-presidents), Mr. Birbeck, M.P. (chairman), Mr. J. H. Fordham (Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company), Mr. A. Jardine, and Mr. J. L. Sayers (members of the Executive Committee of the International Fisheries Exhibition), received a large number of members of the London Fish Trade at the Exhibition Buildings on Tuesday afternoon last. The object of the visit was to see the model fish market that is being erected near the entrance in Exhibition-road, and the numerous party were conducted over the whole of the buildings and received full explanations from the Marquess of Hamilton and Mr. Birbeck, and other members of the committee.

An anonymous donation of £1,000 has been forwarded to the committee of the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women. It is to go towards the cost of maintaining a convalescent home for sick nurses and the patients.

The sale of the Sunderland Library was continued on Tuesday by Messrs. Puttick and Simpson. The following were the most important lots disposed of:—Vocabularium Latino Teutonicum, dictum ex quo, per Nicolaum Bechtermuntze, in Eltirl, 1460, small quarto black letter, in old calf, with Sunderland arms on sides, £290 (Quaritch); Nicole Volkylr de Scrouville, l'Histoire et Recueil de la triumpante et glorieuse victoire obtenue contre les reduevtz et abusez Lutheriens, &c., Paris, 1526, small folio black letter, with woodcuts, £36 (Quaritch); Les Œuvres de Virgile translaties de Latin en Francois par Mich. de Tours et act de St. Gelais, Paris, Jac le Messier, 1532, £34 10s. (Rimell); Vitruvius de Architectura per Jocondum Solito Castigator Venet, J. de Tridius, 1571, small folio, the first illustrated edition, £20 (Asher). The day's sale realised £657.

We take the following from the *Norwich Argus*: "The Masonic Benevolent Festival just held produced for the charities £13,140 in round numbers. Suffolk contributed £166 12s. 6d., and Essex £235 4s.; but we do not observe what amount was furnished by Norfolk. How is this? Was the sum collected too small for acknowledgment in any prominent manner? There are plenty of Masons in the province, and some of them are good ones, but it seems as though the infusion of a little life into the general body would prove advantageous. Meanness should not be regarded as a Masonic virtue. The *Freemason*—the efficiently conducted organ of the Craft—observes with respect to this subject: "Much has been done, but yet how true and clear it is that much remains to be done. We must keep asking ourselves the question, while so many lodges do so very well, how many also do nothing at all?" Can any of our local brethren furnish the desired reply?"

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or TONIC 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, 25lb., 30s.; 14lb., 10s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Saturday, March 31, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 24. Lodge 1207, West Kent, Crystal Palace. 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue. 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8. Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7. Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico. Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, MARCH 26. Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House & Inverness, F.M.H. 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's R., St. James's. 28, Old Kings Arms, F.M.H. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich. 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H. 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn-gate. 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd. 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot. 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-rd. Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H. Mark Grand Masters, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C. 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 27. Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H. 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H. 186, Industry, F.M.H. 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Room's, St. James's. 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot. 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., S, Air-st., W. 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd. 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H. 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H. Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav. 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7. South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30. Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8. St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8. Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30. Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8. Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8. Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8. Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30. Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7. Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd. Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8. Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8. Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8. West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7. Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30. Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8. New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8. St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8. Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton. Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8. Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8. Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley. Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28. Lodge 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-st. 507, United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hot. 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St John's Wood. 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Tottenham. 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar. 1017, Montchore, M.H., S, Air-st., Regent-st., W. 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav. 1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1768, Progress, F.M.H.

Lodge 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico. 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot. Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart T., Abchurch-lane. 1624, Eccleston, F.M.H. Red Cross of Con. Conclave 15, St. Andrew's, S, Air-st., Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., SS, Gracechurch-st., at 7. United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham. Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8. United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8. La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8. Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8. Burdett Coutts, Dukes Head, 29, Whitechapel Road, at 8. Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30. Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8. Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8. Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30. Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C. Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30. Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8. Pamure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7. Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30. Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29. Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., at 7.30. Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30. Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8. The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30. Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd. Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8. Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8. High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8. Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8. Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st. Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8. Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30. King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7. Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ert., Ludgate-hill, 6.30. Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood. Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8. Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 7.45. Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-Jane, at 7.30. Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30. Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8. Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton. Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.) St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8. Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8. Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7. North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30. Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. K. T. Precept. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6. Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30. Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8. Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7. Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8. Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7. St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood. Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8. United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30. St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8. Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7. Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8. St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30. Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30. Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N. Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8. Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8. William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq. Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8. Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8. Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31. Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, For the Week ending Saturday, March 31, 1883.

MONDAY, MARCH 26. Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington. 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool. 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool. Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool. Mark Lodge 143, Birchall, Bull Hot., Preston. Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. TUESDAY, MARCH 27. Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich. 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool. 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool. Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool. Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28. Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston. 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool. 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley. 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk. 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool. Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead. Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. Toxteth L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29. Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport. Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30. Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.

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