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THE very proper and seasonable remarks of the W.M. of the Wolseley Lodge will be gladly read and truly appreciated by a large number of English Freemasons. That worthy brother has placed the matter truly and effectively before us when he says that the Wolseley Lodge is not formed in blame of those who do not hold temperance principles, but to assist and enlist those who do. Such is a very intelligible and reasonable ground of action, inasmuch as it entirely accords with that great principle of "Moderation," which at all times and in all ways is inculcated in our lodges as a Masonic virtue. Excess of all kinds is habitually discountenanced, while self-restraint and even a moderate use of permitted enjoyments is unceasingly proclaimed and recommended. We, therefore, call attention to the recent noteworthy proceedings which accompanied the consecration of the Wolseley Lodge at Manchester and the many striking speeches there delivered. All our brethren, wherever they may be, will rejoice to hear so full and so striking a testimony to the value of Freemasonry given openly by so distinguished a commander and soldier as General Lord WOLSELEY.

THERE can be no doubt but that the late hours and over convivial habits alluded to in Lord WOLSELEY'S speech at Manchester, affecting Freemasonry equally with other classes and ranks of society in former years, did Freemasonry much harm, and as they dominated admittedly, our lodges in the last century, they seem to have lingered on into this. But for some years past improved views and more rational tastes have caused our brethren to lean more and more to early hours and less protracted sittings. As a rule, we apprehend, little fault can now be found with the social meetings of our lodges. We know of many lodges, for instance, which make a point of "breaking up early," and avoiding carefully long "sederunts." Indeed, our Masonic social gatherings, pleasant and friendly as they are, are equally marked by the better and prevailing influences of moderation, refinement, innocent sociality, and good taste.

THE first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Girls' School has taken place, and one point comes out clearly before us, the number of Stewards announced is somewhat in defect. No doubt, in the intervening space of time between this and the festival, many worthy brethren will make up their minds and send in their names to the SECRETARY as Stewards for 1883, but we would impress upon all our readers and all friends of this excellent Charity of our Order, to add to the obligations of their accepting the Stewardship, by aiding the SECRETARY in his untiring work, and forward their names at once. Unpunctuality and procrastination are very often Masonic characteristics markedly, though we say it "sotto voce;" and we think that many good friends of ours will not find fault with us for pressing them to do now what they probably intend doing when the festival draws nearer. It is not long ago that we heard of a good brother sending in his name to a secretary on the very day of the festival, though he might just as well, and could just as easily, positively have sent it in months before. Curiously enough the daily papers announce this last week the death of a "CHEVALIER RUSPINI," probably a descendant of that benevolent older brother to whom the foundation of the Girls' School may fairly be assigned. Since his time how wonderfully the School has progressed in numbers, comfort and efficiency, its home character and its scientific development; and what a claim it has in good truth on all Freemasons everywhere for countenance and friendly aid, for unchanging and true-hearted sympathy. We shall recur to this special subject.

WE are little inclined to believe, from what we hear, that one or two hasty and inconsiderate speeches have led some brethren to believe, that the Girls' School does not need steady efforts and liberal support. We regret to note the tendency to childish canards, petty little tattle, an increasing love of

gossip and fault finding in some quarters, just now as about the Girls' School, so about things Masonic generally. But we beg to add, from intimate knowledge of the subject, that the Girls' School is as always in need of large annual subscriptions from an always generous Craft. True it is, that it has happily husbanded its funded property, having had no overpowering building transactions forced upon it by the increase of the school, and the necessities of the case. But that surely is not a blameable policy. On the contrary, at the rate at which our Order is increasing it is impossible for us to-day to measure the want of ten years hence for instance; and it might well be that unforeseen circumstances would demand from the authorities of the Girls' School eventually large sacrifices of funded property. It is indeed a penny wise and a pound foolish policy, and an utterly unwise and unmasonic proposition, which would invoke the diminution of the investments to meet passing momentary engagements, which ought to be defrayed by income, and in no sense by capital! It is never difficult to foretell the fate of any institution which seek to meet special annual payments by a sacrifice of endowment. We feel sure that the friendly feeling of our Craft will go with the authorities, in carefully maintaining the thorough efficiency, even in the most minute details of that Institution of which we may all well be proud, our Girls' School.

SOMETHING has been said about electing all the candidates at the Girls' School election, April 14th. But such would be a most mistaken and expensive policy. Twenty-two out of twenty-eight elected candidates is truly a marvellous proportion in any charity, and the Committee have their own valid reasons no doubt for not needlessly increasing the number of inmates. It is just possible that in October next, if the new candidates are not very numerous, very few indeed of the candidates will remain unelected, but in this special matter the House Committee have a right to claim, as we feel sure they will receive, the entire confidence of the great body of subscribers, both in the decision they have most properly come to, and the arrangements they have so thoughtfully made.

A VERY worthy and esteemed brother has passed away from our midst, whom many of us knew well and esteemed much, Bro. the Chevalier HABICHT. He had many friends and he will be "missed much" alike by his family circle, as by his Masonic associates.

THE second volume of Bro. R. F. GOULD'S "History of Freemasonry," reviewed elsewhere, seems to demand "per-force" the thoughtful attention of students of all jurisdictions. It is a very remarkable contribution in itself to Masonic knowledge, and reflects no little credit on the abilities, patience, energy, and laborious research of the talented writer. Unfortunately it is to be feared that here as elsewhere Masonic literature, however good and real, has attractions for the few rather than the many, for that small but, let us trust, increasing band of Masonic students and experts, who prefer historical authenticity and accurate terminology to idle myths and baseless legends.

THE importance of ascertaining the facts as to seventeenth century English Freemasonry is so very great, that we venture to impress upon many kind correspondents in all parts of the country, that if they light upon any entries in registers and the like, such as "Freemason, gentleman," or simply "Freemason," they should forward the extract to us. The word "Freemason" will no doubt very often occur alone, without any added qualification; but any such entry is equally important, as the "nominee" may be so clearly "non-operative" in social position, as to afford another to the now rapidly extending proofs of the existence of a speculative Freemasonry of some sort in the seventeenth century.

OUR very esteemed Bro. Sir ERASMUS WILSON has truly earned the gratitude of his fellow men alike for his pathological discoveries, his humanitarian "largesse," and his patriotic sacrifices. As Freemasons we all equally value and are proud of our worthy brother, and desiderate for him many years of health and happiness. The remarkable important excavations which are now going on at Tel-El-Mahuta owe their initiative and impulse to his seasonable munificence. We trust that success will reward the earnest labours of Mr. Nabille, and that results favourable alike to reliable research and Egyptological archaeology may reward this praiseworthy movement in favour of scientific accuracy and Biblical illustration in the ever interesting land of Egypt.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY, G.C.B., &c.

The brother, whose portrait we present with this week's number of the *Freemason*, if he has not played a very conspicuous part as a member of our Craft, has won for himself a world-wide reputation in the profession he has followed almost from his youth upwards. He is a Mason of close on 30 years' standing, but he has been too actively and continuously engaged in his military duties to find much time for the pursuit after Masonic distinction. The event of Wednesday, the 28th ult., at Manchester, which we chronicled last week, is, we believe, the first of its kind in which he has been called upon to take a prominent part, and will serve to show that his interest in, if not his active support of, Freemasonry is very considerable. At all events, there can be no doubt the Fraternity derives additional lustre from the fact of his being associated with it, and in these circumstances it has occurred to us that a brief sketch of his career, though it may not properly come within the scope of a Masonic journal, will prove not unacceptable to our readers.

Lord Wolseley belongs to a branch of a good old English family, the earliest representative of whom we have any mention being Ralph Wolseley, a Baron of the Exchequer, in the reign of Edward IV. A descendent of this Ralph Wolseley was created an English baronet in 1628, and from him we come to Sir Richard Wolseley, the youngest brother of Sir William Wolseley, fifth baronet of the English creation, who was made a baronet of Ireland in 1744. Sir Richard's third son, the Rev. W. Wolseley, previously to taking holy orders, held the commission of captain in the 8th Hussars, captured a standard at the battle of Dettingen, and served with distinction during the Seven Years' War. His fifth son was Major Joseph Garnet Wolseley, of whose numerous family the newly-created peer is the eldest. Several members of the family have followed the career of arms, among them being one who commanded the Enniskillen Regiment at the battle of the Boyne, and another who fought in the American War of Independence, while Sir C. Michael Wolseley, eleventh and present baronet of the elder creation, served with the 9th Lancers during the Afghan campaign of 1879. Two of his lordship's brothers have also seen service, so that the military profession would seem to have found favour with the Wolseley family, though none of the members who adopted it have in return conferred such lustre as the subject of this memoir.

It is not a little singular that Admiral Lord Alcester, who had charge of the naval part of the late expedition to Egypt, and Lord Wolseley had their earliest, as they have had their latest, experience in the same theatre of war, both having taken part in and received the medal for service in the second Burmese War, when the future victor of Ashantee and Arabi's armies was a sabalturn in the 80th Regiment of Foot and was severely wounded in the thigh. We next find him in the trenches before Sebastopol, where he served with the 90th Foot and was again severely wounded. In 1857 he embarked with his regiment for service in China. On the passage out, the transport conveying it was wrecked off the island of Sumatra and on reaching Singapore, orders were received that it should at once sail for India to assist in quelling the terrible mutiny which in the early part of that year broke out in our native Bengal army. Here again he played a conspicuous part, distinguishing himself very highly at the relief of the Presidency of Lucknow and subsequently in the defence of the Alumbagh. He was Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-General in India and China in 1860, in the two following years Assistant Quarter-Master-General in Canada and during 1867-70 Deputy Quarter-Master General. It was in the latter year that he held his first independent command, that of the Red River Expedition, his admirable conduct of which brought his qualities as a military chief into still greater prominence. On his return home he was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General at headquarters, a position he continued to fill till 1873. In 1874 he was appointed to the command of the British Expeditionary force that was sent to the West Coast of Africa in order to bring the Ashantee King to his senses. It was a task of great difficulty, the climate of the West Coast of Africa being terribly unhealthy for Europeans, while the country was extremely difficult of access and the Ashantees were known to be a foe by no means unworthy of our steel. Sir Garnet, however, amply justified the course of the authorities in selecting him for the post. He planned and carried out the campaign with that precision and swiftness which appeared to be the leading features of his generalship. The obstacles in the way of reaching Coomassie—apart from the known fighting power of the Ashantees—were very considerable. But Coomassie had to be reached and captured, and it was done, and done right gallantly, after a series of short but sharp engagements with the enemy. Then came the return to the coast, which having regard to the impending rains, was a hardly less hazardous task than the advance had been. But Sir Garnet's movements were well-timed and as well executed, and the march was accomplished successfully with the smallest possible loss. For this achievement he received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament and in addition a grant of £25,000 was voted him. In 1878, when there seemed to be every probability that this country would be engaged in a war with Russia and it became necessary to organise a force to meet such a contingency, Lord Napier, of Magdala, was designated by the authorities as its Commander-in-chief, and Sir Garnet Wolseley as the chief of his staff. Peaceful councils, however, prevailed, and our plenipotentiaries returned from Berlin without having been forced to adopt the dread alternative of war in order to secure the interests of the British empire. It was not for long, however, that he was to remain inactive, and the island of Cyprus having in the meantime come under our rule, he was appointed its first High Commissioner and Commander-in-chief. Later, when our South African difficulties culminated in the terrible disaster of Isandlwana, Sir Garnet Wolseley was at once appointed to the command of

our forces, and though Lord Chelmsford had decisively beaten Cetewayo before his successor had had time to reach the scene of operations, the latter had an opportunity of again signalling his appointment by the overthrow of Secocoeni, another South African chief, who had been giving us a good deal of trouble. On his return home he became Quartermaster General of the forces, and last year when it devolved on this country to despatch a military expedition to Egypt in order to put down Arabi and preserve our interests in that country, he was appointed commander-in-chief. How he fulfilled his task; of the masterly manner in which he transferred his base of operations from Alexandria to the Canal and so secured the latter from the attacks of Arabi; of his gradual advance inland, his victory at Tel-el-Kebir, the capture of Cairo, and the utter collapse of the rebellion, so much has been written elsewhere, that we need say little else than that the brief campaign, has added another to the many bright pages in the military history of this country and fully deserves the peerage and other honours which have been bestowed on the victor.

As regards his Masonic career, we have on a former occasion noted that his lordship was initiated into the Craft in Dublin, in Lodge No. 720, in 1854, when he was serving with the 90th Regiment, the present Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland, then a brother officer in the same regiment, undergoing the ordeal at the same time. In his speech at the banquet following the consecration of the Wolseley Lodge his lordship remarked that he was under great obligations to Masonry, which he had found of great service to him abroad, and the Craft must be not a little gratified at the association of so distinguished a British officer with one of their lodges.

It will suffice to add that Lord Wolseley, who was born 4th June, 1833, and is therefore on the eve of completing his fiftieth year, married on the 4th June, 1867, Louisa, daughter of Alexander Erskine, Esq., by whom he has issue one daughter the Hon. Frances Garnet Wolseley.

THE WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

Our report last week of the consecration of this lodge occupied so much space that we were compelled to hold over some particulars which we doubt not our readers will be pleased to have brought under their notice. For instance it is worthy of being placed on record in connection with this interesting event that before the lodge proceedings terminated a handsome gold jewel was presented to each of the founders, which we feel quite sure each and all of them thoroughly deserved, especially Bros. D. Edwards, W.M., and P. H. Davis, J.W. We speak from personal experience when we say that for some three months previous to the consecration these two brethren were working night and day making arrangements for the success of the undertaking. Bro. Edwards devoted a room in his house for the receptions of members for the various Committees, who were continually calling upon himself and Bro. Davis for instructions or information, and throughout each day letters were perpetually coming in from all parts of the country asking all kinds of questions relative to the consecration meeting or the banquet, and which were as speedily answered by our indefatigable and hard worked Bro. P. H. Davis. There is no getting away from the fact that these two brethren deserve the highest praise for the time and labour they have ungrudgingly given for weeks past.

The following list of the brethren who were present must be taken as supplementary to the one we furnished last week, viz. :—

Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; A. L. Cocks, W.M. 1774; A. Kay, J.D. 324; F. H. Duckworth, S.D. 277; T. Sutcliffe, 161; Foxcroft, P.S.W. 325; Swift, W.M. 581; H. S. Fearon, 581; J. Bowden, D.C. 467; C. Claber, 467; J. Macfaren, W.M. 62; R. Nelson, P.M. 126; J. F. Thomason, W.M. 739; E. B. Jackson, Rev. Grant Bird, Chap. 324; Jas. W. Kenyon, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 42; R. Walker, Sec. 1052; John Hatton, P.M. 78; J. A. Roe, 1391; H. Weblington, 78; A. F. Andrew, J.D. 1713; J. Hertford, 1052; J. Lawson, 53; J. Fish, 1219; E. Sutton; J. E. Jones, W.M. 1688, 1952; J. Heathcote, S.D. 1952; J. S. Sheger, Sec. 1952; Robt. Cowburn, Chap. 277; J. Dearden, 308; J. Gleave, 1100; J. Mounsey, 1798; E. Cooper, 104; G. H. Slack, 935; C. Garnett, 487; J. W. Rattray, 680; J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 935; T. Hall, P.M. 935; J. Chadderton, J.D. 1213; T. L. Buckley, J.D. 1218; F. Harrison, J.W. 325; R. Partington, 1798; S. Frankenstein, 1798; S. D. McKellen, P.M. 1496; C. Payne, 1565, 1045; W. Fitton, W.M. 1783; J. H. Goulden, W.M. 323; C. J. Haworth, S.W. 1011; C. Fothergill, W.M. 1264; H. Ravenscroft, I.G. 1264; Samuel Clegg, P.M. 266; Jno. Glover, I.G. 1868; John Burton, W.M. 1408; Alfred Templer, W.M. 344; William Templer, P.M. 344; C. W. Gridley, P.M. 1077; James Wain, P.M. 418; H. Windle, Steward 418; J. Newton, Steward 418; John Robinson, 418; Henry Holda, P.P.G.S.B., 418; J. F. Davis, 1502; H. C. Miller, P.M. 1011; Theo. Bates, S.D. 308; James Doherty, 531; W. T. Davey, S.D. 245; J. Kerr, P.M. and Treas. 730; J. Kelly, 1219; W. Milnes, 1009; T. Fallows, P.M. 1082; R. White, S.W. 1052; T. Goodier, 325; S. Davies, P.M. 1052; R. Vickers, 1993; E. Hilton, P.M. 992; Walter Biggs, 1496; S. H. Stansfield, 467; J. N. Squirrell, 1633; H. Schofield, J.W. 1011; E. Heywood, 277; J. H. Thomason, 739; H. E. Preece, 360; L. J. Griffiths, 935; H. W. Riley, J.S. 815; Walter Potts, P.M. 467; T. Sedgwick, P.M. 42; J. Round, 128; J. H. Roberts, J.D. 993; J. R. Parkinson, 191; J. Counfort, J.D. 128; J. Wilson, I.G. 993; J. Castle, W.M. 324; J. Challenger, 1055; G. Redfern, 78; W. O. Jones, P.M.D.C. 292; W. Harris, 105; J. Shackleton, S.W. 307; S. Warburton, P.M. 1052; C. Ballantine, P.M. 1126; J. Bamford, I.G. 854; J. Wild, 277; J. W. Mellor, 854; R. Wood, W.M. 1283; R. Collinson, P.M. 1350; R. R. Grey, P.M. 298; J. H. Aldred, P.M. 1140; D. E. Davis, 1055; A. W. Chapman, J.D. 289; W. H. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; C. F. Owen, 1055; J. Cadman, 1055; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; W. S. Clark, I.P.M. 78; S. P. Bidder, jun., S.W. 1774; E. Carter, I.G. 667; R. Charner, J.W. 1147; J. Grundy, I.G. 152; H. Heep, Tyler 300; J. C. Kenyon, 1009; T. R. Withecomb, 1144; R. Tomlins, 317; J. C. Hyde, S.W. 1952; J. Wakefield, S.S. 1408; G. A. Thomason, I.P.M. 739; G. Board, P.M. 739; H. Walley, P.M. 163; J. Weston, W.M. 98; E. Jones, 460; J. Evans, 1914; W. B. Woodforde, 787; W. T. Schofield, P.M. 1219; J. P. Bardsley, W.M. 1957; A. Balmforth, P.M. 719; C. Brooke Wolseley, P.M. Sincerity, Northwich; F. Barker, 484; J. Walkden, W.M. 1534; A. Crawford, 148; C. Swinn, 1633; M. A. Jacobs, 1140; W. E. Jowitt, P.M. 62; W. Ollier, P.M. 935; Wm. Hadden, J.W. 645; M. Wood, Bayard Lodge; W. T. Goodall, P.M. 89; E. James, 1774; J. Nettleton, P.M. 1011; Geo. Yates, 1633; L. H. Smith, P.M. 268; W. Lyon, S.W. 1633; J. Forrest, 1993; R. Gornall, I.P.M. 345; J. R. Ross, 1289; A. H. Corelli, J.D.; C. S. D. Eau, W.M. 1289; H. Jones, P.M. 1289; W. Roberts, S.D. 1289; J. B. Sparks, W.M. 216; A. Hebden, W.M. 1458; S. Boswell, 594; W. Brandon, P.M. 1219; W. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Jas. Andrew, P.M. 1213; P. Donohoe, J.D. 1055; J. H. Chapman, P.M. 678; W. J. Chadwick, J.W. 1345; G. Limn, P.M.

1382; W. J. Beebe, 1052; S. Wrigley, S.D. 1052; P. A. Howell, 27; H. Allison; Geo. Board, S.W. 1798; W. Johnson, S.D. 74; J. Potts, P.M. 1219; W. Pownall, 815; H. Bowley, P.M. 739; Edwin Gleave, 1100; J. Gilbert, 1009; J. Crompton, 203; J. Eades, 1773; J. Nuttall, 1496; Thos. Mottershead, W.M. 1011; A. B. Outram, J.W. 1052; W. Fielding, 78; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

We may add in conclusion that the whole of the furniture, jewels, and clothing was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, and called forth the encomiums of all present.

CONSECRATION OF THE STIRLING LODGE, No. 1989.

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., the brethren of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland assembled in large numbers at Cleator Moor, for the purpose of celebrating the consecration of a new lodge. When it became known that the ceremony would be performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, the first ceremony of the kind since his appointment, it added special interest to the eventful proceedings of the day, and though "all the hills were covered with snow" and very cold, the muster from the "Eden" to the "Duddon," and the meandering "Kent," would have done credit to any annual provincial gathering. The lodge room is well adapted for Masonic purposes, but said to be only temporary. The furniture was much admired, which for neatness and style is very appropriate, and was chiefly supplied by Bro. George Kenning. The want of a lodge in what may be justly termed the "centre" of the mineral wealth of West Cumberland, with a population of over 10,000, and no lodge nearer than from three to four miles, has been much felt by a generous and patient brotherhood of upwards of 40 within a radius of half a mile. The province cannot but re-echo the words "success to Stirling."

The hour of meeting was fixed for 1.30 p.m., when almost to the minute the arrival of the W.D.P.G.M. and the following brethren to assist in the ceremony of consecration was announced: Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G.S.W.; Dr. James Dick, P.M. 1400, P.G.J.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, 1267, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; George J. Mac Kay, P.M. 129, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; George Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, P.G.D.C.

The following brethren in addition to the Officers designate of the new lodge were also present:

Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. H. Atkinson, P.M., P.G. Reg.; W. Sandwith, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Edward Tyson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; J. W. Montgomery, W.M.; R. W. Moore, S.W.; Thos. Richardson, Tyler; J. Rothery, M. Golightly, T. Allinson, G. T. Best, W. A. Davies, J. Maxwell, W. Holloway, J. Dalzell, H. Court, W.M. 310; R. L. Court, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. Blaylock, J. Lowthian, R. Leach, J. Pearson, P.M. 327, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; W. G. Thompson, P.M.; J. Abbott, J. Dickinson, Sec.; T. Weatherstone, Thos. Glessall, W.M. 872; Crowther Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Spittall, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. B. Cowman, P.M.; F. Hodgson, P.M.; H. Burns, S.W.; Robt. Twyman, Sec.; T. F. Mayson, J. McGowan, J. S. Moffatt, J. Townson, P.P.G. Org.; E. Rose, P.M.; J. F. Ray, R. Thomas, P.M. 962; J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Hunter, P.M., P.P.G. Purs.; J. C. Thompson, H. Thompson, D. Anderson, J. Lewthwaite, J.D.; P. Podmore, W. Hetherington, H. Irving, P.M.; J. Hall, J.W. 1073; E. Jackson, Secretary; W. L. Towerson, W.M. 1267; R. Tyson, J.W.; J. J. Wilson, Dr. W. Speirs, Dr. S. Braithwaite, J. Dyson, J. Sharpe, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Kelly, J. Smith, W. Burnyeat, J. Johnstone, J. K. Turner, A. E. Lamb, Thos. Watson, R. Baxter, P.M.; Rev. W. Thwaites, Edward Chapman, W. Woosman, G. W. Alpin, W. Atkinson, W.M. 1390; Geo. Hill, S.W.; J. Caine; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Batt, I.P.M.; J. R. Bain, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; A. Little; J. Rueberry, I.G.; H. Wynn; H. Fleming, P.M. 1532, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. F. Robinson; B. Craig, S.W. 1660; D. Bell, J.W.; R. Wilson, I.P.M.; F. T. Allatt, S.D.; J. Routledge, J. Peel; J. Johnston, W. J. Harvey, J. Bewley, Sec.; J. Dickinson, W. H. Chapman, R. Black, J. Harper, E. Sutherst, P.M. 94; Geo. Worthington, 113; W. T. Butenson, P.M. 637; and others.

The lodge having been opened in form in the Three Degrees, the Wor. D.P.G. Master commenced the ceremony of consecration by addressing the members of the Order in eloquent terms on the nature of the meeting, and then called upon the P.G.S. to read the warrant of constitution from the Grand Lodge of England, which was then done, and the brethren of the new lodge signified their approval of the officers named therein.

A very able oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. G. B. ARMES, P.P.G. Chaplain, entitled "The Antiquity of Freemasonry;" firstly, Operative; secondly, Speculative; and, finally, the moral and sublime lessons to be derived therefrom. The elements of consecration were then duly applied, and the lodge constituted and dedicated for Masonic purposes. Bro. J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.T., was afterwards presented by Bro. W. B. Gibson to Bro. Geo. J. McKay, P.G.S., and was installed as the first Master of the lodge, and afterwards appointed the following officers to assist him during the ensuing year: Bros. J. F. Kirkconel, I.P.M.; William Macaulay, S.W.; John Bewley, J.W.; and Chas. Gowan, Sec. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Frears, P.P.G. Organist.

Bro. ROBINSON, in suitable terms expressed, on behalf of the members of the Stirling Lodge their great obligation to Bros. Dykes, Kenworthy, Dick, Armes, McKay, and Dalrymple, for their services on the occasion, and proposed that they be honorary members, which was well received. After many propositions for joining members and initiations, with a ring of "Hearty good wishes" from almost every lodge in the province, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

Subsequently the brethren to the number of upwards of 100 dined together in the Market Hall, under the able presidency of Bro. Robinson, the newly-installed Master, the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and the brethren separated after a most successful gathering.

On Wednesday next, on the occasion of the dual presentation of a sword of honour to Lord Alcester and a gold casket to Bro. Lord Wolseley, accommodation will be provided in the Guildhall for 2000 persons. The library will be used as a reception room, and in the evening there will be a grand banquet given by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House, at which among other distinguished guests, Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, and Lord Carlisle will be present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The Royal Arch Masons of this large province held their annual meeting at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Bolton, on Thursday, the 30th ult., under the presidency of Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, M.E. Grand Superintendent, who was supported by the following Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, viz.:

Comps. Capt. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.H.; Franklin Thomas, P.G.J.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.E.; Geo. Parker Brockbank, P.G.S.N.; E. Ashworth, P.P.G.S.N.; J. R. Peel, P.G.P.S.; James Blacka, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; James Holmes, P.G. Treas.; Geo. Burrows, P.G.D.C.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; James Newton, P.P.G.S.N.; Capt. T. Hargreaves, P.P.G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; D. Towers, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; Robt. Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C.; John W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Arensberg, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. L. Mestayer, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Hindle, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; Thos. Law, P.P.G. Org.; Dr. J. M. Bentley, P.P.G. Org.; J. W. Taylor, P.P.G. Org.; and T. Mitchell, Janitor; also the following companions, viz., Comps. James Dawson, P.Z. 317; W. Nicholl, Z. 317; Jas. Steward, H. 317; William Jaffrey, P.Z. 152; John Roberts, P.Z. 204; J. Barrett, 221; E. G. Harwood, 221; R. Duxbury, 348; J. M. Rutter, P.Z. 221; J. Richardson, P.Z. 221; W. H. Alcock, 348; S. Crowther, 37; T. Morris, P.Z. 221; Frank A. Huet, 645; Jas. Walker, 37; James Brown, P.Z. 37; R. W. Pickering, 1st A.S. 42; Jno. Halliwell, Z. 42; Saml. L. Hoyle, N. 54; Jno. Bollard, H. 116, 126; R. W. Waterson, 116, and Z. 126; Saml. Horrocks, P.Z. 128; Jno. Loftus, Z. 128; Edmd. Whittam, H. 128; N. W. Dawson, H. 204; A. B. Whittaker, Z. 204; J. H. Greenhalgh, Z. 221; Nathl. Nicholson, H. 221; H. Stead, E. 221; J. L. Aldred, J. 221; T. B. Tong, 221; J. W. Roiley, 221; Jno. T. Dawson, Z. 266; Jas. Andrew, J. 268; J. W. Hutley, E. 268; Rev. J. B. Phillips, P.Z. 274; Jas. H. Brown, P.Z. 274; W. Edwards, Z. 277; Walter Potts, E. 277; Jno. S. Glover, 277; Saml. Porritt, P.Z. 283; H. Taylor, Z. 286; Rev. J. E. Roberts, J. 300; Irvine Dearnally, 300; C. W. Godley, Z. 325; F. W. Lean, 325; Mark Hardman, Z. 344; Orlando A. Startup, P.Z. 344; S. Goldstone, H. 345; C. H. Woods, E. 345; Jas. Horrocks, P.Z. 348; Jno. Harwood, P.Z. 348; Thos. Higson, P.Z. 348; Isaac J. Whittaker, P.Z. 350; R. L. McMillan, N. 350; Jno. H. Chapman, A.S. 350; Wm. Y. Martin, P.S. 350; H. Darbyshire, Z. 581; H. L. Rocca, H. 815; W. R. Sowter, J. 815; and others.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent, with the Provincial Grand Officers, entered the chapter and received the customary formalities, and the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the roll of chapters in the province was called over and with four exceptions all were represented.

Comp. ROYDS, P.G.H., and Comp. THOMAS, P.G.J., read their reports of visits paid to the various chapters during the past year, when a few slight irregularities were explained by the representatives of the respective chapters and adjusted.

The Treasurer, Comp. HOLMES, presented a statement of the accounts, which was verified by the Auditors, Comps. J. Dawson, P.Z., and W. Jeffrey, and passed by the chapter with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and Auditors for their services.

Comp. J. H. GREENHALGH, Z., 221, was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The M.E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then appointed and invested the following Companions as Provincial Grand Officers, viz.:

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| Comp. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds (re-appointed) | Prov. G.H. |
| " Jas. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645 | Prov. G.J. |
| " John Chadwick, P.Z. 152 (re-appointed) | Prov. G.S.E. |
| " Thomas Mason, Z. 116 | Prov. G.S.N. |
| " R. L. Mestayer, P.Z. 204 | Prov. G.P.S. |
| " J. Walsh, P.Z. 345 | Prov. G. 1st A. Soj. |
| " J. Horrocks, P.Z. | Prov. G. 2nd A. Soj. |
| " J. H. Greenhalgh, Z. 221 | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " J. M. Rutter, P.Z. | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " John Bollard, H. 116 | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " J. Walker, Z. 37 | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| " Samuel Perritt, P.Z. 283 | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " J. Dearnally, 300 | Prov. G. Org. |
| " J. Barrett, 221 | Prov. G. Stewards. |
| " John Harwood, 348 | Prov. G. Janitor. |
| " Thomas Mitchell, P.Z. | |

The sum of £10 was voted to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Comps. Alcock and Richardson were elected Auditors.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in due form, after which about 50 companions adjourned to the Swan Hotel, the head quarters of the Anchor and Hope Lodge and Concord Chapter, No. 37, where mine host, Comp. H. Greenwood, added another triumph to his well earned reputation as a caterer. Col. Starkie, M.E. Grand Superintendent, presided, supported by the Second and Third P.G. Principals and other Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The toasts of "Her Majesty the Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E. Grand First Principal," "The Princess of Wales and the Royal Family" having been proposed by the M.E. Grand Superintendent.

Comp. PHILLIPS proposed the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand First Principal; the Earl of Lathom, Grand H.; Lord de Tabley, Grand J.; and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," and in doing so he coupled with the toast the name of Comp. Royds, whom he felt sure every brother and companion in the province was delighted to welcome as a Grand Officer.

Comps. ROYDS in reply expressed his thanks and assured the companions that he should continue to discharge his duties in the future as he had done in the past.

Comp. G. P. BROCKBANK, P.G.S.N., was entrusted with the next toast, viz. that of "The M.E. Grand Superintendent, Col. Starkie," in proposing which Comp. Brockbank spoke of the high esteem in which Col. Starkie was held in Bolton, not only as a Freemason but as a landlord; he then referred to the admirable manner in which the M.E. Grand Superintendent ruled

over the province, always combining strict discipline with the greatest courtesy, affability and kindness. The toast was received with prolonged applause.

Col. STARKIE, who on rising to reply was loudly applauded, expressed his thanks to Comp. Brockbank for the very kind way in which he had spoken of him, as well as to the companions for the cordial reception they had accorded to the toast. Whenever he (Col. Starkie) fixed upon Bolton as a place of meeting he always felt sure of having everything carried out in the best manner possible. He referred to the recent visit of the Grand Officers to that town, and spoke of the great delight they had experienced from that visit, especially in being present at such an unique ceremony as the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, who had proved beyond all dispute their title to be regarded as the senior lodge in England.

Comp. E. ASHWORTH, P.P.G.S.N., proposed the toast of "The P.G.H., Comp. Royds; the P.G.J., Comp. Sillitoe; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He regretted that Comp. Royds had been compelled to leave them to catch a train; but they had Comp. Sillitoe with them, as well as several other esteemed officers. Comp. Ashworth spoke in high terms of the work done by Comp. Sillitoe, and coupled his name with the toast, to which the latter companion suitably replied.

The next toast on the list was "Success to the Bolton Chapters;" but before proposing it the M.E. G. SUPERINTENDENT asked those present to drink in solemn silence to the memory of one who had for many years laboured in Bolton in the cause of Masonry, and who at his death was M.E.Z. of the senior chapter there, No. 37 (which office he had before filled on several occasions). He referred to the great loss the whole province had sustained by the lamented death of their excellent and highly esteemed Comp. Thos. Entwisle, P.P.G.S.N.

The companions, with evident feelings of sorrow, complied with the wish of the M.E. Grand Superintendent, after which the toast list was completed as follows: "The Masonic Charities" and "To all Poor and Distressed Royal Arch Masons."

During the evening a glee party under the direction of Comp. Dr. J. M. Bentley sung some glees and songs, which were so admirably rendered as to cause a special vote of thanks to be given to the worthy doctor and his able assistants.

REVIEW.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY, Vol. II. Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D. First Notice.

The anticipations of those who had the privilege of reading the first volume of this very remarkable work have not been disappointed. If Bro. Gould raised the admiration and earned the gratitude of all Masonic students everywhere, of all lands, in all jurisdictions, by his carefully prepared and scientifically executed first volume, this second volume will neither detract from his reputation, nor belie the prognostications of his many readers and admirers. As a contribution towards Masonic History, real, valuable, and lasting, we believe it to be without its like in the history of similar literature, or the "output" of the historians of our Order. Whether we agree or not with all Bro. Gould's conclusions, (though with most we probably shall agree), matters nothing; we must all alike be impressed with the clearness and force of an unpretentious style of writing, by the extent of his researches, the admirable marshalling of his authorities, and above all by the evident truth, honesty, and fairness which characterize equally his zealous endeavours to ascertain the facts of the case, his mode of stating them when ascertained, and above all the tone of critical and historic impartiality which seems to set a seal, so to say, on his work from the first to the last page.

In this second volume Bro. Gould treats upon the following important subjects in six chapters, "Medieval Operative Masonry," "The Statutes relating to the Freemasons," "Early British Freemasonry, Scotland," "Masons Marks," "The Quatuor Coronati," "Apocryphal Manuscripts," all most important items in a Masonic history. It is said that all writers have their favourite works, their pet chapters, which do not always commend themselves to the same taste of the critic, or the idea of the reader. We do not know on which of these chapters Bro. Gould has expended the most time, thought, and labour, or in respect of which he is the most contented with himself. But according to my view of the subject, the two chapters on the "Statutes relating to the Freemasons," and the "Quatuor Coronati" are two of the most remarkable and lucid chapters in a Masonic work which I have ever perused. Not that the remaining four chapters are without their great merit or relative importance, far from it; but the two chapters which have just been mentioned seem to me to stand out from among the others, as deserving alike the most careful perusal and the most grateful acknowledgement from Masonic students everywhere. Bro. Gould in the chapter on the statutes has explained what was dubious, and made clearer what was clear.

He has at last given us an authentic narrative of what hasty writers and ideologists have confused and blurred over, by mistaken induction, or incorrect explanation. One point stands out clear and convincing from the known and overlooked statutes which Bro. Gould so forcibly comments upon and elucidates, namely, the secret organization of the Freemasons in mediæval times, and the existence of a system alike to our own to-day, which bound its members by obligatory and hidden ties. What, however, was the exact relationship of these old "congregations" and "chapters" to our Speculative Freemasons I do not pretend to say, but that there was some, I venture to think there is little reason to doubt. That the Speculative English Freemasonry of the seventeenth and

eighteenth centuries took a "new departure," invented a new terminology, adapted an old symbolism to novel and modern requirements I do not affect to question or deny, but the truth of Masonic history, and the reality of Masonic continuation demand the admission of this sterner fact, unpalatable as I know it is to some, that we must look for the earlier beginning in one channel at any rate of our later Masonic developments in the rude forefathers of our Operative and yet mystic Craft. I do not, and never have agreed with Mr. Papworth's derivation of Freemasonry from "Free Stone," "Fraunche Pierre," &c., whether in a mechanical or geological sense, and am glad to note that Bro. Gould will no doubt apparently later on give us a more correct derivation of Freemasonry, alike from a Craft and philological point of view. The use of "Frank-Mason" in 1444 requires notice and attention. I cannot quite agree, however, with Bro. Gould in his theory that "chapter" answers in any way to or corresponds with the expression "conventicle."

"Chapter" comes as clearly as words can tell us from "chapitre," N.F., and "conventicle" from "conventiculum," or "conventicula," a word apparently of ecclesiastical use originally alone. The idea of the two words appear to me not to be the same, for one represented the legal, if select old chapitral body, as the chapter of a convent or a gild; the other the surreptitious association of an illicit body, though equally based, curiously enough, on an illustration of Convent existence. Even in the enactment, quoted by Bro. Gould, in Henry VIII.'s time the word, I think, refers to a religious meeting. But on all these and other points we still must, it appears to me, speak hesitatingly. When the remaining gild returns of Richard II. and the "Pipe Rolls" are carefully edited we shall know, and not until then, what was the real bearing of gild life on free bodies, like those of Masonic "chapters," and congregations and assemblies, and how far, in accordance with the glimpses in the York Fabric Rolls, the "lodges" of Freemasons attached to Convents and the like had customs, franchises, secrets, and symbolical teachings of their own. The chapter on the "Quatuor Coronati" is a most remarkable one, and for the first time Freemasons are able to realize the bearing of this very ancient and wonderful legend on the history of Masonic life and the mystical teaching of the Craft. Bro. Gould settles "inter alia" one or two points in his exhaustive treatment of the legend. He disposes for ever of the Germanic theory, which, as I have often ventured to point out, the Sarum Missal by itself does, and proves to be untenable.

He brings out the intense antiquity of the legend itself, as well as its early use in Masonic evidences. Curiously enough the legend, as Bro. Gould has said, is only found in the "Masonic Poem," and is not alluded to in any of the later Constitutions, a fact deserving both thought and notice, explain it as you will. We invite the attention of our readers, one and all, to this specific chapter as opening out a mine of thought and study to the Masonic student and expert, as well as to the whole volume. And here reluctantly we stop to-day. We shall ere long revert to this most valuable work, and will only add that it deserves the support and perusal of every educated and enlightened Anglo-Saxon Freemason, as an honourable and commendable effort, to apply the unfailing "canons" of truth and experience, of science and criticism, to that medley of hopeless anachronisms, unreliable assertions, and confused ideas, which is too often accepted by some as the "beau ideal" of Masonic History.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY AND FREEMASONRY.

At the inauguration of the new building of the Royal York of Friendship Lodge in Berlin, on the 20th of January, the German Crown Prince made two speeches, the authentic text of which has now been published. H.R. and Imperial HIGHNESS, proposing "The Health of the Emperor," said: My brethren, our glass is devoted to the most august Protector. It is with deep emotion that I see myself to-day surrounded not only by the Grand Masters of all the German lodges, but also by brethren who, from all races and all the countries of Germany, have come hither to be present at the consecration of this house. It is truly sublime to be reminded in the festive assembly thus composed of the illustrious Emperor whose care we were wont to see watch over Freemasonry for many decades. What our Craft owes to him is recorded in the history of Masonry; what he gives Germany and the united Fatherland gives to him that has been engraven upon the iron tablets of the history of the world. Then it behoves us to remember the shout of joy of the poet which was raised 10 years ago:

"Hail! all hail! that is the flap of the eagle's wing of the Kyffhäuser;
That is the thunder of victory.
The Emperor has arisen!"

To-day, however, we look upon a future of rest and peace, which he has given us, and which God may vouchsafe also to grant henceforth to the world and Freemasonry.

Grand Master HERRING having proposed "The Health of the Crown Prince" in a speech of great eloquence, and the toast having been received with enthusiasm by the assembled Masons, the Crown Prince replied: "I thank you my brethren, for the manner in which you have to-day received me and I gladly repeat here once more my high satisfaction to have been with you as witness of this glorious solemnity of the consecration of this house. You know that I devote my strength readily to the noble aims of Freemasonry and that I shall not waver in this so long as the Craft remains true to its principles. Within the now more than 21 years however, which have elapsed since I entered your ranks as one unskilled in Masonry, I have come to the conviction that while the time in which we live demands light and enlightenment, Freemasonry should not debar itself against such aspirations. Masons dare not rest in researches and examinations. We must not adhere to tradition, even if it has become dear to us, because we have received it as tradition, because; we have from habit become one with it. With us also the motto is 'no standing still,' but progress. In the confident hope that such fresh Freemasonic life is in store for our epoch, I to-day came among you. Let us unite ever closer and closer for its furtherance, and let us join hands to uphold the beautiful union. In this spirit I drink to the health of the Lodge 'Royal York, called of Friendship.'"

CIVIC VISITORS AT THE NEPTUNE LODGE.

The brethren of the good old Neptune Lodge, No. 22, are to be congratulated upon the brilliant meeting which took place last week, and which was attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriff Savory. There were one or two drawbacks, it must be confessed, in the fact that Bro. Alderman De Keyser, whose popularity, both as a Sheriff and a member of the Craft is so well known, had accepted a prior invitation to go on a short holiday trip to Belgium, whilst the Chief Magistrate himself had to claim the indulgence of his colleagues of the Fruiterers' Company, of which he is a member, to "let him off at a tolerably early hour," so that he might share in the post-prandial festivities of the Neptunians. However, these little matters rendered none the less hearty the reception which had been prepared by Bro. Henry Povey, the W.M., and his officers for the distinguished guests who honoured their assembly, at the invitation of Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M. and Treas., and the affair was characterised by the utmost warmth and heartiness of pleasure. Soon after five o'clock the brethren met at the Guildhall Tavern, and although there was no business on the agenda, soon the interchange of mutual greetings invariably witnessed in this lodge was experienced, and on the arrival of Bros. Sheriff Savory, Sir John Bennett, the Grand Treasurer elect, and other prominent guests, they were received with the most unmistakable tokens of welcome. At an early hour the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, which had been laid out in excellent taste, the tables being adorned with vases and epergnes of exquisite flowers and ornamental foliage plants, which gave to the room a luxurious and elegant appearance. Bro. Henry Povey presided, supported on the right by Bro. the Lord Mayor (Alderman H. E. Knight), who on arriving just before the toast list was commenced with received with enthusiastic applause; Bros. J. Derby Allcroft, P.M. 1657, Grand Treasurer elect; Sheriff Savory, 21; Sir John Bennett, 1; and many other visitors, including Bros. T. D. Hamer, P.M. 1426; E. Swanborough, P.M. 1319; G. Gabb, P.M. 902; G. Vane, P.G.A.D.C. Herts; J. W. Brooke, P.M. 1839; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; W. Webb, 235; P. Müller, 73; G. Cook, 1580; G. Bawtry, 1445; E. Stillwell, No. 1; H. Richardson, late 22; T. Light (Star of India); W. S. Rose (Whittington); F. J. Hunt, 1807; M. C. Creame, and others. The officers and members of the lodge present included Bros. J. Harper, Ph.D., I.P.M.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M. (late Treasurer); C. W. Gray, P.M.; W. L. Holden, P.M.; J. J. Slater, S.W.; R. W. Coulcher, J.W.; E. F. Storr, P.M., Treas.; George Britton, P.M., Sec.; W. Cook, S.D.; J. Corbett, J.D.; Allan Hedderley, I.G.; Thos. P. Collings, P.M., D. of C.; T. J. Lawrence, E. S. Hooper, W. J. Charles, R. King, G. M. Vane, H. Roberts, A. Macgregor, J. R. Taylor, E. V. Jolliffe, R. Brooks, R. Peart, C. V. Walker, F. Frost, H. C. Roberts, E. R. Curtice, J. Murray, Emil Hollandt, and J. Parkinson, Tyler.

At the conclusion of a well-served banquet the Worshipful Master intimated that letters expressing regret at being unable to accept the invitation of the brethren had been received from Bros. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk), President of the Board of General Purposes; Alderman Whitehead; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; and George Kenning, P.M. 102 and 1657.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex." (Loud cheers.) In the course of his observations he said he was sure the brethren would agree with him that it was an act of great kindness on the part of his lordship and Bro. Savory to come to their festivities on that occasion. When they considered that the Lord Mayor of London was looked upon as the representative of the commerce and industry of this great city they ought to feel themselves highly honoured by his presence. The Lord Mayor for the time being occupied the chair of Walworth, Whittington, and Gresham, and Bro. Alderman Knight possessed all the qualifications which made him a worthy successor to those historic celebrities. (Cheers.) Considering the number of engagements which necessarily occupied his lordship's attention, it was a great condescension on his part to honour this meeting of the good old Neptune Lodge. The Sheriff also represented a very ancient and time honoured office, though as far as Masonry was concerned he was only as yet a fledgling; but in the name of the lodge he congratulated Bro. Savory upon having been admitted a member of their ancient and honourable Institution. (Cheers.) He trusted the day might not be far distant when he might occupy in his own lodge the proud position which he (the speaker) now held through the kindness of the brethren. (Cheers.)

Bro. the LORD MAYOR, who was enthusiastically received, on rising to respond thanked the brethren for the hearty reception given to the toast, and for the opportunity they had given him of meeting the members of the Neptune Lodge at the festive board. He was much indebted for being there to his friend Bro. Storr, who had been unremitting in his determination to keep him well posted up in their meetings, so that he should not possibly lose sight of it. From the multiplicity of engagements which crowded on him he had been unable to fulfil entirely that which he had hoped to have done, namely to witness the work done in the lodge room. He had an engagement with one of his old companies, in connection with the Corporation, to which he felt bound to do honour, before coming amongst the brethren of the Neptune Lodge. They had been kind enough, however, to let him off at a tolerably early hour, and so he had managed to join them. (Cheers.) The post he had the honour to fill as Lord Mayor had frequently been occupied by brethren of the Craft, but he thought there was something unique in the present year, for he did not recollect it had occurred before that the Lord Mayor and both his Sheriffs had the honour of belonging to the Order of Freemasons. They were a trio, working together in a most friendly and amicable manner, and they found delight in supporting each other. There might be something in Freemasonry which caused that. They knew there was a deep and hearty sympathy between brethren of the Craft, and when they felt that brethren were worthy of this sympathy, it increased their zest in working with men with whom they were associated in other relations in life, and with whom they were bound by strong ties in the great brotherhood of Freemasonry. He did not think it necessary in an after-dinner speech to make any remarks upon the Craft in general, or upon Freemasonry

in any of its various branches. He had himself been a Mason for nearly 20 years, and had passed through the various offices in his lodge, but he had never gone higher than a Master. When he filled the chair in his lodge he worked the Three Degrees and gave the traditional history, which they would admit was no light duty. But he entered into Masonry as was his custom with all else that he undertook, and considered if a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. (Hear, hear.) That was a principle which should always guide Freemasons. Although they should never make it obtrusive, or force it before the world so as to lower the Order in the estimation of others, and although they were forbidden to induce men to join the Craft, still the principles which actuated the brethren must necessarily make them good men and true friends. (Applause.) As regarded the position of Lord Mayor, he only last week was called upon to preside over one of our large East-end wards under melancholy circumstances, for it was in consequence of the loss of a respected friend and brother (Alderman Sir Thomas White)—a brother in Masonry as well as an esteemed colleague on the magisterial bench; and his duty was to preside over the election of his successor in office. There was one thing he found there, to a great extent—the manner in which Freemasonry was used in uniting people together in one aim and in one bond. Those he had never seen before, so far as he knew, made themselves thoroughly known to him and he seemed to be quite one amongst them. Indeed they seemed to regard him as an old friend and brother. (Applause.) There was an illustration of the value of their connection with the Brotherhood of Masonry. He should not soon forget the extent to which Freemasonry seemed to be cultivated and the manner in which it was carried out among the Jews. He had always understood that a great number of Jews were Freemasons, but he was not aware that it existed to so large an extent as was evident to him in the ward of Portsoken. It was one of the privileges attached to his office which enabled him to become acquainted with those citizens in the East part of London. The fact of being a Freemason enabled him to go to their hearts at once, and he had not the slightest doubt helped him materially to perform the duties he had to carry out in what was called the most turbulent ward in the City. Certainly, under his chairmanship it proved one of the most orderly wards he had ever experienced. He thanked the brethren of the Neptune Lodge for their hospitality, and for the greeting they had extended to him; it would ever make him grateful for the opportunity allowed him of joining them on that occasion. He looked upon Masonry as affording him some of the happiest hours of his life. He must say that amongst the hospitalities he had received from all classes of his fellow-citizens, none had exceeded that which had been offered to him by the fraternity to which they all rejoiced to belong. Night after night, almost, he might be a welcome—and he believed an honoured—guest at any of the lodges. (Cheers.) They had come to him from all parts, and his only grief was that he had been unable to accept the kind invitations so frequently as he should have liked. He looked upon Freemasonry as an institution which had for its object the benefit of and the promotion of happiness amongst mankind. An institution which had this for its object was worthy of all admiration and support, and he should do all he could in the position he held to advance the means of doing good to his fellow men. He wished this lodge every prosperity, and might it continue to flourish to the very end.

Bro. Sheriff SAVORY said it should be his endeavour to do his utmost for the cause of Freemasonry. Their excellent Master had made a few pertinent remarks on the principles of the Craft, amongst which he said law and order were engrained in the heart of every Freemason. He felt that the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex were especially the officers of law and order, and one event which had happened since his accession to office had impressed itself deeply on his mind—that was the remarkable prosecution for blasphemy recently at the Central Criminal Court. (Hear, hear.) He could not help thinking that every Freemason rejoiced heartily at the result of that prosecution. (Applause.) It reflected the greatest credit upon the Corporation, who initiated and brought it to such a successful issue: for the Corporation of London had a right to purge its streets of such disgraceful publications as of any other offence against the senses of public morality and decency. He had no sympathy with any one who perpetrated acts of sacrilege in St. Paul's Cathedral, or who had a hand in the publication of such prints as those to which he referred. (Hear, hear.) He regretted the absence of his colleague, Bro. Alderman De Keyser, who was spending a short holiday in Belgium; but they both esteemed it a privilege to rank with the Lord Mayor in the cause of Freemasonry.

Bro. HARPER, I.P.M., proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of the W.M.," who suitably responded, and in turn gave "The Visitors," the toast being cordially received.

Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT and Bro. Sir JOHN BENNETT responded.

Bro. ISAAC WILCOX, who had been 27 years Treasurer of the lodge; Bro. E. F. STORR, the present Treasurer; and Bro. G. BRITTON acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters;" and Bro. J. J. SLATER acknowledged the compliment paid to the officers of the lodge.

The interesting proceedings were enlivened with an abundance of vocal and instrumental music.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, GREAT ORMOND-STREET.

We desire to call attention to the festival of this excellent institution, which is to be held at Willis's Rooms on Wednesday next, the 11th inst., when our R.W. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire, will take the chair. We hope our worthy brother will be supported by many readers of the *Freemason*. Masons are known to be charitable, and their charity is not by any means limited to within the Craft, though that rightly has the first claim in the same way that one's own family is provided for before one assists those who have no claims through relationship; but our bowels of compassion and our charity are not shut up against those who are not members of our Fraternity. Masonry rather stimulates to all good works. What better cause can we support after the Masonic Charities than helping the little ones who cannot help themselves? We would recommend our readers to take a stroll some day to Great Ormond-street, Bloomsbury, and see over

this hospital, now languishing and being crippled for want of money. They would see a cot which struck us on our last visit endowed by a brother, Col. Wilkinson, P.M. Cholmeley Lodge, in memory of a son who died a few years ago. They will see another kept by the boys of Harrow and Marlborough Schools out of their pocket money, and the boys do not let their interest cease there, but from time to time in their holidays pay a visit to the institution and see the inmates of the cot they support. The president of the Great Ormond-street Hospital for sick children is Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., whilst Bro. Earl Granville, K.G., and Bro. Col. Wilkinson are amongst its supporters. Last year the anniversary dinner was presided over by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., when the sum of £1000 was collected. Amongst the royal duke's supporters on the occasion were Lord Aberdare, Lord O'Hagan, Lord Crewe, Sir James Paget, Bart., Hon. Sydney Carr Glyn, Sir Howard Elphinstone, Major General Lowry, Rev. Teignmouth Shore, Mr. Kemp Welch, and Dr. Russell Sturgis. We venture to hope that some of our readers will feel inclined to attend the dinner and become subscribers to this worthy charity.

Hospitals have fallen on evil days, and to plead their cause or draw attention to their needs is to point to institutions which according to some rash utterances require reforming off the face of the earth. But in spite of the attacks made upon them, and in spite of the "alleged misconduct of their officials" (a heading which by the way always attracts eager notice), hospitals exist, and are sought after and thronged by the necessitous poor; therefore, having regard to the law laid down by Adam Smith that supply and demand bear an exact proportion to each other, we may fairly conclude that hospitals are still needed by the community. In their defence we might perhaps be allowed to say that considering that they deal with the sick poor, and that in the time of sickness in a house, be it of the rich or the poor, a different order of things is necessary, they must be judged by that standard and not the rule of every-day life. Strict rules of visiting are necessary, the exclusion of the public from wards, &c., in which their presence would be detrimental either to the good of the patient or the visitor, insistence upon quiet and reverence in the sick room, and upon such a mode of living among the officials as is consistent with the presence of sorrow and death under the same roof; the carrying out firmly and with discrimination the discipline and order of the hospital—a course which when consistently pursued, is sooner or later sure to bring an accusation of heartlessness and want of feeling. What is required is more trust and confidence on the part of the outside public, so that they should not be led into a hasty error by some sensational police-report, think that it is the invariable practice of hospital officials to emulate the bumblebee of the parish beadle, simply because an unreasoning, hysterical relative has not met with such gushing sympathy at the hands of the authorities as might have been her lot had she wept over the death-bed, surrounded by gossiping, quasi-condoling neighbours. When we consider that perhaps two-thirds of the charitable public have never been inside the doors of a hospital, or come in contact with those whose lives are spent in the wards, is it marvellous that an inconceivable ignorance clouds the public mind, or that the censors of hospital work lack the training for their self-imposed duties? But what is the sad outcome of this malarious atmosphere? Is it not that the sinews of war are becoming paralysed, and that whilst the poor are still in daily, pressing need of help, the energies of the institutions are languishing for want of funds. A puff of envenomed abuse, a new sensation, a fresh plaything, any one of these is sufficient to divert the life-giving stream, and to leave to a struggling or palsied life a hospital which by its very length of existence might claim a certain share of support. The sick children of London are in my mind, and their mother hospital in Great Ormond-street is before my eye. They at least are helpless, innocent, and inoffensive, and to save their lives, or comfort them in death, is a work that, whether actually and relatively, may worthily engage the highest faculties of man or woman. That hospital ought long ere this to have completed its building, and to have been placed on such a basis that at least it was not obliged to devote some of its energies to making "both ends meet." We know how hindering that process is in the family life, when the father must keep at some uncongenial drudgery to raise food for his family, and the mother's best hours are spent in patching the garments or economising the resources. Surely we ought not to enforce such a task on the managers of this hospital; but rather by a more unflinching supply set them free to develop their energies. That I am speaking the truth is patent to any one who will look at the balance-sheet of the last two years. On that of 1880 is a record of £300 in debt, on that of 1881 a record of £550 deficit. The chairman of the committee at the annual dinner stated that the reliable income was £3300, and the investments brought in £350 more; the opposite end is £10,000. This represents an amount of pulling that must try the parental strength. More building has to be done to provide beds for whooping cough and diphtheria patients, but how? that is the question. This hospital is always open at stated hours in the afternoon, when its work can be seen, and a glance at the comfortable home provided for the little sick ones must show that a good work is being done. Down each side of the long wards are rows of little cots nearly always full, and the bright cheerful tone of the wards, with plenty of sunlight, fresh air, and at this time lovely spring flowers, must do much towards the physical recovery of the children. It would be sad to think that this work must cease out of our midst, or that this, the parent of children's hospitals, should die because her children have diverted her supplies. It must be that the presence of these little sick ones in our midst bring a blessing upon our great city, and the religious tone of faith and trust in the hospital cannot but react upon those who help in the work.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

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

PATRONESS:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

of this Institution will take place

On WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th, 1883,

AT THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN,

under the Presidency of

R.W. BRO. W. WITHER B. BEACH, M.P.,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER HAMPSHIRE
AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

W. Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., *President of the Board
of Stewards.*

W. Bro. HORACE B. MARSHALL, C.C., *Treasurer.*

W. Bro. H. A. DUBOIS, P. Prov. G.W. Middx., *Chairman
of Ladies' Stewards.*

Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very
greatly needed*, and will much oblige by forwarding their
names as *early as possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly
give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT

of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will
be held in the HALL of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great
Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on SATURDAY,
the 14th day of APRIL, 1883, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the
general business of the Institution, and to elect 22 Girls into
the School from a list of 28 approved Candidates. The
election will commence at one o'clock, or after the usual
business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Offices, 5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C., April 7th, 1883.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS MAY ELECTION, 1883.

You votes and interest are most earnestly solicited for
BRO. RALPH MILWARD, Aged 62,

Who, through heavy losses and failure in business, and
having no private means of support, and continued bad
health, is compelled to seek the benefit of the Institution.
He was initiated in the Lodge of Tranquility, No. 185 in
1856, and subsequently joined the Globe 23, Beadon 619,
Prudent Brethren 145, and Grand Stewards' Lodge; was
first Worshipful Master of the Crystal Palace Lodge 742;
exalted in the Polish Chapter, joined the Robert Burns,
was first M.E.Z. of the Crystal Palace Chapter, and is a
Life Governor of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and of
the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Past Grand
Steward.

Bro. R. M. Smith is now in St. Bartholomew's Hospital,
having broken a leg in two places.

This case is strongly recommended by the following
brethren:

- Bro. John Bennett, P.M. 23, P.G. Steward, 12, Pall Mall.
- " A. Erdie, P.M. 185, 819, "Albion," Peckham Park-road.
- " Henry A. Dubois, P.M. 1423, 1326, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex,
Serjeant's Inn, E.C.
- " N. Guckstein, P.M. 51, P.Z. 141, 127, Brixton-road.
- " W. Kirby, P.M. 23, 145, P.Z. 25 and 820, P.G. Steward,
Brooklands, Thames Ditton.
- " Wm. Pope, P.M. 141, P.Z. 742, 29, Peacock-street, Gravesend.
- " James J. Pope, P.M. 179, P.Z. 742, 49, King's-road, Chelsea.
- " George S. States, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 173,
142, P.Z. 742, 534, 3, Whitehall-place.
- " John M. Stedwell, V.P., P.G.S., P.P.G.W. Middlesex, P.M.
23, 7, Chepstow Villas, Twickenham.
- " Henry A. Stacey, V.P., P.M. 180, 733, 753, 865, 1218, 1695,
P.Z. 180, 733, 753, 34, Lincoln's Inn-fields.
- " G. F. Saunders, No. 1257 Lodge, 342, Caledonian-road.
- " Henry G. Warren, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 173,
145, P.Z. 534, 180, 309, 26, Change-alley, E.C.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the above, and
Bro. R. M. Smith, 31, Thornhill-crescent, Barnsbury, N.

DREADNOUGHT SEAMENS' HOSPITAL, Greenwich, S.E., and DISPENSARY, Well-street, London Docks, E., for Sailors of all Nations.

No admission ticket or voting papers of any sort required,
but both are entirely free to the whole maritime world, irre-
spective of race, creed, or nationality. Since establish-
ment upwards of 225,000 have been relieved from no less than
forty-two different countries, and the number of patients
during 1882, was 7514, as compared with 4713, the average
of the preceding ten years. Qualification of a governor
one guinea annually, or a donation of ten guineas. New
annual subscriptions or contributions will be thankfully
received by the bankers, Messrs. Williams, Deacon and
Co., 20, Birchin-lane, E.C., or by the Secretary at the
Hospital. Funds are *urgently needed* for this truly
Cosmopolitan Charity, which is supported by voluntary
contributions.

W. T. EVANS, Secretary.

SURREY.—PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

R.W. BRO. GENERAL STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG,
C.B., PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

A SPECIAL GRAND LODGE

Will be held

On Monday next, the 9th day of April, 1883,

AT BAGSHOT,

In the County of Surrey, when His Royal Highness

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G.,

P.G. Warden of England, will

LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF

SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH, BAGSHOT,

With Masonic Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at the Vicar-
age at 2.30 o'clock, p.m. precisely, and the procession will
then be formed.

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, Jun.,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

N.B.—Morning Dress.

61, Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E.,

April 2nd, 1883.

A train leaves Waterloo via Woking at 12.15 p.m.,
arriving at Bagshot at 2.1. The train leaves Woking
at 1.25.

FOURTH APPLICATION.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1883.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited
on behalf of

ARTHUR JAMES TETTENBORN,

Aged 10½ Years. A candidate for above election.
His father, Bro. Ernest de Gleichen Tettenborn, was
initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, Norwich,
October 24th, 1865; was advanced in the Walpole
Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 92, Norwich; exalted into
Royal Arch Masonry in the Cabbell Chapter, No. 807,
Norwich; and installed a Knight Templar in the Cabbell
Encampment, No. 69, Norwich; and on his removal to
London joined the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and con-
tinued a subscribing member of the same until his death,
which took place in October, 1881, from rheumatic gout.
He leaves a widow and six children totally unprovided for.
The youngest child was born only a few weeks before its
father's death. The necessities of this truly deserving
family are known to but very few. No more urgent case
exists.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the widow, Mrs.
Tettenborn, 45, Chesterton-road, Notting-hill, W.; by
Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, 152, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill,
W.; by Bro. W. M. Stiles, 3 North End, West Ken-
sington, W.; by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, 25a,
Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park; by Bro. J. H. Southwood,
91, Houndsditch, E.C.; and by Bro. J. Willing, jun., 353,
Strand, W.C.

N.B.—Votes for the Royal Masonic Institutions for
Boys, Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
are equally available for exchange.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

ELECTION, APRIL, 1883.

The votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers are
most earnestly solicited for

ERNEST ARTHUR STEED.

Aged 8 years (24/3/83),

Son of the late Bro. A. Orlando Steed, aged 42, Professor
of Music, residing at Penge and formerly at Long Melford,
Suffolk, who died suddenly of typhoid fever, leaving a
Widow and Seven Children, under 13 years of age, without
adequate means of support. Bro. A. O. Steed was a member
(J.W.) of the Stour Valley Lodge, 1224, and continued a
subscribing member until his death.

The case is strongly recommended by—

- Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Waverley, P.G.M. Suffolk.
- " Sir Jas. Douglass, Ionic Lodge, 217.
- " J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Life Gov.
- " Rev. Dr. Brette, 31, P.M. 1400, 1657; P.Z. 1194; P.G.C.
Middlesex.
- " J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223; P.P.G.O. Kent.
- " J. A. Jeffries, W.M. St. John's, 795.
- " The Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; P.G. Chaplain
England: V. Patron
- " A. Legrand, William Preston, 766.
- " F. Cambridge, Orpheus, 1766.
- " W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; P.M. 1586; P.Z. 742.
- " W. H. Cummings, Hon. Treas. of the Royal Society of
Musicians.
- " W. Worrel, P.M. and Sec. William Preston, 766.
- " C. W. Holt, Holmesdale, 874, 1556, Addiscombe.
- " W. Cook, Great City, 1426; P.M. and Sec. 1815.

Votes will be thankfully received by the following brethren:
—The Rev. C. J. Martyn, Long Melford Rectory, Suffolk;
W. H. Cummings, Esq., Thurlow-park-road, Dulwich,
S.E.; J. H. Jewell, Esq., Westerham, Kent; William
Cook, Esq., St. John's, Penge, S.E.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION APRIL 16TH, 1883.

Votes are earnestly solicited on behalf of
GEORGE WILLIAM KING HILL,

Aged 10½ years (No 3 on the List of Candidates),

at this, his seventh and final application.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the Mother (Mrs.
Hill), 17, St. Philip's-road, Dalston, E. (late of 9, Cole-
brooke-row, Islington); also by

- Bro. Thomas Bartlett, 52, Wilson-street, Finsbury, E.C.
- " T. S. Holland, 396, Kingsland-road, N.
- " James Linnell, Talbot House, Talbot-road, Page Green,
Tottenham, N.
- " Arthur E. Gladwell, 14, Great Russell-st., W.C.
- " H. J. Gabb, Holywell-row, Finsbury, E.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION, APRIL, 1883.

Dear Sir and Brother,—It is my painful duty, in the
names of several esteemed Brethren, again to bring to
your notice the distressing case of

FREDERICK WOLFE HENNAH,

AGED NINE YEARS,

Who is, for the THIRD TIME, a Candidate for Election to
the Royal Masonic School for Boys, and to ask for your
support and valuable assistance by giving your votes and
influence. This boy is the eldest of three sons of a young
widow, whose husband, Bro. the Rev. W. H. HENNAH, of
the Union Lodge, Margate, No. 127, was seized with a
fatal illness in the autumn of 1881, the result of over
work, and exposure in ministerial, combined with scholastic
duties. Our brother had not reached his thirty-second
year when his promising career was brought to a close,
and by his death his family was left totally unprovided for.
The Province of Kent has, hitherto, been unable to assist
the case, having cases, not of greater necessity or more
deserving, but of priority in claim; hence the heavy task
of bringing the claims of this young "Lewis" to the
attention of unpledged subscribers has fallen on a few indi-
viduals, whose efforts hitherto, though nobly supported by
a few friends, have been unavailing against the organised
power of Provinces and others.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

JOHN WHILE, P.M., and P.Z. 228.

133, Loughborough-road, S.W.

The following brethren join in recommending the case,
and those who have an asterisk affixed will gladly receive
proxies:

- The V.W. Sir John B. Menckton, President of the Board of General
Purposes (Town Clerk of London), &c.
- The V.W. Colonel John Cretton, Grand Treasurer.
- The V.W. Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., P.G.C.
- The W. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.
- The W. H. J. Phillip Dumas, P.G.D.
- The W. J. A. Rucker, P.G.R.
- The W. Peter De Lande Long, P.G.D.
- The W. George Burt (ex-Sheriff London), P.A.G.D.C.
- The W. J. E. Saunders, P.G.D. (Deputy of the City of London),
9, Finsbury-circus.
- The W. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., 1, Bedford-square, W.
- The W. James Mason, P.G.S.B., Pembroke House, Brompton-
crescent, W.
- Dr. Helsham, F.R.C.S. (Royal Athelstan Lodge), Sussex House,
Brixton-road.
- * H. Massey, P.M. Beadon and P.M. Gallery Lodge, 93, Chancery-
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"The Broad Arrow," "The Court Circular," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Keystone," "New York Dispatch," "The Citizen," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The American Freemason," "La Revista Masonica," "The Gibraltar Chronicle," "The Liberal Freemason," "Die Bauhütte," "The New York Daily News," "The Freemason's Manual for Kent," "History of Ancient Land Mark Lodge, No. 17," "Masonic Record," "Canadian Craftsmen," "Freemason's Repository," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 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 GIRLS.
 APRIL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In order to avoid possible disappointment to the friends of the candidates for the above election I shall feel

obliged if you will kindly allow me to state for their information that there is no ground whatever for the supposition that there is to be no contested election on this occasion.

Judging from the number of questions which have been addressed to me there is evidently some misapprehension on the subject.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
 F. R. W. HEDGES,
 Secretary.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

As my letter has brought me one or two kind replies, let me again ask for the votes of any brethren who have no cases of their own.—Very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde-park, W.,
 March 31st.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of "A Voter" in your last number draws attention to a growing evil in the charity voting system, and indicates with some emphasis that the recipients of our Charities are more frequently those who are the most persistent beggars, or have the most friends, and can employ those who are most skilled in the manipulation of charity votes. It follows that the poor and needy—poor and needy through no faults of their own—those of whom One said "Ye shall give consideration," are left out in the cold, and while, in the reversal of voting charity the rich are filled with good things, the poor are turned empty away.

I give my experience—a maiden experience in charity voting—and will a "plain, unvarnished tale" discourse. The widow of our poor Bro. Hennah, a good man and good Mason in every sense of the terms, who died at an early age through over-exertion while preaching his Master's message, sought my assistance to obtain for our young "Lewis," Frederick Wolfe Hennah, the benefits of the Boys' School. Her late husband's lodge (the Union, Margate) could do nothing, though the high deserts of her case were acknowledged, as the Province of Kent had already taken up a case. My own lodge had a case of its own, and could not help. Eminent brethren in the Craft, whose hearts were touched by the assurance of the real charity which would be done in this case, gave me their votes; but in three unsuccessful appeals to the poll, each time the hope deferred leaving the heart sick, has landed the widow with less than a 1000 votes towards a goal where 2500 are required.

I claim the privilege in your free columns to stand in friendly competition with our esteemed Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Woodford, and while he asks for votes for unnamed cases, I ask for votes on behalf of the named case, F. W. Hennah.

Permit me, in conclusion, to thank our Worshipful Bros. Sir John Monckton, Deputy W. J. E. Saunders, Jabez Hogg, James Mason, and Horace Brooks Marshall especially, for the help they have given to this fatherless boy, and to pray them to continue their support. All votes given to me shall be faithfully applied, as well as most thankfully received.—I am, dear sir, yours faithful and fraternally,
 JOHN WHILE.

135, Loughborough-road, S.W.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There being a natural objection to supporting the claims of a brother and sister to the benefits of the schools, I ask permission to state in your columns that of the two children of the late William Woodward (formerly sergeant-major 31st Regiment), whose names appear as candidates for the Boys' and Girls' Schools respectively. One alone—Minnie Woodward—requires the assistance of subscribers, her brother, Thomas Woodward, being no longer a candidate.

Serjeant-major Woodward having belonged to a military lodge (the Meridian, No. 743, attached to the 31st Regiment), his widow can turn to no provincial association for assistance. At a time, however, when the gallantry of our present day soldiers is being freely acknowledged, a word may be permissible in favour of those "near and dear" to a worthy veteran who has gone to his rest. Serjeant-major Woodward served the Crimean and North China campaigns with the 31st Regiment. He was initiated in 1858, and remained a member of the Meridian Lodge until death.—Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD, P.M. No. 743.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL CANDIDATES. THE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There is a point I wish to call attention to which seems very unfair on our poorer London cases, namely the fact that provincial cases in addition to those submitted by the Charity Committee of a particular province, are begging for the support of London subscribers. Considering the perfect organization and the great strength of the Provincial Charity Committees, this ought not to be.

Indeed, as a rule, it may fairly be assumed that if a provincial case is worked outside its own province there is

generally some valid reason why the case is not taken up in the province. Such a course of action tells doubly hardly upon many of our almost friendless London candidates.—Yours fraternally,
 FAIR PLAY.

A WORD OF CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I greatly object to the absurd proportion as between Girls' and Boys' votes, which some are endeavouring to create. I advise all who have Girls' votes not to exchange at all under such hopeless terms as seem now to rule; but to poll their votes or insist on exchanges "at par." It is only by this course that we can hinder and resist the movements of a "Ring."—Yours fraternally,
 A VOTING BROTHER.

THE GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read my esteemed friend's, our R.W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, letter in last week's *Freemason*. Of course every brother must know he is right and I must be wrong, as who could dare to differ with such an authority.

I am much obliged for the information he gives as to the Master of Kilwinning being ex-officio Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, and his having as such the right to appoint the Provincial Depute Master, Substitute Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, and Chaplain. This means he appoints as of right to no less than six of the Provincial Grand Offices, these offices being the principal ones.

Now I do not even know who are the Provincial Grand Officers of Ayrshire save the Provincial Grand Secretary, my friend and our W. Bro. Wylie, who has filled that post for years and who has also been the excellent Secretary of Mother Kilwinning. I cannot therefore say anything about them, but this statement of our R.W. Brother recalls to my mind a story I heard in my young days as to one of the greatest, most learned, and respected Lord High Chancellors who ever sat on the Irish Woolsack, and who is always spoken of with respect and esteem, although he has not occupied that high office for half a century and has for many years been dead. The story is, that having had one son made a bishop, another a judge, another a very comfortable mastership in a law court, and a fourth a Crown procuratorship, a friend hinted to him that getting his sons such appointments might cause some comments to be made as to them, to which he replied, "Show me better, for I cannot see them." To this his friend could give no answer as his four sons knew their business and did it well.

So the Master of Mother Kilwinning may for ought I know give the same reason at any time for filling up his six provincial grand offices with Mother Kilwinning brethren, and if so I am sure every brother so appointed will know his business, and do his duty not only to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, but also, by each of the six, giving his votes when necessary to Mother Kilwinning. I need not say what six votes of Grand Officers mean in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire.

Now, as to our R.W. Brother's first point. He is too modest. He should have referred to page eight of his "Freemasonry in Scotland," where an excellent facsimile is given of part of the Schaw statutes of 1598, and to pages 12, &c., where Schaw's statute of December 27th, 1599, is given. This carries Mother Kilwinning's history back nearly half a century further as a Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, Renfrew, and Dumfries. Now, as to my reference to page 59 of Bro. Wylie's "History of Mother Kilwinning," as to the minutes of December 20th, 1643. I read the footnote at page 409 of "Freemasonry in Scotland," but did not look further as the footnote is complete in itself, and knowing I had marked these minutes in the "History of Mother Kilwinning" I at once turned to it. I have now compared these extracts, and find, so far as Bro. Wylie's minutes go, they agree most fully with my remembrance of them, and of course the rest must be word for word the same (so far as they go) with those given by our R.W. Brother at page 410; but in the middle of these minutes, at page 410 in "Freemasonry in Scotland," our R.W. Brother gives a copy of the seal used by Mother Kilwinning for charters, &c. Bro. Wylie does not insert this seal in these minutes, but gives it at page 24. My remembrance is that the seal certainly does not appear in the original minute book.

As to our R.W. Brother's remark that Bro. Wylie's is only an excerpt from an article of his, "No. 2, Mother Kilwinning," in the "Freemason's Magazine" of 8th August, 1863, I can say nothing, as I never as yet have seen the "Freemason's Magazine" of that date, or did I know our R.W. Brother wrote anything as to Mother Kilwinning save what appears in his "Freemasonry in Scotland."

This point must be settled by our R.W. Brother and Bro. Wylie between themselves; but one thing I would urge every brother to do would be to procure copies of both "Freemasonry in Scotland" and "The History of Mother Kilwinning," as the perusal of them will give vast information and pleasure, especially "Freemasonry in Scotland," which is a grand work, and has most life-like portraits of all the leading brethren in Scotland, including our R.W. Brother's own, at p. 29.

As to our R.W. Brother's second point. He has only

gone back to December, 1850—only 33 years. If he will look back about 87 years, that is about 1796, he will find I was correct, that our Grand Lodge of Scotland applied to our Grand Lodge of Ireland for recognition, &c. I have read the Irish minutes of it some years ago, but have lost my note of the exact date, and our Grand Secretary's office is closed, this being a general holiday, but my remembrance of it is about 1796; it may be a year or so either way, but it is certainly before 1800.

The December, 1850, letter our R.W. Brother refers to was as to the filling up of the place of an old representative who had either died or resigned, same as our R.W. Bro. the Hon. Augustus G. F. Jocelyn did some years ago at my suggestion, and my friend R.W. Bro. General Darby Griffith was appointed in his place, which honour I hope he may long enjoy.

As to R.W. Bro. Gould's query, I have copies of the "Ahiman Rezon" of 1756, 1764, and 1778, but not of 1787, but I hope yet to get it. These three were all printed in London; the "Ahiman Rezon" I refer to was printed in "Dublin by Dillon Chamberlaine, Dame-street, facing Fownes-street." It is quite different in many ways from the three London "Ahiman Rezon."—Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Leeson-street Lower, Dublin, March 26th.



THE THREE WITNESSES. By the Rev. H. T. ARMFIELD, M.A. Samuel Bagster and Sons, 15, Paternoster-row.

This is just one of the works, however interesting and important in itself, which it is absolutely impossible for us to review in the *Freemason*. The wise and unchanging law of English Freemasonry is an entire abstention from religious or political discussions, all questions, in fact, whether of theological bearing, political compass, and denominational colouring. In the present case, except as points of pure "exegesis" and chirographic evidence which are not really before us, the question in this work is one so purely and peculiarly doctrinal and controversial, that it is rendered utterly unfit and unsuitable for our non-combatant pages. The work is admirably put forth by its respected publishers, and its writer is well known, alike by his ability and his many valuable contributions to religious literature. Hence our regret is increased that our Masonic laws of the "Medes and Persians" forbid peremptorily further allusion to, or analysis of, it in the *Freemason*.

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE FOR 1882.

The eighteenth report of this well-managed, and to the Metropolitan Police Force invaluable and most beneficial institution, is now before us, and we congratulate the "managers" on the undoubted evidence the report supplies, alike of skilful organization and satisfactory development. Indeed, in some returns the progress of the orphanage has been not a little surprising. It commenced with comparatively modest means and a limited "purview." It has already developed in 13 years into a great institution, and the reality of its "outcome" may fairly be ascribed to the realization by all concerned in its administration and supporters of the unchanging truth of the good, old, and reverent French adage, "Aide Toi-même et Dieu t'aidera." This has been the sensible idea of the school from its first foundation, and it is that which gives us the clue to its popularity, and offers us the key to its success. The members of the Metropolitan Police Force, to their great honour be it remembered, none of them overpaid, have raised among themselves, as belonging to the Body past and present, in one way or another the noteworthy and laudable amount of £7230 16s. 8d., out of £12,523 11s. 7d. of actual income in 1882. The public has subscribed £4941 9s. 11d.; legacies have been received of £996 5s.; dividends on capital are £175; and thus with the balance from 1881 of £1615 0s. 1d., the whole amount of income in 1882 has reached the goodly figures of £14,130 17s. 8d. There is a balance in hand for 1882 of £1566 7s. 5d., though £5521 0s. 7d. have been paid for needful buildings and improvements; £445 4s. 4d. have been spent in repairs; £1484 18s. 5d. have been required for furniture and clothing; and £1546 10s. 11d. for salaries and wages. Housekeeping has taken £2184 10s. 7d., while the smaller amounts for rates, water, and insurance, for fuel, books, and stationery, printing, medical attendance, sundries, postage, and conveyance are £404 18s. 2d.; £147 12s. 6d.; £340 8s. 4d.; £179 2s. 9d.; £137 1s. 1d.; £80 9s. 7d. respectively, thus making a balance total of £14,138 17s. 8d. as we said before. £5000 are now invested in Metropolitan stock. And if the financial arrangements of the orphanage be thus striking and thorough, its educational and disciplinary reports are equally most satisfactory, leaving in truth little to be desired or needed. There are now 150 boys' and 100 girls' in the Institution, and the bright faces of the children as beheld in the "frontispiece," tell us an unmistakable tale of happiness, cleanliness, health, and care. The testimony of "experts," which is both clear and realistic, evidently without colouring or partiality, offers both to the force and the subscribers the gratifying assurance that their money is well spent, in keeping up in meritorious efficiency an admirably managed orphanage, for kindly treated, carefully trained, and improved and contented inmates.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. Report for 1882.

The report of this prosperous provincial Institution, which reflects all credit on our good brethren of West Lancashire, is now before us. It has assisted during 1882 the education, clothing, and advancement of 165 children, and it will probably continue to assist a like number in 1883. It has now funded property to the amount of £16,839 19s. 10d., and has a balance, despite its large expenditure, of £1811 12s. 10d. Its total from all sources

was in 1882, £1683 17s., and it spent £1212 18s. 8d. on the education, clothing, and advancement in life of 165 children, its grants varying from £30 to £1 1s. It is clearly a much needed and most useful institution, well managed and doing a great amount of good.

THE MAGAZINES.

The magazines are once more pressing upon our notice, but we can only just skim over their contents, and note their appearance for the information of those of our Craft who take an interest in serial literature.

"Longman's" again appears, the first number of a new volume, but we feel bound to say with no perceptible increase of strength or novelty.

"The Century" seems to us to be remarkable, most remarkable, for its letter press and illustrations, and deserving the support of a large and increasing circle of English readers, a fact we are pleased to hear of and remember.

"All the Year Round" is strong this month, and we apprehend will have great attractions in various ways and in different tales for young and old.

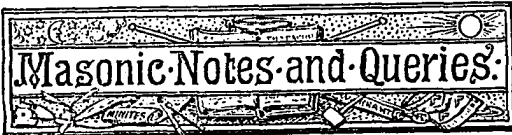
"Temple Bar" has a very striking paper on "Schumann," and some other contributions of interest. "How the Major Kept his Word" is most amusingly and graphically told. "Belinda" and "Tone Stewart" progress.

The "Monde Maconique" again claims our Masonic attention, but we fear that the purely French tone and ideas so unhappily unsound and unsafe just now, will deter Anglo-Saxon readers. This entire isolation of French Masonic life, and the schismatic outcome of French Masonic teaching are two very deplorable facts, "selon nous."

"The Antiquary and Bibliographer," the Castor and Pollox of archaeological reality, if "arcades ambo" in one sense, in another constitutes a "specialite" for those who like ourselves still love to linger amid the things and tales, the words and relics of olden days.

"Mr. Scarborough's Family" is a story written by the late Anthony Trollope, which has been running in "Temple Bar," and is now drawing to a close. We must honestly confess that while we do not think it equal to several of Bro. Trollope's stronger efforts, yet we like it, and it has several very strong points. We are glad to subjoin to this little mention of our lamented brother some lines of the happy "In Memoriam" of Mr. Mowbray Morris, which we consider equally true and manly:

"He writ the homely annals of his day,
What English men and women do and say,
The fireside story of their work and play.
He sought not fashion's mood or fancy's grace,
Within his mirror all who would might trace
The literal likeness of a human face.
And thousands did on thousands, maid and wife,
Father and son, for pure his page as life,
And both with honest thought and purpose rife.
What though the man were rugged to the view,
And blunt of speech, no one who knew him knew
A soul more gentle, generous, and true."



152] CHARLES SACKVILLE.

Happily my answer to "G. B. A." will be short. As a great controversialist once said, "we shall probably have written more than any one will care to read," and in one respect at any rate, it appears to me, that the continuation of our friendly controversy is most undesirable and hopeless. Bro. "G. B. A." and myself are to a great extent at cross purposes. In order to render his extended arguments available, he has to assume the whole point in dispute and advance a complete "petitio principii." He puts forward as his premise that the medal is authentic. But if it be not, what then? Like a house of cards, his whole building of every kind of evidence falls to the ground at once. I have not obscurely said that I doubt very much indeed the authenticity of the medal. A medal may have been struck at St. Petersburg for the "Strict Observance," but was it really struck in Florence? and is not the use of Chas. Sackville's name an afterthought and a "pious fraud?" The only evidence so far that I know of is that of the "Strict Observance" itself in 1777. I am now in communication with Bro. Findel, to see if I can obtain any further German evidence on the question. When I have I will write again.
DRYADUST.

153] A FREEMASON IN 1603.

My esteemed friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, curiously enough, like my able brother, R. F. Gould, does not seem carefully to have read my humble "leaderette." Bro. Gould says practically in the second volume of his most striking work that the starting point of English Speculative Masonry may fairly date from 1646, the initiation of Elias Ashmole; but if we can obtain evidence as in 1603 of an early Speculative English Freemasonry, we surely alter all the known conclusions so far of English seventeenth century Masonic history. For it is to this point, and this point alone, that my remarks were and are directed. I venture to think the discovery of "gentlemen Freemasons" early in the seventeenth century a most important fact, and a fact that must be a most potent factor in all subsequent disquisitions on seventeenth century English Freemasonry. If similar "entries" are to be found they would go far to show that as we seem to gather from the evidence of Ashmole, Randal Holmes, Plot, &c., Speculative Freemasonry was more widely diffused in England in the seventeenth century than we have hitherto believed to be the case. Hence the importance of any similar discovery, which settles once and for ever what has indeed been the long exploded 1717 theory. THE WRITER OF THE LEADERETTE.

154] FREEMASONRY IN DONCASTER.

Replying to Bro. Todd's query, I find in the "Freemason's Calendar" for 1799, at the No. 438, Duke of York's Lodge, White Bear Inn, Doncaster.

In the edition, however, of 1810 the "Elm Tree, Bingley, Yorkshire," becomes the place of meeting—though the name "Duke of York's Lodge," is continued. The lodge was carried forward at the Union (1813) and appears

as No. 502, the "Duke of York's Lodge, Bingley," in the Calendar for 1814. Its designation was unchanged in the edition of 1820, but whether erased or simply dropped out at the re-numbering in 1831, I am unaware, as I possess no calendars for the years between 1820 and 1836.

R. F. GOULD.

155] I have looked into the point raised by Bro. Todd, P.M. and Treasurer 236, respecting the "Duke of York" Lodge, No. 520, Doncaster. Bro. Todd is in error in stating it does not appear on the "Union" roll. It was numbered 502 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England, as contained in the calendar of 1815 (really 1814, being year of actual issue). Bro. W. Delaney, in his "History of St. George's Lodge, Doncaster," quotes from Bro. Riley's "History of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387," so far as respects the particulars furnished by the latter brother of the "Duke of York" Lodge. It seems its last minute is dated 25th January, 1815. * I have searched the "Proceedings" of Grand Lodge from the "Union," and find that No. 502, "Duke of York," Bingley, was erased with many other lodges on March 5th, 1828. It was removed to Bingley in 1807, having languished at Doncaster; but the change did little more than galvanise it into a brief existence.
W. J. HUGHAN.

156] The Duke of York's Lodge, Doncaster, held its first meeting 1st September, 1788, and its last at Bingley, January 25th, 1815. The reference to it by Bro. Delaney is not satisfactory, being from my Address to 387 in 1877 instead of from my History (1880) of which he had a copy. Strange to say before I published its history even Doncaster Masons knew nothing about it. The Airedale Lodge, No. 387, sprung from the very ashes of the second Doncaster Lodge, formed originally by a few brethren of St George's.
J. RAMSDEN RILEY,
P.M. and Sec. Airedale, No. 387.

157] I am much indebted to my good friend, Bro. Dr. Paley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. West Yorks, for drawing my attention to Bro. Ramsden Riley's History of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, which contains particulars of the career of the Duke of York's Lodge. It appears that the lodge was originally constituted at Doncaster in 1788 and continued to meet at that place at irregular intervals until 1806. In 1807 it was removed to Bingley, in the West Riding, but does not seem to have prospered there any more than at Doncaster. The last record at Bingley is dated 23rd January, 1815, but the last name registered by Grand Lodge was in August, 1808, and the last payment to the Fund of Benevolence was made in November of the same year. For neglecting its returns the W.M. and Wardens were summoned to attend Grand Lodge on December 4th, 1822, but the lodge was not finally erased until March 5th, 1828. In 1792 the number of the lodge was altered to 438, and in 1813 to 502. In Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register" it is I observe mentioned amongst the extinct lodges since 1813, as the "Duke of York, Bingley."
ANON.

158] This lodge was constituted at Doncaster in 1788, but removed to Bingley in 1807, and appears to have become defunct about 1815. I understand that the lodge furniture and jewels became the property of the Airedale Lodge when it was opened at Baildon, April 11th, 1827. I daresay Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., will be able to furnish Bro. Todd and the Craft with further particulars.
GEORGE MARKAM TWEDDELL.

159] THE CHARTER OF LARMENIUS.

In reading our Bro. Gould's able remarks at p. 500, vol. 11., I think a little "note" on the subject may not be taken amiss. It is quite true that no "facsimile" has ever been published, but Bro. Gould does not seem to be aware that in 1825 a "Manuel des Chevaliers de l'Ordre du Temple" was published by authority by a Chevalier Guyot, a French bookseller, and that similar works had been published in 1811 and 1817. In this last edition attention is called to certain imperfect copies of documents by Louis de Sundgaw, formerly a "magistral secretary," who it seems gave them without authority, and from whom the munitments and documents of the Order, many of them "mutilated," were with difficulty eventually obtained on his dismissal. This work contains the "Carta Transmissio" or "Charte de Transmission" of Larmenius, in full, which he himself terms "Has Decretales Literas," and which deed he professes to date February 13, 1324. This is signed by all subsequent Grand Masters. It would almost seem as if the Charter of Transmission and the subsequent Grand Masters followed the names of the Grand Masters precedent to Molai in the "Grand Charte de l'Ordre," which in one place is called "Tabula Aurea," but as the charter is said to be written in "two columns, with letters silvered and gilded" it may well be that the whole MS. is called the "Tabula Aurea." In 1825 the Order professed to have in its possession some relics of the bones of Molai and his fellow victims, his sword, the casque of Guy d'Auvergne, a Templar sword, the Beauceant, the war standard, several MSS. and reliquaries, &c. What the present condition of the Order is I know not, if even it exists at all or where these documents or relics are. The "Levitikon," as it is called, but which is not mentioned specially, is an old MS. Gospel of St. John, apparently tampered with for some purpose. Indeed, if we are to believe some French writers the whole affair is an "outcome" of trickery and deception and deliberate fraud. There seems to be many reasons why Bro. Gould's judgement, like that of others, is correct, namely, that the charter as a charter is untenable, and that Burnes was completely in the wrong in upholding its verity.
A MASONIC BOOK COLLECTOR.

160] OLD MASONIC MEDAL.

I have lately had shown me an old silver pierced jewel of I should say about 1790 to 1800, of which, as usual, I send you a description. The jewel appears to have been cut out of a plate of silver about 2 1/2 in. by 2 in., the emblems, &c., being all engraved thereon. Obverse: the all-seeing eye surrounded by clouds, below which are the square and compasses extended to an arc of 90 degrees. On each side of the compasses is a pillar surmounted by a globe. A ribbon connects and encircles the two pillars, the ribbon bearing the motto "Amor honor et Justitia." Pendant from the

* "History of St. George's Lodge, Doncaster," p. 102.

ribbon are the level and plumb line. In the space between the compasses is a blazing sun, below which is the square and also a circle of irradiated rays enclosing the letter G in a triangle. Below this is an open Bible (with the square and compasses thereon) resting on a tessellated pavement, on which also are placed a rough and perfect ashlar, skirret, mallet, moon, &c. Below the pavement in exergue is a coffin on which is a skull and cross bones. Reverse: same as above reversed, save that the inscription on ribbon is "Sit lux et lux fuit." Also the emblem on Bible is the 47th problem.

JAMES NEWTON.

161] A CURIOUS JEWEL.

A query, signed Henry Lovegrove, in the *Freemason* February 17th (No. 123), asks for information about a Royal Arch jewel bearing certain symbols different from those now found on jewels of this class. I have been waiting to see what explanation would be offered by those who understand such matters; the more so as I possess some old Royal Arch jewels answering to much the same description. In Bro. Kenning's "Price List," p. 80, No. 245, will be found a representation of a like jewel, there called "Scotch R. A. jewel." I shall be glad to know if this form was always peculiar to Scotland, and if it was ever in use in England, at what date the change was made?

R.

162] PROVINCIAL MASONIC CALENDARS.

Provided the editor is willing to allow me the needful space, I intend, ere long, to present a sketch of the special features of each of the Provincial Masonic Calendars published in England, and in order to do so, shall be glad to receive copies of any not in the following list. The calendar for Kent is not included, but will be when issued, and so mine for Cornwall:—Cambridgeshire, Dorsetshire, East Lancashire, Gloucestershire, Hants and Isle of Wight, Hertfordshire, Leicester and Rutland, Sussex, Warwick and Stafford, Wiltshire, and the County of Yorkshire. I shall be glad to hear of any others, and to receive copies, so as to reciprocate by forwarding copies of mine for Cornwall.

W. J. HUGHAN.

163] THE TITLE FREEMASON.

In the registers of the parish church of Lymm, Cheshire, occurs the following entry:

"1711. April 29. Jemima daughter of John Gatley freemason, Bapt [ized]."

It will be remembered that Richard Ellam, whose will, dated 1667 I printed in the "Masonic Magazine," December, 1881, was styled "of Lyme (Lymm) co. Chester, freemason."

W. H. R.

CONSTITUTION OF A NEW LODGE AT YORK.

The Prov. Grand Master of Yorkshire, Bro. the Earl of Zetland, has appointed Thursday, the 12th inst., for the ceremony of constitution of the Agricola Lodge, No. 1991, for which a warrant has lately been granted. The ceremony will be performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Dr. Bell, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, at three o'clock p.m. on the day named. The W.M. designate is Bro. E. J. de Salis, D.A.C.G. of the Ordnance Department of the Northern Military District, York Centre; the S.W. is Bro. Captain Cavenagh (Gordon Highlanders); and the J.W. Bro. H. Harding, (Master Gunner R. Artillery). The principal object of the new lodge is to form a rallying point for the military brethren connected with the permanent staff in York, and the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, with true Masonic spirit, have given the founders the free use of their quarters and furniture during their novitiate—a great boon to a young lodge.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

An interesting ceremony took place in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday last, when a beautifully illuminated address was presented by the members of the Eboracum Lodge to Bro. H. Churchill, the landlord of the house, who is retiring from the business. An emergency meeting had been called for the purpose, and at 7.30 the W.M., Bro. H. Millington, opened his lodge, being supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; J. Blenkin, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; and a large number of members as well as several visiting brethren. Bro. Millington briefly explained the objects of the meeting and moved the following resolution, which he read from the illuminated address on the pedestal: "That the cordial thanks of the members of the lodge be given to Bro. Henry Churchill for his kind and fraternal conduct for a period of over six years during which the Eboracum Lodge has held its meetings under his roof, together with their heartfelt wish that he may long be spared to continue a worthy Craftsman of their ancient Order." Bro. Millington said that he had the utmost pleasure in moving the resolution. Bro. Churchill had always shown him the greatest courtesy and consideration, a course of conduct that he had not always experienced from people in that trade. They all knew that he (the W.M.) was a total abstainer, but although master of a lodge meeting on licensed premises he had never experienced anything disagreeable, nor had he even received from their host anything but fraternal treatment. He trusted that Bro. Churchill would in his retirement become a more active member of the lodge than Masonic regulations permitted whilst he was their landlord. Bro. Whythead seconded the resolution and alluded in high terms of praise to the skilful manner in which Bro. Churchill had by his own personal influence and reputation sustained the prestige of his house. Bros. Padel, Balmford and Blenkin also spoke and endorsed all that had been said. Bro. Henry Churchill was then admitted and the address was presented to him by the W.M., who accompanied the ceremony with a few sentences expressive of his pleasure at being called upon to perform the task. Bro. Churchill responded in a very few words stating the gratification afforded him by the knowledge that his efforts had been appreciated by the brethren, and hoping that in future years he might be spared to be a working member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed, and the members with their visitors adjourned to supper. A pleasant and harmonious evening was spent, enlivened by the singing of Bros. J. S. Cumberland, Child, Humphries, and Wilkinson.

The address was signed on behalf of the members

by Bros. M. Millington, W.M.; G. Simpson, I.P.M.; J. Blenkin, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. T. Sellar, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; and T. Humphries, Sec. The illumination was beautifully executed by Mr. J. E. Morton, of York, after a design by Bro. T. B. Whythead, and included a number of appropriate Masonic symbols.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY (No. 65).—The annual installation meeting of this prosperous old lodge was held at Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when there was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. John Roberts. He was supported by Bros. W. Chicken, I.P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; Chas. Daniel, P.M.; L. A. Lewin, P.M.; G. Schadler, S.W., and W.M. elect; C. J. Rich, jun.; J. H. Hawkins, S.D.; H. W. Gregory, J.D.; J. H. Goodwin, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; W. Walker, D. of C.; R. Dyson, I.G.; J. Haller, R. F. Bourn, C. T. Speight, Prov. G.T. of Surrey, Tyler; and about 40 other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; C. F. Matier, J. Mather, and other Grand Officers; R. H. Halford, P.M., and M.E.Z. of the Sincerity Chapter; the Worshipful Master of the Windsor Lodge; D. Moss, P.M.; and several others.

Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites soon after three o'clock, when, after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Auditors submitted their report, which showed the lodge to be in a most satisfactory financial position. The report was unanimously received and adopted. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Thomas Buggins having proved himself worthy, was raised to the Sublime Degree, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M., albeit he was labouring under a severe cold. Resuming in the Second Degree, Bro. Alfred Ghenev was passed to the degree of F.C. after which Bro. George Schadler was presented as W.M. for the ensuing year, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed he was duly installed into the chair, the impressive ceremony being carried out most ably by the retiring master, assisted by Bro. G. S. Brown, P.M.

After the customary salutations Bro. Schadler invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. John Roberts, I.P.M.; C. J. Rich, S.W.; J. H. Hawkins, J.W.; J. H. Goodwin, P.M., Treas.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Gregory, S.D.; W. Walker, J.D.; R. Dyson, I.G.; L. A. Leins, P.M., D. of C.; J. Haller, W.S.; R. F. Bourn, A.W.S.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. It was decided to hold the usual summer banquet, and a committee was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements for that event, which in this lodge is always looked forward to with peculiar interest and pleasure.

At the conclusion of some other business the brethren and visitors dined together, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who acquitted himself with the utmost ability and geniality. The usual prefatory toasts were honoured; Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke responding on behalf of "The Present and Past Officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Roberts in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master" referred to the fact that they were both initiated on the same evening, and had worked hand in hand together in promoting the interests of the Craft in general, and Lodge of Prosperity in particular. For some years they had been separated at the banquet table; but he was rejoiced to find Bro. Schadler again at his side, and occupying the distinguished position which the brethren had that day conferred upon him. From his own personal knowledge, and from the working they had witnessed from him during the time he had been passing through the minor offices, he felt sure Bro. Schadler would make an excellent Master, and they all united in the desire that he might enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office.

The Worshipful Master, who was very cordially received, expressed his sense of the great compliment which had been paid to him, and promised to use his utmost endeavours to promote the best interests of the Lodge of Prosperity, and to discharge the onerous duties of the chair with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. He intimated that he purposed going up as a Steward at the coming festival for the Boys' Institution and thanked the brethren heartily for their contribution of ten guineas towards his list, which they had liberally voted from the lodge funds. He then proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," and referred to the ability and zeal with which Bro. Roberts had filled the position, and sustained the prestige of the lodge during his year of office. In the names of the brethren he presented to him a handsome Past Master's jewel, which would remind him of the affection and esteem in which he was held by the whole of the brethren, and as an expression of their satisfaction with the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge. In addition, and as a further mark of their respect, he begged Bro. Roberts' acceptance of a massive marble time-piece, on a gold plate in front of which is the inscription "Presented to Bro. John Roberts by the brethren of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, as a token of esteem and in appreciation of the ability with which he has discharged his duties as Worshipful Master during the year 1882-3."

The Immediate Past Master suitably acknowledged the gifts, and said the kindness of the brethren which he had at all times received would never be effaced from his memory.

"The Health of the Past Masters" came next, the responses being made by Bros. Chicken, Ferry, and Lewin. In responding for "The Visitors" suitable and happy remarks were made by Bros. Martin, the W.M. of the Windsor Lodge, R. H. Halford, and D. Moss.

Other toasts followed, including "The Masonic Institutions," "The Treasurer," and "Secretary and Officers of the Lodge," all of which were duly honoured and acknowledged. The proceedings were enlivened by some capital music, singing, and recitations.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. &c., W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Jordan, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Fromholtz, S.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Dipple, D.C.; McMullen, A.W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Chas. Dairy, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; and Longstaff, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a petition from a distressed member of the lodge to the Board of Benevolence was read and unanimously recommended.

Several minor matters having been disposed of the lodge was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. Bros. W. Dickinson, S.W. 179; Isaacs, 87; J. A. Ford, 179; and H. Wagstaff, 212; responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Wadcoat replied to the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bros. Hopwood and Greenwood acknowledged "The Health of the Past Masters."

"The Treasurer and Secretary" followed and was briefly acknowledged by Bros. Carter and Stuart.

The proceedings terminated with the toast of "The Officers," which pledge was replied to by Bros. Clark, Jordan and Fromholtz.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—The annual festival of the above flourishing lodge was held with marked success on the 27th ult., at Bro. W. Clark's commodious hostelry, the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, there being a heavy list of business to be disposed of. Lodge was opened by Bro. G. T. Linn, W.M., who was supported then and during the proceedings by Bros. G. B. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Stapleton, J.W.; Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; and some 60 officers and brethren of the lodge. The long list of visitors included many of the prominent members of the neighbouring sister lodges of Duke of Edinburgh, 1259; Merchant Navy, 781; Lodge of Temperance, 898; and displaying an "entente cordiale" of the most gratifying description. This is no new feature among the Corinthians, and was further exemplified by the conferring of a degree upon a brother of 898 by desire of Bro. C. Chapman, W.M. 898, who was present. Bro. Linn concluded a highly successful year's working by rendering the ceremony of initiation on behalf of Messrs. Hurdle, Hurry, and Smith in a masterly manner, and subsequently worked the impressive ceremony of raising in favour of his son, Bro. J. Linn, and Bro. Darton, 898. Bro. J. Delves, P.M., then assumed the duties of Installing Master, and Bro. George B. Smith, W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation which ceremony was worked in his favour by Bro. Delves, who is facile princeps in the Royal Art. There was a large Board of Masters, including the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. G. T. Linn, I.P.M.; Wm. Millington, Fisher, Carter, C. Wyatt Smith, Bennett, C. Searell, D. Hodges, and others. The usual salutations followed and a grand rendering of the three charges brought Bro. Delves's onerous labours to a most successful close, when he was warmly applauded on resuming his seat.

The following brethren were appointed to office and invested: Bros. Wm. Stapleton, S.W.; H. Doring, J.W.; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); J. Morrison, S.D.; W. Raiker, J.D.; S. Hill, I.G.; C. Searell, P.M., D.C. (re-appointed); C. McLeod and W. Turton, Stewards; J. Linn, Org.; and Wm. Shays, P.M., Tyler (re-elected). The appearance of the lodge at the conclusion of the investiture presented a grand "ensemble," the numerous attendance of the brethren in their varied clothing being enhanced by the clothing of the officers, which was augmented upon this occasion by the use of gauntlets by the occupants of the three chairs and a new Past Master's collar presented by the lodge to Bro. J. Millington. These were from the manufactory of Bro. George Kenning, as also was a handsome Past Master's jewel, which Bro. Smith next presented to Bro. G. T. Linn, I.P.M., in recognition of the high appreciation in which he is held by the members of the Corinthian Lodge and for his services during the past year. After the recipient had returned thanks a sum of 25 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds on I.P.M. Bro. Linn's list, he being a Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We are pleased to note the steady and liberal support which this lodge constantly affords the Masonic Charities, and which has placed it in a foremost position among their supporters. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Delves, P.M., the Installing Master, for the excellent manner in which he had discharged his important duties.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the numerous brethren adjourned to an adjoining spacious salle à manger, where the genial host, Bro. Wm. Clark, had laid out the tables for a banquet replete with everything in season, and splendidly served. Notwithstanding the largeness of the attendance, Bro. Clark's arrangements left nothing to be desired. At the conclusion of the banquet Bro. Smith, the new W.M., gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts in appropriate terms, which were cordially received.

Bro. Linn, I.P.M., next and for the first time gave the toast of "The W.M.," one which he was sure every brother present would join heartily with him in drinking. In Bro. Smith they had a brother who had worked faithfully up through all the offices—from that of Junior Wine Steward in the lodge right up to the high position he now so worthily filled, viz., the Mastership of the lodge. He was sure their W. Master's career justified him in saying there would be nothing wanting on his part during the time he held that important office. The toast was enthusiastically received, and the W.M. briefly responded.

"The Immediate Past Master" was next given, and Bro. Linn in a long and telling speech compared his feelings then with those of twelve months since when he went into the chair he had but just left. During that time he had had such kindness extended to him that he could hardly have anticipated and scarcely knew how to thank them sufficiently for. During his recent illness the work of the lodge had been so well carried on that he felt a great debt of gratitude both to the Past Masters for their loyal support, and the brethren for rallying round the lodge in the manner in which they had done. As a P.M. of the lodge he would be only too happy at all times to give the lodge that help and service it might require.

"The Installing Officer, Bro. J. Delves," was next deservedly honoured.

Bro. Delves expressed the pleasure he felt to again perform the duty of installing their new Master into the chair. He had done so for many years past, and although it was some tax upon him, he would yet be glad year by year to render the same service to the Corinthian Lodge.

"The Past Masters" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Limn, and that brother replied with his usual ability.

The W.M. also toasted "The Visitors." Bro. S. T. Finch, P.M., replied on behalf of himself and co-visitors.

"The Masonic Charities" and "The Press" were replied to by Bro. G. H. Stephens.

The compliment was paid to the worthy host, Bro. Clark's catering being warmly eulogised, and after a modest reply from that brother, the Tyler's toast was given and a really happy and thoroughly enjoyable evening was terminated.

ST. DUNSTON'S LODGE (No. 1589).—There was a fairly numerous muster of the members of this lodge at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday evening, when Bro. Alfred Tisley, W.M., presided. After business the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with singing and music.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1670).—A highly successful meeting was held on the 24th ult., at Masons' Hall, City. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. F. Darnell, W.M., and there were present Bros. A. Sack, S.W.; C. Arnold, J.W.; H. Muggeridge, P.M., Sec.; J. Stampfer, S.D.; C. J. Haines, J.D.; A. J. Street, I.G.; J. Storr, P.M.; J. W. Hembrow, E. G. Dyer, W. Woodthorpe, S. M. Reddall, J. Julian Croger, W. Boyce, H. Edmonds, J. Underwood, and others. The brethren who visited the lodge were Bros. Fred Carr, S.W. 1607; R. S. Cushing, D.C. 1607; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, 898 (*Freemason*).

There being no ceremonial work to transact, after routine business the brethren proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year. This resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Alfred Sack, S.W., who expressed his obligation for the honour paid to him and his intention of carrying out the duties of the position he was elected to fill, faithfully and well.

Lodge being closed, supper was served and subsequently the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured and some capital songs greatly enlivened the proceedings, the services of Bros. H. Edmonds and J. Julian Croger at the piano and as vocalists being well appreciated. Bros. J. J. Croger also gave a reading from one of his own compositions and Bro. Stephens gave a recitation, which with other songs were greatly enjoyed.

CAXTON LODGE (No. 1853).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. Arthur Woods, W.M.; Fredk. Butterworth, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. Oakman, J.W.; Cole, Treas.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Sec.; G. J. Dawson, I.P.M.; J. F. Beck, S.D.; W. Richards, J.D.; T. J. Gilbert, I.G.; H. L. Diprose, M.C.; and a numerous attendance of brethren, amongst whom were the following visitors: Bros. J. Hughes, W.M. 901; D. Hughes, 901; J. Vall, 901; W. Hanson, P.M. 59; J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1257; Horace White, 1257; Maurice Young, 1257; Saefer, P.M. 548; W. Goad, 1178; W. Alexander, 1348; J. Reid, 180; J. R. Taylor, 22; E. Mayo, 1732; F. C. Thomas, 87; T. Vernon, 25; and E. H. Vowles, 834.

The lodge having been opened in due form the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and Bro. W. Iles passed to the Second Degree. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. This being the installation meeting, the W.M. elect, Bro. Butterworth, was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and saluted in accordance with ancient custom. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M. in a manner that could not be surpassed, and well deserved the compliments he received from the visitors and members of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the year: Bros. J. Oakman, S.W.; J. F. Beck, J.W.; E. Cole, Treas.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Sec.; W. Richards, S.D.; T. J. Gilbert, J.D.; H. L. Diprose, I.G.; S. Morby, M.C.; H. W. Percy, Stew.; J. Gibson, Asst. Steward; Henri de Solla, Org.; Lackland, Tyler. The ceremony having been completed, a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Woods and a more deserved compliment was never paid to a P.M. by any lodge.

At the banquet which followed the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured, "The Visitors" being responded to by Bros. Saefer, P.M. 548, and Hughes, W.M. 901, and that of "The Masonic Charities" by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Swan Hotel. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D., there being also present Bros. R. K. Freeman, P.M., as S.W.; F. W. Pacey, P.P.G.O. Berks and Bucks, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chap.; Jas. Newton, P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; J. W. Foynitz, S.D.; Jno. Hardcastle, J.D.; H. Lomax, I.G.; Jas. Naylor, Stwd.; Thos. Higson, Tyler; W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; and J. Nightingale. The visitors were Bros. J. F. Skelton, J.W. 146; F. H. Cheeswright, 907; and T. B. Goulburn, 1723.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The W.M. gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the lodge meetings for June, July, August, and September be suspended. The W.M. announced that he attended the consecration of the Wolsley Lodge in Manchester on the 28th ult., and as W.M. of the oldest lodge in the province he had the pleasure of presenting the first W.M. of the new lodge to receive the benefits of installation. A portion of the ancient charges were read by the S.W. and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

SHEERNESS.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—The annual installation festival of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the Local Board of Health Room, on Thursday,

the 29th ult., when a large and influential company was present. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. T. Green, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. T. M. Sullivan, I.P.M.; E. Stutely, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Spears, P.M., acting J.W.; R. Derry, P.M., Sec.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Treas.; F. Paul, S.D.; R. E. Brown, J.D.; J. B. West, Org.; J. P. Watts, P.M., and R. H. Platin, Stewards; H. Sole, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler; and the following were also present: Bros. W. T. Carpenter, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. R. Brett, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; S. Winter Parker, W. S. Chamberé; J. S. Rolle, J. Bridges, T. Bridges, J. H. Lee, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. T. S. Warne, P.M. 20, P.P.G.A.S.; W. E. Hollingum, P.M. 77, P.P.G.S.D.; B. Boughton Smith, W.M. 1915, P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland; T. M. Rigg, P.M. 1089, P.P.G. Reg.; H. S. Neate, P.M. 77, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Blakey, W.M. 1697, P.P.D.C.; H. Penfold, P.M. 1174, P.P.G.O.; C. Burley, P.M. 1273, P.P.A.D.C.; T. C. Price, P.M. 1174; C. Drawbridge, W.M. 77; T. G. Sandford, W.M. 483; H. Black, W.M. 1273; T. Mitchell, W.M. 20; S. Payn, W.M. 133; W. Langshaw, W.M. 1424; H. A. Johnson, I.P.M. 1089; H. J. Gabb, P.M. 813; S. Varren, P.M. 184; E. Gorham, P.M. 184; and R. French, P.M. 483.

The lodge having been opened the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Stutely, was ably inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. A. Spears, P.M., the remaining part of the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. P. Watts, P.M., and the impressive manner in which he delivered the various charges was highly appreciated.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. T. Green, I.P.M.; S. Winter Parker, S.W.; R. E. Brown, J.W.; R. Derry, P.M. Sec.; J. Bagshaw, P.M. (re-elected) Treas.; H. Sole, S.D.; R. H. Platin, J.D.; T. Firminger, P.M., D.C.; J. B. West, Org.; J. P. Watts, P.M.; and J. Auty, Stwds.; W. S. Chamberé, I.G.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler.

The W.M. in a few well chosen remarks, in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. G. T. Green, I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a small token of their regard, as well as to mark their approbation of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his important duties during the last year. Bro. Green in acknowledging the compliment, alluded to the fact that he was the third of his family who had filled the chair, his grandfather and father having both occupied that position. Bro. A. Spears, P.M. was unanimously re-elected Charity representative. Votes of thanks having been given to the Installing Master, and to the Local Board of Health for kindly granting the use of the Room, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Assembly Room, Victoria-buildings, where the banquet was admirably served by Mrs. Green, of the Britannia Hotel. The room was tastefully decorated with an assortment of splendid flags kindly lent for the occasion by Captain T. D'Arcy, R.N. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. G. T. Green in proposing "The Health of the W.M." eulogised him for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the various offices of the lodge, and the spirit and energy he had displayed in fulfilling those duties augured well for the success of the lodge during his Mastership.

Bro. E. Stutely, W.M., in responding said that he had commenced at the bottom of the ladder, and through the kindness of the lodge he had that day arrived at the summit of his ambition, and he trusted that in the performance of the onerous duties appertaining to the chair he should be able to give the same satisfaction as his predecessor had done.

"The toast of 'The Visitors' was given by Bro. R. Derry, P.M., who remarked that the interchanging of visits between the members of the different lodges was one of the grand features of the Masonic Order, and it was through this visiting to a great extent that such goodwill reigned amongst Masons in all parts of the globe, a goodwill which was proverbially universal, and was one of the main causes of Freemasonry outliving the many institutions which had sprung up from time to time amongst men.

The toast was duly acknowledged by Bros. Hollingum, P.M. 77, and H. Black, W.M. 1273.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed in a suitable manner by Bro. J. R. Brett, P.G. Stwd., and responded to by Bro. A. Spears, charity representative, who gave a lucid description of the formation and working of the Provincial Charity Committee.

Bro. W. T. Carpenter, P.M., in eulogistic terms proposed "The Installing Masters," which was replied to by Bro. A. Spears and J. P. Watts.

The remaining toasts of the evening were "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

Great praise is due to Bros. Bagshaw, P.M., and T. Firminger, P.M., for the able manner in which they discharged their duties as Directors of Ceremonies.

The musical arrangements at the installation and banquet were under the able direction of Bro. J. B. West, Org. During the evening some excellent songs were contributed by Bros. Butler, Green, Pyke, Purdy, and Firminger.

MOLD.—Sir Watkin Lodge (No. 1477).—The Festival of St. John and installation of Bro. J. J. Lewis as W.M. took place at Mold last week. There was a good attendance of members of the Craft. After the installation ceremony a banquet was held at the Black Lion Hotel. The following brethren are the other officers of the lodge for the current year: J. S. Swift, G. H. Adams, W. L. Protheroe, Dr. Roberts, John Corbett, T. B. Williams, John Edwards, John Beasley, James Young, James Freeme, Jesse Price, and Edward Parry. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Salmon (Chester), P.M., P.P.J.G.W.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. William Court, W.M.; R. Latham, S.W.; John Priestley, Chap.; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Harwood, S.D.; A. Cosgrave, J.D.; T. E. Smith, Org.; T. B. Tong, I.G.; J. W. Riley, Tyler; Thomas Morris, P.M.; J. Richardson, P.M.; J. Heywood, P.M.; H. Stead, P.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., W.M. 37, P. Prov. G.S.D.; T. Morris, jun., B. Derham, J. B. Goulburn, J. Parkinson, W. E. Bardsley, T.

Arden, Hawksworth, and W. D. Hughes. Visitors: Bros. Cheeswright and Briscoe.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Hawksworth was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Nicholson, P.M., and the working tools of the Degree were explained by Bro. Latham, S.W. The ballot was then taken for Mr. James Fogg, and proved to be unanimous in his favour, after which he was initiated by the W.M., and the working tools of the Degree were explained by Bro. James Heywood, P.M., acting J.W. Bro. John Collins was elected a joining member of the lodge. The charge to the candidate was given by Bro. Brockbank, senior P.M. of the lodge. It was agreed to hold the annual festival on the 25th inst. Bros. Heywood, P.M., and Goulburn were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts for the past year. Bro. William Pendlebury, formerly of No. 348, was proposed as a joining member. A portion of the ancient charges having been read by the S.W. the lodge was closed in form.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 108).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 31st ult., when there were present Bros. Weeden, W.M.; Dixie, S.W.; Marks, J.W.; Ashton, S.D.; Woolf, J.D.; Birch, I.G.; Percy, Preceptor; Lorking, Treas.; Galer, Sec.; Spencer, Houghton, Hatch, Brasted, Moss, Wright, Fenner, Glass, Bevan, and Manger.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro. Brasted having offered himself as a candidate for raising was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree and Bro. Lorking having offered himself a candidate for passing was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the first Degree and Bro. Dixie was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Five Bells Inn, New Cross-road, on Saturday, the 31st ult. Bro. W. W. Medcalf, P.M. 1671, occupied the chair, and was very ably assisted by an efficient staff of officers, and the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed. The lodge was closed down in the Third Degree. On the rising of the W.M., the Secretary, Bro. Walter Martin, S.D. 870, made the following gratifying statement that the lodge had that evening completed its first six months in the new quarters and showed an average attendance of 40, and that 105 guineas had been sent in that time to the three Institutions from the charitable association in connection with the lodge. Bro. Michael, 1365, was proposed and accepted as a member. Bro. George Andrews, P.M. 871, acted in his usual genial and kind manner as Preceptor. The lodge was then closed in due form.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Fountain Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, when there were present: Bros. G. Read, P.M. 511, W.M.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, S.W.; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, J.W.; H. Dehane, I.P.M., W.M. 1543, P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. elect 1425, S.D.; C. S. Mote, 1732, J.D.; Wood, 1642, I.G.; Death, Steward; P.Ms. Bros. F. G. Baker, 753; Mickelburgh, 1425; Andrews, 77; Smout, junr., 1642; Poulter, H. W. Alford, 228; D. Gellion, 1425; Dutton, 167; and Bros. Rodet, Coop, Ferris, Cursons, Harris, Cammell, Bryett, Wickens, Hitchcock, Sugg, F. Botley, C. E. Botley, T. Williams, D. Hart, Douglas, Smith, J. Temple, Reid, Foskett, Elborne, Horton, Hardy, Goswell, Windle, Le Clair, D. Stroud, Reynolds, Taylor, Robinson, and Wadham. Visitors: Bros. Richardson, 511; Rhind, J.D. 1543; Collinson, 862; Nicholas Smith, 862; Capt. A. Nicols, I.P.M., W.M. 1974; J. Jacobs, 205; J. H. Smith, E. W. Russell, 1158; J. Cruttenden, 779; R. Fletcher, 901; W. H. Shaw, 1471; W. H. Alford, W.M. 228; Delve, 223; T. Willis, 201.

Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, the following brethren working the 15 Sections: 1st Lecture—1st Section, G. Davis; 2nd, Coop; 3rd, W. H. Chalfont; 4th, D. Stroud; 5th, G. Davis; 6th, F. G. Baker; 7th, W. G. Reynolds; 2nd Lecture—1st Section, G. R. Wickens, S.D. 753; 2nd, James Stevens, P.M.; 3rd, Mickelburgh; 4th, C. Andrews; 5th, Dutton; 3rd Lecture—1st Section, D. Gellion; 2nd, Davis; 3rd, H. Foskett.

The following were elected joining members: Bros. J. Collinson, 862; Nicholas Smith, 862; John Cruttenden, 779; E. W. Russell, 1158; J. C. Rhind, J.D. 1543; J. Jacobs, 205; and R. Fletcher, 901. Votes of thanks were passed to the W.M. and presiding officers, and also to the brethren who had worked the sections, and a vote of congratulation was proposed by Bro. H. E. Dehane to Bro. James Stevens, on the marriage of his daughter.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1480).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Pembury Tavern, Hackney. Present: Bros. G. Pope, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; W. Gray, J.W.; Polak, J.D.; Frankel, I.G.; Forss, McMillan, Twining, Beck, Hunt, and Crane.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Twining being the candidate. Bro. Forss then worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. for his able conduct in the chair, it being the first time he had occupied that position in this lodge. The lodge was then closed in due form and the brethren adjourned.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Black Horse Tavern, York-street, Buckingham-gate, S.W., when there were present Bros. Capt. Butterworth, W.M.; J. Wade, S.W.; W. Brindley, J.W.; F. J. Wray, Precep.; S. W. Harris, Treas.; George Musson, Sec.; A. Hayes, S.D.; Folsen, J.D.; Coughlan, I.G.;

Past Masters B. White, George Boulton, 1604, and Cross; J. Jamieson, Grist, Montague, Beasley, J. H. Smith, Martin, Purnell, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Capt. Bro. F. Butterworth, the W.M. of the parent lodge; the W.M. elect of the parent lodge, Bro. J. Wade, was the candidate, and being duly obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. Wray, P.M., in the absence of Bro. Wade, was installed in the chair of K.S., and having resumed the chair was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees and appointed and invested his officers. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Capt. Butterworth for the very able manner which he performed the ceremony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, on the 29th ult. Present: Bros. L. Nathan, W.M.; B. M. Nathan, S.W.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. Smith, S.D.; Dickson, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; J. Richardson, Preceptor; Howard, Blum, Bourne, E. W. Smith, Hyams, and Brand.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, then worked the First Section of the Lecture. Bro. Howard offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was next opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Blum being the candidate. Bro. Smith afterwards worked the First Section of the Lecture. The lodge was then closed down. Bros. Howard, 1614, and Blum were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge. Bro. B. M. Nathan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and having appointed his officers in rotation the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

UNITED STRENGTH CHAPTER (No. 228).

—A convocation of this chapter was convened on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there were present Comps. Robert H. Halford, M.E.Z.; Charles K. Killick, H.; Edward Davis, J.; A. J. Timothy, Scribe E.; W. S. Hunter, Scribe N.; A. W. Fenner, P.S.; George W. Edis, 1st Asst. S.; James Hillhouse, P.Z.; Vilett Rolleston, J. Gibbs, Joseph Bennett, and C. Thomas, Janitor. Visitor: Comp. W. Cook, Scribe E. of the Metropolitan Chapter. The chapter was opened in accordance with ancient rites, but as there was no business on the agenda, only some formal work was done, and the companions adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, when the customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were proposed and duly honoured. A very harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

Mark Masonry.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, on the 21st ult., when there were present among others Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.G.D.C. Middlesex and Surrey, &c., W.M.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S. of Works Middlesex and Surrey, &c., acting S.W.; Handel, J.W.; Briggs, S.O.; W. Hammond, P.G.S., &c., Sec.; and Bros. J. Hammond, P.G.S.O. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M. Era Lodge; and Clayton, Humber Lodge, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There was a candidate on the agenda for advancement, but through unavoidable circumstances he was prevented from attending. Several communications were read from absent members apologising for non-attendance, one being from Bro. W. Taylor, Treas., whose absence was caused by the serious illness of one of his family. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given.

W. Bro. W. Hammond responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers," and W. Bro. J. Hammond replied to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." followed, and Bro. Walls having replied, then gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Clayton, who duly acknowledged the compliment. "The Officers," responded to by Bros. Hopwood, Handel, and Briggs, terminated the proceedings.

BELVEDERE.—Say and Sele Lodge (No. 309).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Essenden House, when there were present Bros. J. Giesman Chillingworth, W.M.; Frederic Wood, S.W.; A. H. Bateman, J.W.; Dr. Spurrell, Prov. G. Reg.; and others.

Bros. N. B. Walker, of the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, H. A. E. de Pinna, C. R. Paine, and R. Youngman, all of the Say and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, were advanced to the degree of Mark Master. Bros. C. R. Paine was appointed J.O.; N. B. Walker, S.D.; H. A. E. de Pinna, Sec.; and Youngman, Tyler. There being no other business to be transacted, the lodge was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

BOLTON.—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—The usual meeting of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 31st ult., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock, when there were present Bros. James Horrocks, M.W.S.; J. W. Taylor, 30°, P.M.W.S.; J. M. Sinclair, Prelate; W. J. Thomson, 30°, 1st Gen.; C. S. Lane, 30°, 2nd Gen.; J. D. Murray, G. Marshal; G. L. Campbell, Herald; W. Nicholl, Capt. of Guard; G. P. Brockbank, 32°, Recorder; Thos. Mitchell, D. of Cers.; Thos. Morris, P.M.W.S.; Reginald Young, 30°, P.M.W.S.; R. G. Brook, J. E. Lees, W. M. Wyld, B. Thomson, J. H. Glendinning, F. A. Huet, Arthur Middleton, John Bolland, and T. Higson.

The minutes of the former meeting having been confirmed, Bro. John Barratt, 1723, who had been previously balloted for and approved, was perfected as a member

and presented with the symbols of the Order. Bro. W. J. Thomson, 30°, 1st General, was elected M.W.S. for the ensuing year. The Recorder was requested to convey to the family of the late Bro. Entwistle, 30°, P.M.W.S., the sympathy and condolence of the chapter in their heavy bereavement. The death of Bro. William Rome, P.M. W.S., was also most feelingly alluded to, and the Recorder was desired to insert in the minutes of the chapter the deep regret of the brethren in losing so valuable a member of their body. Ill. Bro. J. W. Taylor, 30°, P.M.W.S., and Bro. Thomas Morris, P.M.W.S., were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year. The chapter was closed in due form at six o'clock, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

South Africa.

CONSECRATION OF THE UMLAZI LODGE, No. 1976.

A ceremony of much interest to Freemasons was performed at Pinetown, Natal, on January 5th. This was the inauguration of the new Umlazi Lodge, No. 1976. For some time past the desirability of establishing a local rendezvous has been present to the minds of the Pinetown brethren, who by the reason of the district being a military depot are a strong body. The idea has grown into practical shape through the energy of two or three zealous members of the Craft, and it is now expected that a lodge of about 50 members will shortly be an accomplished fact. It is proposed to build a hall to cost a thousand pounds, but meanwhile the lodge will be held in St. John's Church, and it was the consecration of this lodge and the installation of the officers that constituted Wednesday's ceremony. Unfortunately the day was overcast, and possibly on this account so many did not respond to the invitation of the local brethren as would otherwise have been the case. However the church during the ceremony was well filled by members in regalia. The members met at half-past twelve, and most of the officers of the Port Natal Lodge, who had visited the town to perform the ceremony, were present. These were Bros. Cook, W.M.; Geo. Russell, P.M.; S. Marriott, P.M.; R. I. Finemore, P.M.; M. H. Emanuel, P.M.; Geo. Leask, J.W.; and Lockyer, J.D. Bro. the Rev. A. Ikin, Mus. Doc., was installed W.M., and the following were the officers invested: Bros. F. W. Festing, S.W.; T. Clark, J.W.; C. Bevis, M.D., Treas.; J. H. Woods, Sec.; S. T. Webber, Org.; A. Kingsworth, M.C.; D. W. Butler, S.D.; A. Coulson, J.D.; H. S. Ward, I.G.; F. Tappenden, Tyler; T. Pitts and J. W. Steele, Stewards.

The lodge was then consecrated by Bro. [Staunton, P.M., and the brethren afterwards proceeded to dine together in a marquee which had been erected for the occasion. The caterer was Bro. J. Ellis Brown, and that popular entertainer did his work well. The chair was occupied by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ikin, who was supported by about 70 brethren.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of English Masons," were proposed from the chair and loyally responded to.

Bro. RUSSELL, P.M., proposed in a neat speech "The Newly-installed W.M."

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** in responding wished all present a "Happy New Year," and expressed his hope that when they met 12 months from now they would meet together in their own lodge. The toasts of "The I.P.M." and "The Installing and Consecrating Officers" were combined, the toasts being proposed by Bro. R. I. FINEMORE, P.M., and responded to becomingly by Bros. P. M. MARRIOTT and STAUNTON. Bro. W. FESTING, S.W., gave "Sister Lodges," which was acknowledged by Bro. COOK, P.M. Bro. CLARK proposed "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bro. FINEMORE, P.M., responded; while "The Officers of the Umlazi Lodge" was given by Bro. MARRIOTT, P.M., and replied to by Bro. WOODS, Sec., who also proposed "Inanda Lodge," for which Bro. VOYSEY, P.M., said a few neat words. Bro. MATHERS proposed "Masons' Sweethearts and Wives," which was duly pledged, and an enjoyable gathering then came to a termination.

A ball was held in the evening in an adjoining hall, which was very nicely decorated for the occasion. The night was not propitious, but notwithstanding this a goodly company assembled. Music was supplied by the fine band of the Inniskilling Dragoons, which came in for a large share of praise. Bandmaster Webber has his fine corps as well in hand as any band in the service, and that is saying a great deal. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till a late hour the following morning.

CAPE TOWN.—Spes Bona Rose Croix Chapter

(No. 60).—The installation of M.W.S. and officers of this chapter took place on Monday evening, February 19th, at the British Lodge Temple. The following are the officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Bros. Geo. Brittain, M.W.S.; H. W. Dieperink, Prelate; J. W. Attwell, First General; H. M. Penfold, Second General; A. Davidson, Grand Marshal; R. W. S. Giddy, Raphael; J. A. Florin, Herald; E. J. B. Knox, Capt. of Guard; R. W. S. Giddy, Treas.; and C. M. de Wet, Recorder.

Queensland.

SCOTTISH ROYAL ARCH MASONRY ON THE DARLING DOWNS.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent of Queensland, M.E. Comp. the Hon. John Douglas, P.Z., having granted his dispensation and duly authorised M.E. Comp. Thos. Mylne, P.Z., to act as his deputy, the latter, together with Past Principal Z.'s Comps. Edds and Scott, Past Principal H. Comp. Barnes, Principal Comp. J. Brydon, and Comp. Rankin, Janitor, proceeded to the Masonic Hall, Toowoomba, and opened the Darling Downs Royal Arch Chapter on Friday, January 19th, under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. They were assisted by M.E. Comps. the Rev. T. Jones, P.Z.; the Hon. F. T. Gregory, M.L.C., J.; Joseph Fletcher (Canterbury Kilwinning, New Zealand), P.H.; William Armstrong, M.D. (Toowoomba), C. W. E. B. Cardell (Roma), and A. H. Gardiner. The ceremonial, known only to the exalted,

having been gone through, and the first officers installed, the chapter was closed. At 3.30 p.m. a Mark Masters' lodge was opened, with Bro. Wm. Edds, W.M.; Walter Scott, S.W.; J. G. W. Barnes, J.W.; John M. Brydon, Conductor and S.O., and other officers present, when 18 brethren were raised to the Degree.

The Mark Masters' Lodge was then closed in usual form, and an excellent Masters' lodge was duly formed, M.E., Past E. Master Walter Scott in the chair; Comps. William Edds, M.E.S.W.; John G. W. Barnes, M.L.J.W.; John M. Brydon, Conductor; with other officers. Eighteen Mark Masters passed the veils and had the secrets thereof communicated to them.

The lodge was closed, when the whole of the companions and M.E. Masters adjourned for dinner at the Royal Hotel, where the Brisbane companions were guests of the Darling Downs brethren during their visit. The Masonic Hall was again the scene of a meeting of the Darling Downs Royal Arch Chapter, at which 16 M.E. Masters were exalted, Deputy Provincial Grand Superintendent Thomas Mylne occupying the Principal Z. chair, and assisted by the companions previously mentioned.

The chapter having been closed, adjournment was made for refreshment, when mutual congratulations were expressed at the flourishing commencement of Scottish Royal Arch Masonry on the Darling Downs, and M.E. Comp. Robert Aland was complimented on the very energetic manner in which, with several other companions, he had made it possible to inaugurate the chapter with such a numerous roll of "good men and true."

On the next day the Brisbane companions were again in requisition, as 16 of the recently exalted companions of the Darling Downs Chapter were desirous of having conferred on them other degrees given in Scottish Royal Arch Masonry, when the following were conferred: The Knight of the Red Cross, the Knight of the East, the Knight of the East and West, and lastly the Royal Ark Mariners.

The ark having been duly moored at high twelve an adjournment was made for refreshment, and the toast of "Success to the Darling Downs Chapter" was proposed by Comp. Thos. Mylne, Dep. Prov. Grand Supt., and drunk with Scotch honours.

M.E. Comp. Robert Aland suitably responded, and on behalf of the Toowoomba Masons heartily thanked the Brisbane, Roma, Stanthorpe, and New Zealand companions for having journeyed so far to open the chapter.

A number of the Brisbane companions afterwards visited Comp. C. Hartmann's, Range Nursery, where it is needless to say they enjoyed themselves amazingly, and were not allowed to depart without mementos of their visit; these mostly prized were sprigs of English blackberry in fruit, and flowers of the porcelain plant.

Thus ended two most red letter days in the annals of Scottish Freemasonry in Queensland. The visitors were accompanied to the station by a number of brethren to wish them a pleasant journey, and left by the 5.30 p.m. train for the metropolis.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM W. HOLMES, P.M. 387.

On Friday, the 30th ult., the mortal remains of Bro. W. W. Holmes, P.M. and one of the oldest members of Aire-dale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley, were deposited in their last resting place in the burial ground of the Moravian Church at Baildon, Yorkshire. The funeral took place amidst marks of profound respect, all the shops in the route being closed. Bro. Holmes was one of the oldest manufacturers in the stuff trade, and at one time held a very high position. After many years of depression, during which his once ample means have gradually disappeared, he died almost penniless. He was during his life several times a member of the Baildon Local Board, a trustee of the Parish Church, and a principal supporter of the Moravian Church to which he belonged. By a remarkable coincidence he died in the house in which he was born. The coffin was covered with ivy leaves, primroses, and floral wreaths, sent by Mr. Edwd. Salt, Mr. B. Blackburn, Bro. F. Sharp, and others, and bore the simple inscription, "W. W. Holmes, born August, 1818, died March 23rd, 1883." As a man the deceased brother was universally respected for his sterling integrity, and he enjoyed, especially in his reverse of fortune, the sincere sympathy of the workpeople whom he had for so many years employed; about 100 of these followed his remains to the grave. From the *Bradford Observer* we gather that amongst many other gentlemen who attended the funeral were Alderman John Hill, Mr. Edward Salt, Mr. Alfred Priestman, Mr. B. Blackburn, Professor Sewell (Grange), the Moravian church being filled to overflowing. As a Mason Bro. Holmes was one of those old-fashioned brethren who revered and loved Freemasonry for itself. His lodge was his delight, and the principles there inculcated he ever endeavoured to practice himself, and induce the same line of conduct in others. The members of his lodge, Aire-dale, No. 387, Shipley (founded originally at Baildon), will miss his commanding presence at their meetings, but his memory will be long cherished as a good and worthy Past Master. He was regarded as one of the elders of the lodge and respected accordingly. In the words of the minister who conducted the burial service—"In his coffin he looked like a chieftain taking his rest."

The man who like Bro. Holmes for fifty years finds employment for nearly a township may justly be regarded as a chieftain, and in taking him to his last resting place it was gratifying to observe that about 40 brethren followed his remains, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Rev. Denis Carey, Poonah-in-the-East, Bombay; Thomas Hill, W.M. 302, P.P.G.W. West Yorks; Henry Smith, P.M. 387; Prov. G. Sec. West Yorks; F. W. W. Booth, P.M. 387; P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks; J. Ramsden Riley, P.M. and Sec. 387, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks; F. W. Nicholson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G.O. West Yorks; Edward Sewell, P.M. 302, P.P.G.O. West Yorks; N. Walker, P.M. 387, 1545; L. Barker, P.M. 387, 1545; J. Denby, P.M. 387; S. S. Blarkey, P.M. 387; Thomas Denby, P.M. 387; J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018; John Hey, P.M. 387; R. Bell, P.M. 1545; T. M. Holmes, P.M. 1545; R. F. Ingram, P.M. 1545; L. Holmes, P.M. 1545; W. Metcalfe, P.M. 1545; W. Turner, P.M. 387; John Magson, P.M. 387; Elias Heaton, W.M. 387; W. R. Browne, W.M. 1545; H. G. Denby, P.G.W. 1428; John Stephenson, 650; G. Hird, S.W. 1545; E. Battomley, J.W. 387; J. W. Taylor, S.D. 387; John Tillotson, 387; Thomas Walker, 387; George Mitchell, 387; Arthur Allatt, 387; W. J. Waugh, Sec. 1545; S. Wade, J.W. 1545; F.

Holmes, S.D. 1545; F. Sharp, J.D. 1545; M. Mann, 1545; J. Taylor, 1545; and J. J. Rutherford, 1545. Bro. Holmes was initiated in the Airedale Lodge, No. 543 (now 387), on the 17th September 1856, and was a member of it, and also of 1545, Baildon. He was W.M. of his mother Lodge 387, in 1858-9, and again in 1866. During his mastership in the latter year he proposed the writer as a member of 387, and was the only Mason he (the writer) ever knew admitted on affirmation.

BRO. DAVISON, P.M., OF YORK.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Ralph Davison, of the York Lodge, No. 236, which melancholy event took place at his residence Hayesthorpe, near York, on Saturday evening, the 24th ult., in the 61st year of his age. Bro. Davison was initiated in the York Lodge (then the Union Lodge), in April 1861, and continued a valued member thereof up to his death. From 1863 to 1867 inclusive, he discharged in a most efficient manner the duties of Secretary of the lodge, and in 1868 was elected Worshipful Master, which office he filled with conspicuous ability. He was also Secretary of the Building Committee when the Masonic Hall was erected in Duncombe-place in 1864, and rendered valuable service to the lodge during the progress of its erection. In 1871 he was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland, then P.G.M., Provincial Grand Sword Bearer of North and East Yorkshire. He was exalted in the Zetland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1870, and served the office of First Principal in 1873. His failing health during the past few years prevented his taking an active part in the business of the lodge and chapter, but his deep interest therein remained unabated up to his decease. Bro. Davison was an intimate friend of and co-worker with the late Bro. Wm. Cowling, P.M., and installed the latter in the chair when he was appointed (for the second time) W.M. of the lodge in 1877 the year of the celebration of its centenary. During the period of his Secretaryship, Bro. Davison, in conjunction with the late Bro. Cowling, transcribed several of the old records and Constitutions in the possession of the York Lodge, for publication by Bro. Hughan in his valuable Masonic works. Bro. Davison was a most active and useful member of the York City Council for upwards of twenty years, and in the various committees of the council with which he was connected his loss will be greatly felt. He was also for many years churchwarden of the parish of St. Michael le Belfrey, York, and took a prominent part in the restoration of the church, which contains a window bearing his name. A few years ago his fellow parishioners presented him with a valuable silver salver in token of their high regard for him, and in recognition of his faithful work in the parish with which he was so long associated. The funeral of our lamented brother took place on Wednesday afternoon, the 28th ult., at the York Cemetery, his remains being followed to the grave by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Corporation of the city, and a large number of York brethren, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Kirby, W.M. 236; Sir Jas. Meek, P.M.; W. Lawton, P.M.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.M.; Joseph Todd, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M.; Geo. Balmford, P.M.; M. Rooke, P.M.; F. Rawling, P.M.; Rymer, P.M. (Sheriff of York); J. Sowray, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; Alderman J. Terry, Alderman Jas. Melrose, Alderman Geo. Brown, J. Wilson, Geo. Moore, J. Sampson, J. B. Sampson, T. J. Russell, G. K. Hitchcock, W. T. Gowlan, J. Toes, W. Smith (Secretary), J. Tissiman, T. G. Hodgson, J. G. Turner, P. Matthews, E. Houlden, S. Border, J. Wilkinson (Town Clerk) J. Biscomb, C. L. Borderkin, M. Cooper, J. Blenkin, and others. Amongst the numerous wreaths of flowers placed upon the coffin was a beautiful one from the York Lodge, representing a R.A. jewel. By his brethren in York Bro. Davison was greatly esteemed, and they mourn the loss of a true and faithful brother.

BRO. R. H. MARSH (HENRY MARSTON).

We regret to record the death of Bro. R. H. Marsh, formerly of the Urban Lodge, No. 1196. Bro. Marsh, who was better known to the world by his professional name of Henry Marston, was in his day a prominent member of the dramatic profession. He was born on the 2nd March, 1804, and was educated at Winchester School. Having at an early period of his career evinced a predilection for theatrical pursuits he made his debut when about 21 years of age, and after a successful career in the provinces extending over 14 years he appeared on the London boards. His forte was tragedy, and those who can carry their recollection back to 1839 and the years that followed will find his name associated with that of Macready and other bright particular stars of that epoch. His name however will be principally associated with the "Wells" in the glorious days of the late Mr. Phelps's management. Those days extended over 16 years, and during the period our late brother played his part in no less than 30 out of the 31 plays of Shakespeare produced under Mr. Phelps's auspices. Of late years he had been prevented by the state of his health from taking an active part in his profession, but he will always be remembered as an actor of merit, but above all as one of the few surviving links remaining between the drama of to-day and the drama as it was during the days of Charles Kemble, the elder Kean, Macready, &c. The record of Bro. Marsh's career is a brief one. He was initiated in the Albany Lodge, No. 151, Newport, Isle of Wight. In 1867 he joined the Urban Lodge, No. 1196, and remained a subscribing member to the end of 1878. In 1879 he was elected an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, so that the closing years of his life were passed in comparative comfort if not in affluence. He died on Friday, the 23rd ult., and was buried at Highgate Cemetery on Thursday week.

BRO. HENRY GLOSTER.

Bro. Henry Gloster, P.M. 1531 and W.M. 1326, whose death we noticed recently, was buried at Brockley cemetery on the 24th ult., and among those present to pay respect to his memory were Bros. J. Tuck and J. Griffin of No. 1531; Bros. J. J. Marsh, J.W., C. W. Baker, and W. Walters, of No. 1326. Bro. Gloster, who died of consumption after a prolonged illness, was only 41 years of age. He was initiated into Freemasonry on the 22nd May, 1872, in the Lebanon Lodge, and was at the time of his death its W.M. He was one of the founders of the Chislehurst Lodge and its chief during two successive years—1878-9. He had also served the office of Prov.

Grand Steward of Middlesex, and was a life governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, having acted as Steward at one of its festivals. We regret to say that owing to the length of time he was ill and the consequent falling off in his business, his widow and the family of seven children he leaves behind are unprovided for, and the Chislehurst Lodge having knowledge of this circumstance, not only sent a letter of condolence to Mrs. Gloster, but accompanied the letter with a grant of £10.

BRO. ELIAS WOLFGANG.

The remains of the late Bro. Elias Wolfgang, wine and spirit broker, of 93, Bidston-road, Oxtou, Liverpool, were recently interred in the churchyard at Woodchurch in the presence of a large gathering of the relatives and friends of the deceased. Amongst those assembled to pay respect to his memory being Bros. T. Hamson, W. S. Vines, Frank Wall, Councillor E. Grindley, W. Hartridge, T. Thompson, David Cumming, J. B. Mackenzie, and Capt. Berrey. Bro. Wolfgang was a member of the Zetland Lodge, No. 537, and was highly respected by the members of the Craft in Birkenhead and elsewhere, as well as by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. We offer our respectful sympathy to the members of his family.

BRO. EDWARD SAKER.

The sad news of the death of Bro. Edward Saker, one of the original members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, and lessee of the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, will be received with general regret not only among those who were more intimately acquainted with him and by the members of his profession, but by that numerous public for whose amusement and edification he had catered during so many years with marked success. Though Bro. Saker was only in his forty-fourth year, his death, which occurred at his residence in Bedford-street, South Liverpool, was not altogether unexpected. For a long time previously he had been suffering from a severe attack of his persistent enemy, the gout, and though hopes were entertained that he would pull through, they were unhappily falsified. Bro. Saker belonged to an old theatrical family, many of whose members have worthily contributed to maintain its best traditions. As an actor, his forte lay in burlesque and comedy, but it was in his capacity of lessee and manager of the Alexandra theatre that Bro. Saker achieved his greatest successes, and it mattered not whether he produced, opera, tragedy, comedy, or farce, owing to his liberality and careful supervision of the business, failure was a thing unheard of in his experience. Bro. Saker was buried in St. James's cemetery on Monday, and our readers will judge of our late brother's popularity and the respect in which he was held from the fact from 8000 to 10,000 people assembled in the streets and cemetery to witness the performance of the mournful ceremony. Many of his brother Masons were included in the funeral cortege, among them being Bros. R. H. Wyndham, his brother-in-law and formerly lessee of the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, Lionel Brough, H. J. Loveday, S. M. Harrison, J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg. W. Lancashire, Frank Emory, lessee of the Prince of Wales Theatre, W. W. Sandbrook, J. Atkinson, and others. Bro. Saker leaves behind him a family of five young children, of whom the oldest is only eight years old.

BRO. CAPTAIN TURVEY.

It is with regret we announce the death of Bro. Captain James Turvey, a member of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 580, and previously of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609. The sad event occurred on Thursday last, at his residence, Welbeck House, Southport, and the funeral, which was numerously attended by members of his family and immediate friends, took place in the churchyard at Westhead, near Ormskirk, on Saturday last. The deceased, who was only fifty years of age, had taken an active part in the Volunteer movement from its inception, and owing to his frequent change of residence had had a large and varied experience in connection with different corps. He was also highly esteemed in musical circles, in which his abilities and genial manner made him always welcome. By medical advice he made the voyage to New York and back towards the close of last year, and was the last passenger to leave the ill-fated City of Brussels before she sank, his preservation from death being due to the skill and courage of Mr. George Collar, the purser. The change, however, does not seem to have benefited him, or it may well be that the shock caused to his system by the sinking of the vessel was more than his strength could cope with, and a few months saw the close of a useful and active life.



During the last week the Prince of Wales has visited the Avenue to see "Lurette," and the Gaiety, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh have been to the Gaiety, Royal Comedy, Court, Drury-lane, and Toole's Theatres.

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At the Gaiety Theatre on the afternoon of Monday, the 9th inst., will be presented "Vice Versa; a Lesson to Fathers," in three tableaux, being a stage version, by Edward Rose, of the successful story of the same name by Mr. Anstey, who has given Mr. Rose sole and exclusive sanction to dramatise his story. Considerable interest will doubtless be felt in the play, owing to the great popularity of the book, which has already run through 25 editions.

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Mr. Leader has proved himself a real "leader." He has opened Her Majesty's with "A Trip to the Moon," and was honoured on the first night with the presence of the M.W. Grand Master, the Princess of Wales, and the Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales, on which occasion Miss Fanny Leslie delivered an admirable address. We confidently predict that for its ballets the opera will become the talk of London. We may safely say they are unrivalled in the history of London ballets; everything before them has been put in the shade. Mr. Leader made use of some very high sounding terms in his advertisements

announcing the opening of the theatre; but he was quite justified in doing so, for he has fulfilled all he said. Expense seems not to have been spared, and as there is no rival at present probably it will amply repay itself. The chorus contains some hundreds of performers, whilst the orchestra under M. Jacobi is of unusual dimensions. Another good feature is that there is not any unnecessary dialogue, only enough to explain the story, which can be briefly said. Prince Caprice, after having travelled over the world, is dissatisfied, and wishes to go to the moon. The astronomers are consulted, but in vain. Microscope hits on a plan. A cannon 20 miles in length is forged; it is loaded with a shell, into which Prince Caprice, King Clashbang, and Microscope enter, a fuse is applied and they are shot into the moon. The Prince falls in love with Princess Fantasy, daughter of King Cosmos of the moon, but she does not know what love is until he gives her an apple. She now becomes a trouble to her parents who decide to put her up to auction to get rid of her. Microscope is told to buy her, but Prince Swindel drugs Microscope with wine and carries her off. They pursue Swindel and all meet in the land of plenty, where a snow ballet takes place, which we believe now concludes the performance, though another act was originally intended to follow. This snow ballet is of indescribable beauty. We shall soon hear every one asking "Have you seen the snow ballet?" When the snow descends a picture of unsurpassing beauty is depicted. Everything that can please the eye and ear has been brought into play by Mr. Leader and we wish him every success in his venture. There is nothing vulgar, but on the contrary, everything is of refined taste. We need only mention that Miss Annie Albery, Miss Olga Marini, Mr. Julian Cross, Mr. E. Rosenthal, and Mr. Lionel Rignold are the chief singers, whilst Mdle. Rossi, Mdle. Consuelo De La Brujere, Miss Powell, and Mdle. de Gilbert are the chief dancers and that they are ably assisted by the best cast that has ever been got together.

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Miss Hilda Hilton's new play with which she on Saturday opened the Opera Comique might better have been called "Bigamy, or the Governess" rather than "Bondage;" but still there is not much in a name, and neither is there much in this new play presented on that occasion to the public. It is adapted from the French play by Pierre D'Alry. We cannot help thinking that Miss Hilda Hilton would have done better had she looked about for an original English play. We predict a short life for "Bondage." The plot is not a new one. One is somewhat reminded of Mrs. Henry Wood's novel "East Lynne," also adapted for the stage. But in "Bondage" the man who marries two wives is a villain, and has no reason to believe his first wife is dead. They are alike in that his first wife comes to be governess to his child under the roof of the lady whom he has made his second wife. Helen Maxwell (Miss Hilda Hilton), the heroine, has been married to a Mr. Robert Leicester (Mr. Charles Kelly), who is a thorough scoundrel, and after spending all her money leaves her to starve, but not to die as he would wish. The first three acts occur in L'Estrange's home in Eaton-square, for the villain has changed his name and married another lady. Here Miss Maxwell comes to be governess to his child Alice L'Estrange. Sir Gilbert Vincent has come to love this governess and she him, but she tells him it is impossible she can marry. He wrings out of her her story, and vows to find the man, if he is alive, who has so cruelly treated her. The curtain after the first act drops on Miss Maxwell having recognised the master of the house as her husband. In the second act little Alice brings her father a picture she has been drawing, and on which he discerns writing he is too familiar with. All the past is quickly brought back and he dreads disclosure; besides he has just started in the City a Universal Financial Credit Company whose shareholders will be ruined that L'Estrange may be enriched. But he has with him in his swindle a Mr. Schneider, who through his wife, the Hon. Mrs. Schneider (Miss Agnes Thomas), has discovered the mystery of the governess and who can use his position to ruin or to back up L'Estrange as suits himself best. Schneider gets all he can out of Miss Maxwell, but she, seeing there is something behind the scenes, declines to give further information and gives notice to Mrs. L'Estrange to leave her situation. Mrs. L'Estrange discovers that her husband and governess have met before, but is told by her husband that he once was engaged to the lady and did not behave very well, but that is all. On this Mrs. L'Estrange calls Miss Maxwell in and apologises to her for an outburst of passion. Mrs. Schneider however tells her friend that there is something between her husband and governess, and when she invites the L'Estranges to dinner the villain quickly writes a note and drops it in Miss Maxwell's work basket. Mrs. L'Estrange thereupon reads it and finds her husband asks Miss Maxwell to meet him that evening in the study. She of course determines to be there too. He has previously entreated his first wife not to disclose anything for Alice's sake and she has promised. L'Estrange has made up his mind to abscond from the Credit Company, but it is too late. A warrant is out for his arrest for forgery, and during the meeting in the study between himself, Miss Maxwell, and Mrs. L'Estrange, an officer arrives; L'Estrange asks permission to go into the next room to arrange some papers and there blows his brains out. This ends the play. In the first part some interest is aroused, but as it goes on it flags and we felt sure as the close came that this would be the finale, a very unsatisfactory one, as no ingenuity is required to wind it up in this way. The author was called for at the close amongst a good deal of hissing. A gentleman came forward and explained the author was not in the house, and had the bad taste to ask the audience if he should inform the author they were satisfied, thus giving them an opportunity to shout "No." We are sorry to see Miss Hilda Hilton in such a poor play. We have many times seen her to the best advantage. The part besides does not suit her; she somewhat overdid the tragic. Mr. Kelly, as the heartless, bad man, played well. Mr. Wm. Farren, jun., as Schneider, was very good, and showed talents worthy of his sire. Mr. Alexander, as Sir Gilbert, was fairly good. Miss Nelly Bromley (Miss L'Estrange) of course pleased the audience; but we also regret that she—in fact, the whole company—were not engaged in a more clever piece. Miss Thomas made her part very funny, considering it was a somewhat minor one; she perhaps got as much cheering as any one, her irritating way of calling her husband Moses when he did not give her enough money for her extravagance affording the principal part of the amusement.



The Duke and Duchess of Connaught reached Queenborough Pier, Sheerness, early on Friday morning last on their return home from Berlin.

Bro. the Earl of Kimberley returned to town from Kimberley Hall on Monday; the Countess and Lady Constance Wodehouse accompanying his lordship.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Granville and family arrived at his residence, Carlton House-terrace, from Walmer Castle on Monday.

On Friday last, Mr. Whitworth, M.P., and Alderman Connolly, waited on Bro. Lord Wolseley at the War Office and presented his lordship with the freedom of Drogheda.

The Duke and Duchess of Albany have graciously consented to visit the National Orphan Home, Ham-common, Surrey, during the summer, on which occasion her Royal Highness will distribute Lady Peck's prizes.

Bro. C. E. Clemow (brother to the proprietor of Anderton's Hotel) has taken the Royal Clarence Hotel, Ilfracombe.

A handsomely illuminated vellum address was presented on Wednesday last, by the V.M. Bro. J. A. Jones, and brethren of the St. Leonard Lodge, Shoreditch, No. 1766, to Bro. C. Stevens, P.M., &c., who has held the position of Treasurer to the lodge since its consecration in 1878. Bro. C. Stevens has relinquished the position of Treasurer owing to failing health much to the regret of his brethren by whom he is highly esteemed.

The report of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys shows as the educational results of the year that one boy took second class honours in the senior division at the Oxford Local Examination in June, and the 18 pupils of the Institution who presented themselves at the Cambridge (Junior) Examination in December passed without exception, and of these 12 passed in honours, viz., four first class, six second class, and two third class.

A very successful meeting was held at St. James's Hall on Wednesday evening in view to organise a memorial fund for the family of the late Bro. W. H. Jones, late lessee of the Alexandra Palace. Upwards of £250 was subscribed in the room, and an executive Committee was appointed with Bro. Wm. Tinsley, of Catherine-street, as Treasurer, and Bro. H. T. Thompson, of Clapton, as Honorary Secretary. The Committee room is at 31, Villiers-street, Strand.

At the last regular meeting of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306, at the Moorgate Tavern, Bro. T. J. Tyer was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge has since adopted a new name, and will be henceforth known as the lodge of St. John, 1306. In addition the lodge has removed to more commodious premises, viz., the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe, where the installation ceremony will take place on the 11th inst. What with these changes the lodge seems to have paved the way for a prosperous future.

A new Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, is to be consecrated to-day (Friday) at Freemasons' Hall, at four o'clock p.m. Comp. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Scribe E., will be the Consecrating Officer, and he will be assisted by Comps. Capt. N. G. Philips, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Hugh D. Sandeman, H. S. Somerville-Burney, Dr. J. S. Lavies, and Frank Richardson. The three Principals designate are Bros. Joseph W. Brooke, P.M. 1839; W. A. Malony, P.M. 25 and 1839; and George F. Smith, jun., W.M. 1839.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, C.C., has for the 13th time been re-elected the representative of Camberwell, at the Metropolitan Board of Works, Mr. Simons remarking that they were proud to have Mr. Rogers as chairman of the vestry and their spokesman at Spring-gardens. In acknowledging the vote Bro. Rogers said he was the only member of the Metropolitan Board of Works who tendered his resignation every year, and he was proud rather than otherwise to be returned annually, as it did not detract from his influence at the Board.

Visitors to the Electric Light Exhibitions at the Crystal Palace and Royal Aquarium, Westminster, cannot fail to be struck with the elegance and taste which characterise Bro. Dick Radclyffe's exhibits. The Palace one is on a somewhat circumscribed scale—that is as regards the space available—but the grouping is admirable and speaks well for our worthy brother's reputation as a connoisseur in floral harmonies. At the Aquarium he has been successful in obtaining room to make a more extensive display, and the effect is if possible still more satisfactory. There are not a few, and we reckon ourselves as being of the number, who are inclined to pronounce Bro. Radclyffe's as about the best of this kind to be seen at the rival Exhibitions.

We have been favoured with a copy of the first report of the Tottenham and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association, and are pleased to note the progress it has made. The statement of account shows that in the year ended 25th February, 1883, subscriptions were received to the amount of £113 9s. Out of this sum were provided six Life Governorships for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, representing £63. The expenses of printing, postage, &c., absorb the trifling sum of £3 6s. 2d., so that there remained a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £47 2s. 10d., the greater portion of which has, no doubt, been appropriated to one or other of our Charities. This is certainly a subject for congratulation to the members of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754, with which the Association is connected.

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Bro. Earl Granville has accepted the office of President of the British Archaeological Association for the forthcoming congress at Dover and for the ensuing session.

Bro. Lord Wolseley will visit Ireland in June, when he will be entertained at a public banquet and receive a presentation from the citizens of Dublin and others in recognition of his services in Egypt.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington paid his first official visit as Secretary of War to Woolwich on Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. Brand, M.P., Surveyor-General of the Ordnance, and General Reilly, Director General of Artillery and Stores. The visit had special reference to the study of practical artillery and the process of manufacturing guns.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Redhill during the summer on the occasion of the laying by her Royal Highness of the foundation-stone of the new schools of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Derby returned to town on Tuesday from their residence at Fairhill.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., reached Devonshire House on Sunday evening from the continent, where his lordship has been spending the Easter recess.

On Tuesday evening at the Mansion House Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress gave the customary Easter banquet in connection with the Royal Hospitals. Among the guests were the Duke of Cambridge, the United States and Roumanian Ministers, the Bishop of Rochester, Lord Strathairn, Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.J. Warden, Admiral Sir A. Cooper Key, and others.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., presided on Saturday last in the theatre of the South Kensington Museum on the occasion of a highly interesting lecture given by Mr. Gordon Hake on the antiquarian discoveries recently made by him in Cyprus.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W., has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new building of the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution, Bream's-buildings, Chancery-lane, on Monday, the 23rd inst. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, and several noblemen, members of Parliament, and distinguished friends of education will be present on the occasion.

The Queen on the petition of the Prince of Wales has been pleased to grant incorporation to the Royal College of Music.

The Chevalier Bladon Ruspini, late of the Exchequer and Audit Department, Somerset House, whose death at the ripe age of 81 was recently announced in the papers, was a grandson of Bro. Bartolomeo Ruspini, surgeon-dentist to George III., who was for many years Grand Sword Bearer of England and founded the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The following dinners have recently taken place at Limmer's Hotel: The Blue Seal Club, on Sunday evening; the Civil Service Volunteers (Col. Lord Bury), on Monday last; and the Studholme Lodge, on Tuesday last.

Girls who enter the English postal service get two dollars fifty cents per week at first. If they are real good girls after a few years they get fifty cents or one dollar more. They can hardly support a husband on these wages.—*Philadelphia Keystone*.

The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, have accepted invitations to work the Fifteen Sections at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction on the 27th inst., and at the Upton Lodge of Instruction on the second Thursday in May.

On the invitation of the directors of the General Gas Heating and Lighting Apparatus Company, about 90 persons, representing gas manufacture, engineering, architecture, &c., assembled on Wednesday evening last at the Crystal Palace to partake of a dinner cooked entirely by gas, the apparatus used being Leoni's patent, in the manufacture of which the company is engaged. Bro. James Glaisher occupied the chair, and among those present were Mr. G. Livesey, deputy chairman of the South Metropolitan Gas Company; Mr. Paterson, president of the Gas Institute; and representatives of the Smoke Abatement Society, the Rational Health Society, and other kindred societies. The chairman, in the course of his remarks, referred to the benefits conferred on the public generally by the gas exhibition at the Crystal Palace in bringing to their knowledge those great improvements that had been made of late in gas apparatus, by which the use of gas was rendered much more cleanly and economical. Reference was also made during the evening to the immense advantages that would arise from the use of gas not only for lighting, but for cooking, the cost of preparing the dinner for 90 persons, including the roasting of a large baron of beef, being only 3s. 9d.—the consumption of gas, at 3s. 1d. per thousand feet, having been certified by the gas inspector at 1200 feet. It was predicted, too, that the general use of gas for cooking, to which some speakers looked forward hopefully, would serve to diminish in a marked degree the plague of fogs which afflicts the metropolis, and the opinion was generally expressed that in the direction of cooking and heating gas had a great future before it.

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The annual dinner of the Great Western Railway Enginemmen and Firemen's Mutual Assurance Society was held on Wednesday evening, in the library of Paddington Station.

The Queen has been able to resume her usual carriage exercise since her recent severe accident, and on Saturday last, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, drove through Datchat in an open carriage.

The Premier and Mrs. Gladstone left town on Friday last for Sandringham, on a visit to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. On Monday the distinguished visitors returned to their residence in Downing-street.

It is said that Bro. Justice Field will be appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in place of Lord Justice Brett, who succeeds the late Sir George Jessel, as Master of the Rolls.

On Saturday last, at the Brentford Town Hall, five men, charged with having stolen a quantity of lead and solder from Osterley Park, the residence of Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Past G. Warden, were committed for trial, bail being refused.

R.W. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., will preside at the anniversary festival, to be held on Wednesday next, the 11th inst., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, Bloomsbury.

Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O., gave his annual English ballad concert at the Dome, Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday last, the pianoforte solos of Madam Sophie Menter and the singing of the Misses Robertson being among the principal attractions. The accompaniments were played by Bro. and Miss Kuhe.

Professor Schliemann's house is one of the sights of Athens. It is built of white marble and adorned with numerous statues of the same material. He and his wife talk ancient Greek together, and have called their two children Andromache and Agamemnon. Around the professor circulates a large body of erudite Germans. The Teutonic element is omnipotent in the Hellenic capital.

On Monday next the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will lay the foundation-stone of St. Ann's Church, Bagshot.

The Duke and Duchess of Albany left Windsor Castle for Claremont House, Esher, where for a time their Royal Highnesses purpose taking up their residence.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough has reached Cannes in his yacht Francisca, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh.

The game of Russian Gossip is quite as interesting, and, perhaps, a little more modern than any of those that have been so long established. First of all, the young people take their seats next each other in a circle. The one at the end then relates to his neighbour some little incident, a piece of news he has heard, an anecdote, or anything else that may occur to him. The neighbour then relates it to the next person, who relates it to his neighbour, and so on until every one of the party has heard the story. The last person who has been communicated with then repeats what has been told him, and very amusing it generally is to find how totally unlike the original the incident has become, after being cropped and added to by the different narrators.—*From "Cassell's Book of Sports and Pastimes" for April.*

The annual dinner of the London General Porters' Benevolent Association was held at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday evening under the presidency of the Lord Mayor (the Right Hon. Henry E. Knight), who was supported by Mr. Sheriff Savory, Mr. G. F. Leaf, Mr. F. T. Esitt, Mr. James C. Marshall, Mr. Fredk. Gorringer, Mr. E. R. Porter, Mr. F. Ward, Mr. F. Debenham, Mr. T. H. Devonshire, Dr. Sansom, and others. After dinner the loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the London General Porters' Benevolent Association," the Lord Mayor mentioned that, during the twenty-three or twenty-four years the institution had been in active operation 211 pensioners had been placed upon the funds, the payments to whom had amounted to upwards of £20,000, and of this number many, but for the aid afforded by this institution, would have been reduced to, or ended their days in a state of pauperism. At the present time there were 116 pensioners (not including children) upon the funds, to whom upwards of £2,300 per annum were distributed, in addition to which the disbursements incidental to management increased the total expenditure to between £2800 and 2900. To meet this the only reliable income was about £650, derived from interest on investments, and the annual subscriptions averaged £850 a year. The deficiency, amounting to over £1300, had to be supplied by special effort, and he earnestly appealed not only to dry goods merchants—who were the largest supporters of the association—but to all other trades in the City to support this most excellent charity. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, and the Secretary (Mr. W. T. Rickford) announced subscriptions to the amount of £1883. The announcement was received with loud cheers.

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.; ½lb., 10d. Barrels, 28lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, April 14, 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, APRIL 7.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1929, Mozart, Harwood House, High-st., Croydon.
" 1949, Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

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, APRIL 9.

Lodge 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
" 1670, Adelphi, F.M.H.
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.
" 1861, Claremont, School Room, Claremont, Surrey.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court H., W. Kensington.
" 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatchouse Hot., Highgate.
Mark 239, Royal Naval, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 185, Jerusalem, F.M. Tav.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., 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 Bldgs., 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 Edgumbe, 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, 8.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd.
" 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.

" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Up. Nwd.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
" 1718, Centurion, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hot.
Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark, Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st.,
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.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's
Park, 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.
Panmure, 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, APRIL 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrims, F.M.H.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles,
Camberwell.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1791, Creation, F.M.H.
" 1987, Strand, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
(Special meeting.)

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London
Bridge.
" 140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.
" 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-st.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

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-ct., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent
Garden, W.C., 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Vic-
toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
well, 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, APRIL 13.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.
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., Lime-
house, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
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.
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14.

Quarterly General Court and Election for the Girls'
School, at 12.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot.
" 1617, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., King-
st., W. Hammersmith.

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

For the Week ending Saturday, April 14, 1883.

MONDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
" 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
" 1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Man-
chester.
" 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near
Liverpool.

Chap. 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 323, Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport.
" 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
" 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-
Sands.

Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark Lodge 268, Lathom, M.H., Southport.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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