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WE congratulate all concerned on the result of the Girls' School Festival, and we rejoice to note that despite sundry needless criticisms and unseasonable remarks as regards the finances of the Girls' School, &c.; the friends of the Institution rallied round its respected Chairman, and testified openly once again their approval of the School management and their realization of the striking efficiency and utility of this great and remarkable Institution. London has returned £5162 19s. 9d.; the provinces, £5347 10s. 6d.; in all £10,510 0s. 3d. The metropolis with 112 Stewards, has collected £5162 19s. 9d., as we just said, and the leading returns are as follows: Bro. Robert Gray, a member of the House Committee and President of the Board of Stewards, Steward for St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222, heads the metropolitan list with £199 10s., and he is succeeded by Bro. M. P. F. Caulfield, Friends in Council, No. 1383, with £149 2s.; Bro. G. P. Festa, Montague Guest, No. 1900, very quickly follows with under the special circumstances the praiseworthy amount of £147, and is closely pressed by Bro. J. F. Porter, M.D., Evening Star, No. 1719, with £144 18s. Bro. J. Neilson, Creaton, No. 1791, comes next before us with £130, and Bro. P. H. Waterlow, Athenæum, No. 1491, appears with £116 11s. 0d.; Bro. Walter Wood, Confidence, No. 193, is very close behind indeed with £115 10s., to whom next in order comes Bro. A. C. Bean, Ranelagh, No. 834, with £108 11s.; Bro. W. Cleghorn, Great Northern, No. 1287, is next in sequence with £106 1s., while after him Bro. S. Benton, M.D., Aldersgate, No. 1657, also a striking return, advances with £105; Bro. H. B. Marshall, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, Brixton, No. 1949, presses on the last mentioned also with £105, while Bros. J. Boulton No. 1056, and R. J. Vincent, Duke of Albany, No. 1963, return respectively £101 17s. 6d., and £100. The remaining lodges, though their returns are no doubt well worthy of note do not reach these figures. We observe that the House Committee, including Bros. R. Grey and E. Letchworth, by a very noteworthy custom in the Girls' School have collected the substantial sum of £646 17s., being one-eighth of the total amount subscribed by the London brethren, of this amount Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Peters, Grand Sword Bearer, sends £105, and Bro. Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D., £84. The Unattached Stewards, 13 in number, send £373 6s. Bro. Edgar Bowyer heading the list with £94. From 1700, 14 lodges have sent up Stewards and returns, while from 1 to 1700, 74 have done so, in all 88 of the London lodges. There is still a needful margin for the younger lodges—may we not say for all London lodges. In the Provincial returns which amount to £5347 10s. 6d. The Stewards list is headed happily and necessarily by Hampshire. There were 132 Provincial Stewards. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have returned the goodly sum of £1306 12s. The Province has done very well indeed. West Yorkshire comes next with £400, and is followed, though at some little distance, by Sussex with £363; Staffordshire appears with £272 6d. and is succeeded by West Lancashire with £244 13s.; Monmouthshire follows suit with £236 5s.; and Kent is not far off with £228 8s.; South Wales (East Division) and Worcestershire like the "gemini" next put in an appearance with £217 7s. each, while Devonshire claims our attention with £203. Berks and Bucks evince their Masonic life by £183 11s.; Hertfordshire appears with £158 11s. 6d.; Suffolk also with £136 10s.; Cambridgeshire comes next with £128 2s.; Middlesex is represented by £117 13s.; and Surrey last but not least with £109 10s. In the provinces only twelve lodges from No. 1700 are represented. We shall probably have something to say on this topic later.

IN view of the tempting inducements offered the Craft to divert the stream of their benevolence into another, though no less worthy channel, we venture to congratulate on the success of the Festival, not only the general body of Stewards who worked so well to achieve the result, but also the indefatigable SECRETARY of the Institution, and more particularly those members of the

House Committee whose support, as it has been observed, was of a more substantial character than empty words.

WE hope that our friends the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions will take it in good part when we repeat a request that the Provincial returns at the festivals *shall all be added up*. We never could understand why, as the "totals" of each province are given out in the hall, such a summing up should not be repeated in the lists issued from the office. It is often a great trial to a weary scribe to add up a long row of figures in print, and we cannot even now realize why such a system should be persevered in, which is satisfactory to none, and misleading to all. Hence arise imperfect "totting up," angry complaints, and much annoyance.

BEFORE we again greet our readers the election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be past and gone for 1883. We hear remarkable stories of exchanges, of much pressure for votes, and of probable high polling. When next the *Freemason* appears all these things will be matters of history. We again press on our readers, one and all, the advisability of *looking well at their voting papers before they are deposited in the "fatal urn,"* as the recurrence of such childish carelessness as the Scrutineers have to notice and punish, election after election, seems to point, kind readers all, to the unenviable conclusion that in our cultivated and excellent Order some Masonic Dogberrys are to be found. "Absit Omen!"

THE opening of the Fisheries Exhibition was most admirably conceived, as it was effectively carried out. It was at once simple and elaborate, unpretending and stately, a most rare and happy conjunction, and the addresses of the Duke of Richmond and the reply of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were most appropriate and striking in themselves. Few more satisfactory and well-arranged public ceremonials have ever been planned and perfected, and we congratulate all concerned on the excellent impression made on an admiring public. We feel sure the exhibition is alike useful and needful, and will lead, we also trust, to many beneficial results. The health and safety of our fisher population is a subject of deep interest to all who realize how greatly we are indebted to them for the luxuries, nay, the necessities of life. Their calling is a very dangerous one necessarily, sometimes little remunerative; and the popularity of the Royal brothers will be sensibly increased by the evident warm-hearted and anxious interest they evince in the welfare of our hardy fisherman population. The speech of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, though couched in official tones, was most welcome in its warm-heartedness and most effective in its delivery. It was heard by all.

THE arrangement and the grouping of the departments in the Fisheries Exhibition have been much admired. Among those special points to which our daily contemporaries draw notice is the pavilion set apart for our Royal Grand Master, one of the salient features of which is a grotto lighted up by electric lamps, amid ferns and flowers, &c., and which is specially commended to notice and admiration. This, we understand, has been designed and executed by our Bro. DICK RADCLYFFE.

NO doubt many of our brethren will pay the Exhibition a visit, admire the piscatorial industry of all nations; take a glance, but a glance only, at the fisher maidens, and investigate the culinary mysteries of a fish dinner.

THE gross insult to our ROYAL GRAND MASTER and the Princess of Wales, as recorded in the papers, will be noted with much loyal indignation by all classes as well as by our entire Order. Mr. VAUGHAN's last bold words will be entirely approved of by all, and the subject and the offender are really utterly beneath notice. The popular feeling was very strongly manifested on the occasion.

BRO. EDWARD TERRY repeated on Tuesday before the Prince and Princess of Wales, always sympathetic, some very effective lines in respect of poor Bro. ROYCE, a great popular favourite. We call attention to them elsewhere.

CONSECRATION OF THE JOHN CARPENTER LODGE, No. 1997.

This new civic lodge was consecrated at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 11th inst. The fact that Bro. H. E. Knight, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, was the W.M. designated by the warrant, drew together a large number of distinguished members of the Craft, particularly as it was known that the Lord Mayor is not a Mason in name only, but has proved himself a scrupulously accurate worker in No. 34, which is his mother lodge. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, who was appointed for this duty by the Grand Master. Colonel Clerke entered the lodge room shortly before five o'clock, and appointed his assistant officers as follows: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk of the City of London), Chairman of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes, acting S.W.; Capt. Nathaniel Philips, P.G.D., acting J.W.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., D.C.; Dr. Pigott, D.C.L., P.G.A.D.C., I.G. Bros. H. Sadler, G. Tyler, and C. Thomas, Prov. G. Tyler Herts, also were in attendance.

The following brethren were present as visitors:

Bros. General F. Wimburne Laurie, Grand Master, Nova Scotia; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Frank Green, P.G.D.; Wm. Foster Shaw, 17, Grand Orient of Brazil; Edgar Bowyer, G.S.B.; John L. Mather, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; J. H. T. Smith, P.P.G. Chap.; R. S. Lindall, P.P.G.S.B.; S. P. Norris, P.G.S.; W. J. Herne, P.G.P.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611, York; J. H. Batty, P.M. 22, 171; A. Clarke, P.M. 1227; H. A. Lovett, P.M. 179, 1314; Bradshaw Brown, W.M. 1; W. J. Crutch, P.M. 1278; H. D. Stead, P.M. 1297, 1763; Laidlaw Cross, W.M. 90; A. W. Willis, M.C. 1491; J. Darley, P.M. 959; T. F. Peacock, W.M. 21; H. J. Nell, J.W. 45; W. G. Hallows, P.M. 861; J. W. Hallows, P.M. 1662; James Willing, jun., W.M. 1987, P.M. 177, 1507, 1744, 1319; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22, and 1679; W. Kentish, I.P.M. 1293; C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; T. Franklin, P.M. 1662; Courtenay Wynne, W.M. 25; Thos. Gurney, W.M. 1309; J. P. Tapley, P.M. 1076; J. D. E. Torr, I.G. 1293; S. H. Baker, S.D. 1260; J. R. Tollis, S.W. 1185; J. W. Lacey, S.D. 172; W. Harris, 1260; C. H. Fisher, 1489; C. H. Clifford, 1365; H. F. Inman, 1662; Turle Lee, S.D. 1922; J. W. Chapman, S.W. 1922; A. E. Campbell, 559; H. Ashton, Robert Hilton, 1319; H. Parkin, 1319; Arthur Thompson, 1507; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*).

Letters of regret were read from Lord Wolseley and Lord Alcester (who were dining with the Duke of Cambridge to meet the Prince and Princess of Wales), Major General Mervyn Drake, C.B., Alderman Truscott, Alderman Ellis, J.W. Maclure, P.G.D. East Lancashire, and others.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, after having opened the lodge in the three degrees, addressed the company as follows:—

Brethren: We are met together to-day for a purpose very interesting to all Freemasons, that is to consecrate and constitute one more lodge, to add one more to the vast array of lodges which are already existing, and are inscribed on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. You are aware that in the City of London there is an ancient and noble institution known as the City of London School, and that many of its former pupils have formed themselves into a club called the "John Carpenter Club." Among the members of this club are many members of our fraternity, who resolved that they would apply for a Warrant for a lodge, which would be for their use and for the use of other Masons who may have been pupils in that school which I believe was founded by a predecessor of the distinguished Mason who sits opposite to me, and that that lodge should be called the John Carpenter Lodge. The GRAND MASTER had however exceeding difficulty in acceding to the petition, on account of the vast growth of Freemasonry in the Metropolis; out of nearly 2000 lodges, I think there are over 320 in the metropolitan area; still there were many reasons why the GRAND MASTER should favourably view this particular application, and he has been pleased to grant the petition, as in considering who is to preside over them, the founders have made choice of a worthy brother, who occupies the proud position of chief magistrate of the first city in the world. Under these circumstances the Grand Master felt quite assured that in granting this warrant, he would be entrusting it to a brother who would conduct the affairs of the Lodge on a constitutional basis, and see that everything was carried on with perfect propriety and regularity. It is with great pleasure therefore, that I am here as his humble delegate to constitute this Lodge in due form, and I will therefore at once commence proceedings by calling on the Chaplain for the benefit of prayer.

In the course of the ceremony the following oration was delivered by the Rev. C. J. MARTYN: Worshipful Master and Brethren, it has been customary among Masons from time immemorial on occasions like the present to call upon the brother who for the moment occupies the position of Chaplain at a consecration ceremony, to address a few words to the brethren present, and to dignify the address by the name of an oration on the nature and principles of the Craft. Knowing as I do the vast amount of work that has to be done during the ceremony of to-day, I think it will be convenient if I make my remarks as short, and I hope as practical as possible, and therefore I shall ask your indulgence for a few minutes only while I put before you one or two thoughts. There is no need to tell you what Freemasonry is. The question "What is Freemasonry?" is asked of all Masons very early in their Masonic career, and the answer is well known to all of you. You have also learned that the three great principles on which the Order is founded are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Now it is upon these three characteristics of the Order that I should like to say a word or two now. First, with regard to Brotherly Love. If there is any one thing entitling us to be proud of the Order to which we belong it is the knowledge that that grand fact stands in the forefront of our profession; next to our duty to God, there is no higher duty than this. We are taught in Holy Writ of our duty to God and love to the brotherhood; that upon these two commands hang all the laws and the prophets. Our duty to God is inculcated in every part of our ceremonies and it is the peculiar province of Freemasonry to press upon its members the great doctrine of brotherly love. Oh, if we were always

careful to carry out in our daily lives this great principle, and to live up to our profession how much bickering and heartburning would be spared us. Let it be our earnest endeavour to carry out that principle—to throw over the failings of a brother a veil of charity, and when that cannot always with propriety be done, at least to abstain from being his accusers. Our Masonry teaches us to be kind and considerate to each other, and we shall best fulfil this by imagining ourselves placed in the same position as another, and asking ourselves how in that position we should like others to act towards us. Then as to relief that is a great duty taught to us by our religion, but still more strongly by our Masonic profession. Very, very early, in our Masonic career a claim is made upon our benevolence, and perhaps there is no more striking mode in which the duty of duly considering claims for relief when made upon us than that adopted in the ceremony to which I refer. You all know very well how that appeal is made and answered, and the lesson you are there taught is one of the most speaking and striking in all Freemasonry, and I may say that it is impossible for you to forget that peculiar moment during the whole after course of your life. Much as Masonry has been abused—much as people have said against it—the brethren know that they can point to their practical carrying out of the principles of relief as one of the brightest jewels in the Masonic crown. Look at those three Institutions, the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution, where, I ask, through the whole length and breadth of England are three grander and better supported institutions to be found. Where can be found institutions where can be had more amply, not as mere charitable alms-giving but as brotherly love, the relief which is there afforded. Surely, too, the great principle of our Order refers to relief not merely by money, but by sympathy and friendship and brotherly feeling. Surely there are often cases where an offer of money would be an insult, in which the pressure of the hand is not only relief, but relief under circumstances when sympathy is the most pleasing form of consolation that can be offered. And then in regard to truth. Is it not one of our boasts that when we say anything our word may be believed? Upon the truth of a brother every man can surely rest, and I think that one of the proofs of this is the marvellous way in which the secrets of the Order have been kept by those who have entered it. And surely if the world is to go on, and we are to be out of the lodge what in it we have been taught to be, a sacred regard for truth must be our watchword. With these few crude and hastily uttered remarks upon brotherly love, relief and truth, as principles of our duty both as men and as Masons I will conclude, expressing the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will be pleased to bless this new lodge, hoping and trusting that the great principles of Freemasonry may be transmitted through this lodge from generation to generation.

Upon the conclusion of the Chaplain's address the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the lodge board uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer scattered the elements of consecration upon it. The lodge was then dedicated and duly constituted, and the Presiding Officer gave the final benediction. When the lodge had been resumed in the Second Degree, the D.C. presented the Lord Mayor to the Installing Officer, by whom he was duly obligated; after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence the W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The lodge was then resumed and the brethren readmitted, when the newly-installed Master was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, the officers of the lodge appointed, and the ceremony brought to a close with the customary addresses by the Installing Officer to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren.

The officers of the year are as follows: Bros. Henry E. Knight (the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor), W.M.; Ex-Sheriff C. W. C. Hutton, Treas.; A. W. Stead, S.W.; Thomas Noton, J.W.; Edwin J. Honeychurch, S.D.; Frank Taylor, J.D.; James Pinder, Sec.; C. J. Wilkinson, I.G.; H. Wilson, D.C.; Alfred Norris, W.S.; and R. W. Goddard, P.M. 65, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business the lodge was closed in due form by the W.M. After the banquet which followed the installation the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Grand Master" had been duly honoured,

The LORD MAYOR rose and said: Brother Wardens and brethren, I have now to propose a toast for your acceptance which will perhaps require a word or two more from me than previous toasts, because those affected by it have come more immediately into connection with this new lodge. I wish to convey to all of them an expression of the regard in which they are held, but there are some of them to whom we are specially indebted. We are favoured with the presence this evening of many Grand Officers, with that of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, to whom I shall have to refer more particularly presently, though he must have a fair share of regard now. Bro. Sir John Monckton has not been able to remain with us, but we have here Bros. Green, G.D.; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; De Lande Long, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; and Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain. I need scarcely remind you that we are very much indebted to Bro. Capt. Philips and to the other Grand Officers who assisted the Grand Secretary in the consecration ceremony. They have come amongst us to say God speed to us, and we must never forget what we owe to the Grand Officers for their assistance in establishing this new lodge. In every lodge that I have been in we always paid regard to merit and to worth, and it is with this feeling that I propose a toast to the "Grand Officers from this John Carpenter Lodge," and I hope that feeling will prevail for all time, that we may always look up to those above us who have won their position by their integrity and earnestness in promoting the good of the Craft. I shall couple with this toast the name of the Past Grand Chaplain, and in doing so I wish to thank him for the beautiful address with which he

has favored us. I am sure no one could listen to it without being benefited by it.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, in reply, said that it was a very great privilege at all times to be permitted to return thanks for the Grand Officers. He trusted that the Grand Officers had earnestly tried to do their duty in Freemasonry as far as they were able. It was a great pleasure for the Grand Officers to come and assist in any great work that had to be done, and they now earnestly and heartily wished every success to the John Carpenter Lodge. He was particularly delighted with the way in which the Master had carried out the principle of brotherly love and kindness of which he (Bro. Martyn) had spoken in the lodge. Bro. MARTYN added that many years ago, in 1809, six years before the battle of Waterloo, his grandfather was Lord Mayor of London, and his lady mayoress had survived that period long enough to be a past lady mayoress for nearly seventy years, and he hoped that the same longevity might attend the present lady mayoress. He said this in the hope of shedding a gleam of happiness over the Worshipful Master, and was thus carrying out the principle of brotherly love.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, whose rising was received with sustained applause said: Brethren I have the permission of the Worshipful Master to address a few words to you. To-day I am having a double honour. In the lodge room I had the honour to instal our brother the Lord Mayor in the chair of K.S., and I am at the banquet table to propose his health. I am credibly informed that ever since last November he has had his health proposed on an average three times a day, and I am sure that he must be rather sick of it. The City of London School must be very proud of having one of its members the Lord Mayor. I believe he is the first of the pupils of that school who has arrived at the civic chair, and I am sure they must be exceedingly delighted on the occasion. I am sure you will agree with me that the members of the John Carpenter Club could not have done better than to have selected his lordship. Whenever I go into the city I am told on all sides that whatever the Lord Mayor does he does well, and I am sure that he will do honour to the choice of the John Carpenter Club. I know when he was in harness in Lodge 34, he presided over it with skill and ability, and in taking the chair of this lodge he will still, as far as his important engagements will admit, endeavour to preside over its welfare and to look after its concerns. I will ask you now to drink "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the John Carpenter Lodge" and to welcome his lordship back again among the working members of the old Craft.

The Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR: Bro. Grand Secretary, Grand Officers, Wardens and Brethren: Bro. the Grand Secretary has been good enough to propose my health in terms which must always be satisfactory to me. He has been kind enough to say that whatever I take in hand I try to do well. Well, the first thing inculcated by Masonry is that we should do thoroughly whatever we undertake. He also referred to the number of times my health is proposed and said that I must be sick of having my health drunk. But that is not the case. I am not afraid of having my health proposed, for it may be that the many good wishes I have had have caused me to enjoy much better health than formerly. I cannot but hope that all those kind and good wishes have been realised. Now, as to the working in lodge which the Grand Secretary has referred to, he has told you that in my mother lodge, No. 34, I was accustomed to do the work of my lodge in a thorough manner. I was initiated in that lodge and was well drilled. There were many excellent Past Masters, and they felt a pride and determination in carrying the ritual to the fullest extent, and I and other officers were compelled to do the work properly. With such a training it is not wonderful that when in due course I arrived at the post of W.M. of that lodge I was enabled to maintain the prestige of the Mount Moriah Lodge. I did manage to master the work, and I used to go through the Three Degrees and give all the history as well, and very interesting and very instructive it is. So interesting it proved that the brethren never minded waiting half-an-hour later for their banquet in order to hear that very interesting traditional history. You must try, brethren, to keep up the Mount Moriah working in this lodge. But I must not diverge from the immediate object with which I rose to address you now, which was to thank you for having received my health so cordially as you did, and to thank the Grand Secretary for the very kind manner in which he proposed it. We must only hope, brethren, that I may be spared to devote that time which may be necessary to the working of the lodge. You must not depend upon me to go outside in the interests of the lodge, but I think you may depend upon my correct working, because I have a habit when I am lying awake, or when I am riding in a cab, of going through my First, Second, or Third Degree, and if I come to a stoppage, I button-hole the first Master or Past Master I meet, and ask him what comes after that. Now this is the only way to keep up your Masonic working. Try to utilise those moments when you are walking in the street for the purpose of mastering the ritual. It is with these feelings I have entered on the Mastership of this lodge, that this John Carpenter Lodge should, in the first place, take a front rank in the Craft for the way it does its work, for the way in which it carries out the functions of Masonry, and in the next place that we may be as happy here as we have been in the John Carpenter Club. Brethren, allow me to thank you again for responding so kindly to the toast of my health, so that your good wishes may still further enable me to progress on that road to good health along which I have been progressing to the present time.

Now, brethren, I ask you to charge your glasses—bumpers. I am about to submit a toast to you which will awaken the sympathy always predominant in the hearts of Englishmen. I never yet attended a Masonic lodge where there were not a great many visitors, and I never yet attended a Masonic lodge where those visitors were not received with that open-handed hospitality and friendship which are marks of Masonic brotherhood. We have so

long a list of visitors to-night that it would be impossible for me to read them out, but it must have struck us all when we were receiving the hearty congratulations of the brethren, that we had representatives from all parts of the globe. We only hope that this may be emblematical of our lodge, and that the sun of prosperity may never cease to shine upon it, and that the sun of hospitality may never cease to permit us to give to those who honour us with their presence a hearty welcome. Among those who are here is a distinguished brother who does not owe allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Other countries have their Grand Lodges, and I believe that some of our colonies have also their own Grand Lodges. Well, the brother whom I shall ask to respond for this toast is that Worshipful Bro. General Laurie, who is M.W. Grand Master of Nova Scotia. In the name of all the members of my lodge, I propose this toast; we will heartily drink to the health of all those brethren who have honoured us with their presence, coupling with the toast the health of Bro. General Laurie.

Bro. General LAURIE, in returning thanks for "The Visitors," remarked upon the influence of old associations and the importance of maintaining the kindly influences they engendered; and in the course of his remarks referred to his association with Col. Shadwell H. Clerke both at Sandhurst and in the Crimea, and mentioned the scrupulous exactness with which the present Grand Secretary had always performed his duties, whether as a corporal among the lads at college, or in his higher professional duties at a later period.

The LORD MAYOR: The toast which I am about to propose is one which will not be proposed again in the John Carpenter Lodge, and which should, therefore, be received with more than usual respect, more than ordinary regard and more than ordinary gratitude. It is the health of the brother who has done us that service which can never be repeated. I need not tell you that I allude to Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. Without the commands of the M.W. Grand Master, who appointed him; without the attendance of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke as Consecrating Officer in obedience to those commands, we could not now be enjoying the privilege of a lodge; and I think you must all have been struck with the very able and impressive manner in which the ceremony was performed. It had not been my privilege previously to see a lodge consecrated, but I am sure from the way the work was done no lodge could have been consecrated under more auspicious circumstances. One little mistake occurred in our lodge to-night; but there is no rule without an exception, and the exception proves the rule. We did not intend anything to be omitted, and this omission proves that we intended to stand by and carry out the excellent rule of electing the Consecrating Officer and his assistants to be honorary members of the lodge. We did not intend to omit this courtesy to those officers who had come to perform that duty which we could not perform for ourselves; we cannot elect them at the banquet table, but I can assure those brethren when we meet in lodge we shall elect them, and instruct the Secretary to inquire if they will do us the honour to accept the position. I hope they will accept it, and overlook the oversight of our duty to-night, viz., Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir John B. Monckton, Capt. Philips, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Frank Richardson, and Dr. Pigott. Brethren, I told you when I proposed the Grand Officers, I should have something special to say about the Consecrating Officer further on. I think I have had my say; nothing I can add can better convey the feelings that I entertain for him for having performed that office this evening; we shall never forget the obligation we are under to Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, nor the privileges which the service he was ordered to perform bestowed upon us, so that we might take our place amongst the lodges of England. Brethren, I ask you to drink to the very good health of "The Consecrating Officer," hoping that he may long be spared to do his duty in consecrating lodges that come after us, and that he may have equally efficient officers to assist him in the duties he has performed to-night.

Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE said he lost no time in returning thanks for the far too flattering terms in which the Lord Mayor had referred to him, of which he felt that he did not deserve one tithe. He appreciated fully his lordship's reference to the Grand Officers who had assisted him that evening, as the aid of such efficient officers was invaluable in the consecration ceremony. It had been a very sincere pleasure to the Grand Officers to come and do their part in constituting this new lodge, in which they felt great interest, and hoped for its prosperity. He must also thank his lordship for the very kind thought of making these Grand Officers honorary members, and he thought he might say on their behalf that should they be thought worthy of the distinction they would accept it very gratefully.

In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the LORD MAYOR said that he looked forward to their performing their duties in the best possible manner. He did not like to see anything slurred over, and he trusted that they would do the utmost in their power to prove that they had established a hard-working lodge, and that they would bear in mind that any negligence on their part would reflect discredit on himself as Master of the lodge.

Bro. A. W. STEAD, S.W., replied for the officers. He said that he rose with no small amount of pleasure to return thanks for this toast for the very kind manner in which the W.M. had proposed it, and for the cordiality with which it had been received by the brethren. Some of them had already served in some capacity in other lodges, and knew something of their duties, and he was quite sure that they would all endeavour to discharge their duties to the best of their ability. On the present occasion, if he might be allowed to deviate for a moment from the subject of the toast, he should wish on behalf of the founders to express their gratitude to his lordship for the ready way in which he accepted the office of W.M. Some two years and a-half years ago, he (Bro. Stead) and some other brethren then present attempted to found a John Carpenter Lodge; but the proposed W.M. occupied a much humbler position than his lordship. On that occasion the Grand Master was unable to grant the petition; but, so far from regretting the loss

of time the founders were much gratified by a delay which had enabled the lodge when established to be associated with the first magistrate of the City of London. His lordship had done the founders great honour in accepting the position of W.M., and they would do their utmost to maintain the prestige and secure the approval of the gentleman who so ably presided over them.

The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Bro. Turle Lee, who was assisted by Bros. Ashton, Parkins, Thompson, Chapman, and Hilton.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting was held last week, in the Town Hall, Ashton-under-Lyne, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather a large number of brethren put in an appearance, amongst whom were

Bros. George Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M.; G. T. Hardman, P.G.J.W.; E. H. Thomas, P. Assist. Chap.; J. E. Lees, P.G. Treas.; Jas. Heelis, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec.; George Galloway, P.S.G.D.; R. Timperley, P.S.G.D.; Henry L. Rocca, P.J.G.D.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.J.G.D.; Jas. Kershaw, P.G. D. of C.; Samuel Porritt, P.D.G.D.C.; John Roberts, P.G. Assist. D.C.; Wm. Nicholson, P.G. Swd. Br.; Walter Newton, P.G. Std. Br.; L. W. Whalley, P.G. Org.; John Holt, P. Assist. G. Purs; John T. Lord, P.G. Stwd.; Thomas Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; Harry Statham, P.G.S. of W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D.; Henry Greenwood, P.P.G. Purs; Jno. Gibb Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; Jas. Newton, P.P.S.G.D.; Robt. Caldwell, P.P.G.S.B.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.P.G.T.; J. G. Hoffgaard, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. J. Phillips, P.P.G.C.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C.; Robert Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C.; Julius Arensberg, P.P.G.P.; Denis Towers, P.P.G.D.C.; John Bladon, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. L. Buckley, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. H. Cunliffe, P.P.G.P.; R. C. J. Duckworth, P.P.G.A.P.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C.; James Pollitt, P.P.G.D.C.; Tom Nash, P.P.G.R.; Franklin Thomas, P.P.G.R. Oxon, P.P.G.J.D. East Lanc.; Rev. Thomas F. Collins, P.G. Chap.; William Almond, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; S. D. Lees, M.D., P.P.G.S.W.; Samuel Statham, P.P.G.T.; James W. Kenyon, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Thos. Bowes, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; Edmund Ashworth, P.P.G.S.W.; H. S. Allpass, P.G. Sec. West Lanc., P.G. Std. Br. of England; J. Barker, P.P.G.T.; R. Hutchinson, P.P.G.S.W.; Charles S. Lane, P.G.D. Durham; A. Wolstenholme, P.P.G.J.D.; E. C. Milligan, P.P.G.S.D. Derbyshire; J. H. Lawson, P.P.G.S.D. Derbyshire; F. Binckes, Past G. Stwd. Eng.; C. M. Jones, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Dawson, P.P.G.D.C. Derbyshire; W. Waddington, P.G.P.; J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G.R.; Alexander Weir, W.M. 126; Eph. Harris, W.M. 815; W. H. Charlesworth, 300; Alfred Rigby, 300; Thomas Hannam, 300; W. F. Milnes, 1009; Irvine Dearnally, P.M. 300; J. J. Meakin, P.M. 992; Thomas Edgar, Chaplain 300; Jacob Barlow, W.M. 350; R. Barker, P.M. 1774; Henry Mycock, J.D. 1144; E. R. Lowe, J.D. 350; David Hibbert, S.D. 1322; Thomas Pickles, 1140; William Thornley, J.W. 830; A. Hill, P.M. 1144; John Barrett, S.W. 1723; J. F. Skelton, J.W. 146; John Wolstenholme, P.M. 348; W. Crankshaw, W.M. 348; Thomas Higson, P.M. 348; Nathaniel Tyldesley, P.M. 146; Robert Latham, W.M. 1723; E. G. Harwood, J.W. 1723; Joseph Wilkinson, Sec. 298; Joseph A. Vincent, S.W. 1458; H. E. Metcalf, W.M. 1219; Jas. H. Moulte, W.M. 62; E. Hulton, S.W. 62; J. H. Roberts, P.M. 1322; Walter Biggs, S.S. 1496; E. G. Lingard, 1030; K. L. McMillan, 163; James Lowndes, I.P.M. 999; Edwin Sleigh, P.M. 210; W. R. Sower, I.P.M. 815; J. T. Littlewood, S.W. 1144; J. Taylor Hampton, Sec. 1320 and 430; H. Schofield, J.W. 1011; Charles Collingwood, W.M. 298; Thomas Parker, I.P.M. 298; W. H. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; Thos. J. Cowen, W.M. 1161; J. Maddick, S. 1161; Thomas Collinge, W.M. 215; L. Roberts, P.M. 381; J. Chadderton, 1993; J. Benson Peacock, I.G. 274; John Lord, S.W. 268; Charles E. Austin, P.M. and Treas. 1009; Henry Dawson, P.M. 1083; W. Bromley, 300; P. S. Andrew, 300; W. H. Baxter, W.M. 1697; J. Gartside, W.M. 300; J. Jeffreys, 89; T. L. Buckley, J.D. 1218; G. Nabb, S.W. 678; J. A. Hardman, J.W. 678; W. G. Thackeray, W.M. 381; G. H. Woods, 381; T. H. Glendinning, P.M. 1055; Robert Chadwick, J.W. 1147; F. Armstrong, P.M. 325; E. Williams, P.M. 325; R. Rushton, P.M. 1145; H. A. Noel, P.P.G. Chap. 1993; W. T. Mitton, W.M. 1868; J. S. Glover, I.G. 1868; G. Jackson, P.M. 1077; J. Thompson, J.W. 1077; C. F. Owens, 1993; A. Tinner, 1055; Beddoes Peacock, 1633; G. A. Yates, W.M. 993; A. B. Whittaker, P.M. Treas. 1633; George Yates, S.W. 1633; J. B. Hammond, W.M. 1030; George Bevan, P.M. 1144; R. Walker, J.W. 1052; T. Doronham, W.M. 1392; J. Ainsworth, P.P.G.S. 1292; H. Lampton, W.M. 1083; W. Gray, J.W. 999; W. Harris, 1993; T. Carter, P.M. 42; L. R. Dackworth, 42; R. Carter, 42; C. Brierley, W.M. 42; G. V. Blaikie, W.M. 152; R. R. Lissenden, S.D. 317; J. Grimshaw, J.W. 1322; G. H. Mellor, P.M. 1764; S. Broadbent, J.W. 1218; J. Miller, P.M. 1322; J. Kershaw, I.G. 1144; W. Drabble, S.D. 1459; C. A. Wilkinson, S.W. 1322; J. Bearley, I.G. 1322; J. Walkden, 344; A. Templer, W.M. 344; W. Templer, P.M. 344; H. Murgatroyd, W.M. 1253; J. A. Foyter, P.M. 1253; D. Edwards, W.M. 1993; G. Hunt, S.W. 1993; J. H. Davis, J.W. 1993; J. E. Liff, Treas. 1993; J. Hatton, Sec. 1993; J. H. Tomason, J.D. 1993; W. F. Milnes, 1993; J. W. Rattray, 1993; E. Farrar, I.P.M. 350; J. Glenny, S. 1774; T. H. Wood, S.D. 300; H. Ross, W.M. 462; A. B. Walmsley, S.W. 462; J. Wright, I.P.M. 1459; J. Lang, S. 1144; E. Moss, Sec. 268; E. Nathan, P.M. 1798; W. Jaffrey, P.M. 152; G. W. Dalglish, P.M. 300; J. W. Burton, W.M. 1408; J. C. Atkins, S.W. 300; T. E. Abbott, Sec. 269; W. R. Clayton, S.W. 191; J. Hutchinson, 191; W. Lees, W.M. 191; S. Smith, S.W. 854; J. H. Mills, 854; B. Buckley, W.M. 1322; G. T. Hardman, W.M. 283; J. Sinclair, P.M. 163; R. Collinge, P.M. 54; J. Andrew, P.M. 1219; R. R. Armitage, P.S.W. 1645; J. MacMahon, S.W. 44; W. Pemberton, S.W. 1030; W. G. Watson, S.W. 633; T. D. Foreman, 210; R. White, W.M. 1052; C. Turner, S.D. 1011; A. B. Wimpory, W.M. 1055; T. Nesbitt, J. Lloyd, T. W. Foxcroft, 1077; D. Omerod, P.M., B. T. Cropley, P.M. 1145; T. Peat, P.M. 300; T. Swift, W.M. 581; J. MacLaren, W.M. 62; J. Howl, 300; T. Shorrocks, W.M. 204; T. Tattersal, W.M., W. Housley, P.M., C. H. Barber, 1144; J. Wood, P.M. 361; W. Chatterton, W.M. 461; R. L. Jervis, S.W. 210; S. Dawson, 1011; E. Melrose, S.W. 1144; D. Lord, S.D. 274; W. Garforth, 402; J. Hatton, P.M. 78; G. Hunt, W.M. 1009; J. Buckley, P.M., J. J. Lawton, P.M. 1218; J. Smith, 300; T. Livesey, 367; T. Mason, P.M., Hezekiah Fletcher, W.M. 116; E. Barlow, S. 300; Ch. Walmsley, A. L. Cocks, W.M. 1774; R. A. Bridge, W.M. 266; T. Potter, 300; F. Wood, P.M. 128; J. Sandeford, W.M. 128; J. Munsey, I.G. 1798; H. Broughton, S.W. 146; T. Rigby, S.W. 42; T. Hindle, P.M. 1145; T. Mottershead, 1011; J. Littlewood, 300; J. Myers, J. D. 300; J. Senior, W.M. 163; W. Siddeley, S.W. 163; B. Williams, J.W. 163; J. Fletcher, S. 300; T. Shorrocks, 381; H. J. Briscoe, Org., 221; J. Ashworth, P.M. 816; C. Shann, W.M. 268; E. Roberts, J.W. 1459; A. W. Siddall, P.M. 268; J. Holt, P.M. 363; R. J. Stanford, W.M. 1077; A. Milne, P.M. 1012; J. Heavyside, P.M. 381; J. W. Halley, I.G. 268; T. Thornley, J.W. 287; R. Urquhart, J.W. 1144; J. Hood, 1147; C. W. Rye, W.M. 467; T. Barlow, S.S. 381; T. Goodier, 1993; M. Fairveaster, S.W. 1147; R. Barlow, W.M. 1147; E. Hird, I.G. 146; J. Galloway, S.D. 146; J. Burgess, P.M. and D.C. 1161; J. Greenup, P.M. 581; G. Bintliffe, 581; E. A. Evans, J.W. 42; H. Heap, Tyler 300; J. G. Bird, Chap. 324; Allan Mercer, 1534; J. Walkden, W.M. 1534; J. Haslam, W.M. 934; J. H. Chapman, P.M. 678; J. Wrigley, W.M. 210; R. E. Coates, 210; J. Bromley, J.D. 210; J. Isherwood, W.M. 221; N. Nicholson, P.M. Sec. 1723; W. C. Hamer, W.M. 1519; J. T. Moore, J.W. 1519; W. Lamb, W.M., P.M. 340; J. W. Baldwin, W.M. 935; J. H. Clarke, J.W. 935; J. Hall, W.M. 992; T. Nightingale, 146; R. Duxbury, W.M. 146; J. T. Turner, 992; J. Johnson, J.W. 1154; W. Kay, J.D. 581; S. Broadbent, Unity; R. Pickering, W.M. 816; J. Taylor, P.M. 1458; E. Crossley, P.M. 54; J. Whitworth, 300; E. Sourbutts, P.M. 346; J. Radcliffe, P.M. 830; G. H. Cade, 1129; G. W. Storey, Sec. 1083; S. Lawton, W.M. 78; T. Fothergill, P.M. and D.C. 78; T. Schofield, P.M., Sec. 288; J. N. Squirrel, 1633; D. Hargreaves,

P.M. 286; W. Nicholl, P.M., Treas. 317; S. B. Priestley, P.M. 219; E. P. Stubbs, W.M. 645; D. Barnes, W.M. 274; E. Hardman, S.W. 274; G. W. Bingham, 852; T. Pike, Sec. 852; W. H. Fulford, 852; T. Cooke, 852; L. Hughes, 852; J. Tomlinson, 269; J. Troop, 269; J. Shaw, 269; J. Pollard, W.M. 269; H. J. Jackson, P.M., 300; C. Crabtree, J.W. 1088; A. Kay, J.D. 324; J. Castle, W.M. 324; J. Hancock, P.M. 992; H. Lord, W.M. 325; H. Grundy, P.M. 42; J. H. Heap, 344; J. Pollitt, 344; J. Rigby, P.M. 345; G. J. Davis, P.M. 605; H. F. Platts, W.M. 345; W. Ferguson, 345; J. R. Nesbitt, 268; L. F. Griffiths, 1993; W. Kenworthy, P.M. 89; W. Rae, 89; J. R. Kenworthy, S.D. 89; W. Jackson, S.W. 89; W. H. Holt, P.M. 1144; A. Jeffries, P.M. 830; S. Booth, 830; S. Jeffries, 830; S. Pass, 467; W. Potts, P.M. 467; T. Wilkinson, 467; R. Edmonson, 1818; A. B. Wilkinson, P.M. 1322; F. Willis, 268; T. Collins, Tyler 467; G. Ferguson, P.M. 1723; J. Dunbar, 1868; E. Jerrom, 1774; W. Hardcastle, W.M. 1773; S. Mamelok, W.M. 1798; W. Thornley, 210; J. R. Beard, W.M. 44; E. Simpkin, P.M. 42; E. Hilton, I.P.M. 992; W. Cartwright, W.M. 633; J. E. Harrison, J.D. 1235; James Morton, 277; W. Davis, P.M. 54; W. Jones, F.C. 300; J. P. Eaton, P.M. 66; W. T. Wild, P.M. 300; D. B. Radcliffe, P.M., D.C. 1114; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; T. H. Smethurst, 277; J. H. Collingwood, 54; W. Mosop, W.M. 1064; A. Clayton, P.M. 1144; C. Hadfield, P.M. 840; W. M. Hill, P.M. 268; J. T. Stott, W.M. 226; S. H. Smith, P.M. 268; David Cordingley, 1144; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (Freemason).

At a quarter to one o'clock the R.W.P.G.M. entered, preceded and followed by Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY called over the roll of lodges meeting in the province, when it was discovered that out of 93 lodges only one was unrepresented.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY then called over the names of Present Prov. Grand Officers, all of whom responded with one exception.

The R.W.P.G.M. ordered the absentee to be fined.

In answer to the address of sympathy to her Majesty the Queen by Prov. Grand Lodge on the occasion of the recent attempt upon her life, a reply was read expressive of thanks, which was ordered by the M.W.P.G.M. to be entered on the minutes.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge meeting, held in Haslingden in May last, and likewise the especial meeting, held in Manchester on the 17th November last, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. J. E. Lees) then presented his accounts for the past year, which showed the income to have been £574 17s. and the expenditure £310 11s. 5d., including 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which left a balance in hand of £261 5s. 7d. to be carried forward.

Bro. JOHN RIGBY in proposing that the Treasurer's accounts be passed, and Bro. SINCLAIR, in seconding the same, testified to the clear and lucid manner in which the books had been kept.

The M.W.P.G.M. thereupon tendered the warmest thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge to Bro. J. E. Lees, the Treasurer, and Bros. Rigby, Sinclair, and Andrew, the Auditors.

Bro. JAMES HEELIS, P.G. Reg., here rose and, addressing the M.W.P.G.M., said that on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers he desired to congratulate him on the birth of a third son, which happy event had occurred during the period in which they had had the honour to assist him in the discharge of his duties, and he felt great pleasure in asking him to accept in the name of the Prov. Grand Officers a piece of plate which the V.W.D.P.G.M. would now present to him.

The V.W.D.P.G.M. thereupon rose, and handed Col. Starkie a very handsome oval silver card dish, or sideboard ornament, which he explained, although not new, would be of greater value in the eyes of the M.W.P.G.M. on account of its age, having been manufactured in the year 1774. Bro. Mellor said he hoped the M.W.P.G.M. would long live to rule over them, and that when he was called hence to that place from which all goodness emanated, he trusted the souvenir would pass into the possession of his family, who would regard it as an evidence of the esteem in which he had been held by his brethren. In conclusion, the V.W.D.P.G.M. said he trusted the son would emulate the virtues of his father, and when he grew to manhood become a distinguished brother amongst them.

The inscription on the dish was as follows:—"Presented to Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, M.W.P.G.M. E. Lanc., on the birth of his third son, Piers Cecil le Gendre, by the Provincial Grand Officers, 1882-3."

The M.W.P.G.M., in reply, said he felt the honour which had been done him very deeply. Amongst all his numerous social friends and acquaintances with whom he mixed, there were none to whom his heart and his spirit were given with more feelings of friendship, and more friendly disposition than those of the order of Freemasons. In presenting to him this most handsome and kind gift, they had presented him with something he should value as long as he lived, and value in the highest degree, and which, whenever he looked upon it, would create in his breast feelings of gratitude to the donors thereof. He thanked them for the happy occasion upon which they had made him that gift, and he trusted that those good wishes that had been expressed towards the last member of his family might be carried out, and that he should be successful in instilling in to him the duties he owed to God, to his neighbour (and if he ever became a member of the Masonic body) to the Craft.

The election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, and on the motion of Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D., seconded by Bro. Charles Heywood, P.P.G. Registrar, the choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. John Rigby, P.M. Perseverance Lodge, who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him.

The investiture of officers resulted as follows:

Bro. Thos. Mason, 116	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Chas. Heywood, 645	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. E. H. Thomas, 369	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. W. R. Clayton, 191	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Chap.
John Rigby, 345	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
John Chadwick, 152	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. John J. Meakin, 992	...	...	...	Proy. G.S.D.
" Chas. E. Austin, 1009	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Wm. Jaffrey, 152	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Newton, 1322	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Geo. Ferguson, 1723	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Sam. Porritt, 215	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" John Roberts, 204	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Andrew Milne, 1012	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" Benjamin J. Gossling, 1145	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Irvine Dearnaley, 300	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Harry Grundy, 42	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Aaron W. Siddall, 268	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" T. H. Glendinning, 1055	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Edmund Ashworth, 64	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Wm. Ormerod Walker, 64	...	...	...
" John Gibb Smith, 64	...	...	...
" J. W. Hulley, 268	...	...	...
" J. T. Littlewood, 1144	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" James Glennie, 1774	...	...	...
" Thomas Mitchell, 221	...	...	...

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the report of the Charity Committee at two meetings held during the last twelve months.

Bro. J. L. HINE, P.P.G.S.W., moved, and Bro. J. F. Hoffgaard, P.P. G.S.D., seconded the adoption of the report.

Bros. Joseph Leech, P.M. 300; Sinclair, P.M. 163; and Lowndes, P.M. 999, were appointed Auditors for the next 12 months.

Bro. JAMES NEWTON, P.P.G.S.D., proposed, and Bro. TOM NASH, P.P. G. Reg., seconded, that a sum of 50 guineas be voted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Institution.—Carried.

Bro. J. L. HINE, P.P.G.S.W., proposed, and Bro. G. P. BROCKBANK seconded, that a sum of 250 guineas be voted out of the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Preparatory School Fund, which was carried.

Bro. FREDERICK BINCKES, Past G. Stwd. Eng., and Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, thanked the R.W.P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Lodge for their kindness on behalf of the Boys' School.

Invitations to hold the next annual Prov. Grand Lodge meeting in Todmorden or Newchurch were tendered by brethren representing Lodges 219, 288, and Tranquillity, Newchurch.

The R.W.P.G.M. said he would consider which town Prov. Grand Lodge should be held in, and thanked the brethren for their invitations.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then formally closed shortly before three o'clock.

The brethren afterwards repaired in procession to the parish church, where a short sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. T. T. Eagar, and a collection made on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

A banquet was served in the Mechanics' Institution, presided over by the R.W.P.G.M., at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, AND DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Master Masons in the Province was held at Freemasons' Hall, Northampton, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. The Simon-de-St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, was opened at two o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. J. Atkins, and a candidate was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master. At three o'clock the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.S., accompanied by the Prov. Grand Officers entered the lodge room, the P.G.M. being received with customary honours. Amongst those present were:

Bros. the Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.M. 194, P.S.G.W.; Miles J. Walker, W.M. 21, P.J.G.W.; N. T. Hewens, 245, P.G.J.O.; S. Cleaver, 194, P.G. Treas.; Clement E. Stretton, P.M. 194, P.G. Sec.; E. Jeeves, J.O. 21, P.G.I. of W.; J. Young, W.M. 19, P.G.D.C.; J. O. Manton, J.O. 246, P.G.A.D.C.; W. L. Ball, W.M. 246, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Croft, Org. 244, P.G. Org.; S. A. Marris, Sec. 194, P.G.I.G.; John D. Harris and F. Griffith, 194, P.G. Stwds.; Henry George, P.M. 265, Grand Stwd. Grand Lodge; H. J. Atkins, W.M. 245; R. S. Toller, W.M. 194; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap. 246, 302; Percy Wallis, J.W. 302; T. Norman, Stwd. 245; J. J. Hart, Sec. 245; T. Colman, S.O. 194; H. Hodges, T. Beazeley, John Harrison, W. J. Freer, Brook Sampson, James Tanser, P.G. Tyler, and others.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were duly confirmed, and the rolls of lodges and Provincial Grand Officers were called over and met with a general response.

The Worshipful Masters of lodges presented their reports, which together with the Registrar's report showed that every lodge in the province is working very efficiently, and that Mark Masonry is making satisfactory progress.

The Treasurer's account for the past year, showing a balance in hand of £31 5s. 4d. was received. A vote of thanks was passed to the Treasurer, Bro. Samuel Cleaver, for his past services, and he was unanimously re-elected to that office.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., P.M. 245	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" Joseph Young, W.M. 19	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Henry J. Atkins, I.P.M. 245	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Robert Waite, P.M. 19	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" A. H. Burgess, S.W. 194	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.

Bro. Thomas Cox, S.W. 302	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. Thomas Orrell, M.A., Chap. 246 and 302	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Samuel Cleaver (elected), M.O. 194	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George Ellard, W.M. 345	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Clement E. Stretton, P.M. 194	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Joseph Barber, W.M. 30	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Frederick Griffith, J.W. 21	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Silver Hall, C.E., J.O. 246	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. Lawrence Ball, W.M. 246	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Dove Harris, J.O. 194	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Capt. W. J. Freer, Reg. 21	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" A. H. Marsh, S.O. 21	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Brook Sampson, J.O. 245	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Robert R. Cole, M.O. 30	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" John Harrison, Sec. 19	...	...	Prov. G. Steward
" J. H. Lawson, S.W. 248	...	...	Prov. G. Steward
" Percy Wallis, J.W. 302	...	...	Prov. G. Steward
" Thomas Dunn (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" James Tanser (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The next business was to nominate "a brother of position, eminence, and ability" for appointment by the M.W.G.M.M.M. as Prov. Grand Mark Master for the ensuing three years.

It was proposed by the D.P.G.M., seconded by the P.G.S.W., and carried by acclamation, that Bro. Kelly, who has held the office for a quarter of a century, be again nominated as Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason.

A letter from Mrs. McAllister was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes in reply to the vote of condolence and sympathy passed at the last meeting to herself and children upon the occasion of the mournful intelligence being received of the decease of the highly esteemed and respected Bro. James Malcolm McAllister, P.M., who during eight years had most zealously and efficiently filled the important office of Prov. Grand Secretary in this Grand Lodge.

The other business having been concluded, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The R.W.P.G.M. then installed Bro. George Ellard as W.M. of the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245. The zeal and ability of the new W.M. are so well known that there can be no doubt that the present satisfactory working of the lodge will continue under his rule.

The annual banquet having taken place, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and received, and this very successful meeting was brought to a close, the visitors returning by a special train provided for them at 9.50.

FREEMASONRY IN BATH.

Such of our readers as are in the habit of perusing the reports of lodge meetings cannot but have observed the regularity of our communications from the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, and its collateral branches in the Royal Arch and Mark Degrees, and especially that there has for several recent years been a succession of remarkable events in their history. Three years ago this lodge celebrated the centenary of the erection of Freemasons' Hall, London, by a banquet given by one of the members, at which he secured the attendance of Bro. W. J. Hughan, and other eminent Masons, who, by their knowledge of Masonic lore and their eloquence in communicating it, rendered valuable assistance in the celebration. It may seem strange that other lodges did not adopt a similar course, in explanation of which it must be mentioned that they had not the same reason to do so, for No. 41 was one of a few lodges which, for the aid they rendered in the erection of 1780, were honoured by the reception of a silver medal, struck as a memorial of the event, to be attached to the W.M.'s square. Only four provincial lodges similarly honoured in 1780 existed in 1880, and of these No. 41 alone held, and still holds, the original medal bearing record of the event. It was thus in a unique position.

Other interesting Masonic facts were brought to light by the investigations which then arose, especially the discovery of a Masonic medal recording the opening of a Masonic Hall in Bath, in 1819, now unfortunately devoted to other purposes, of which a specimen had found its way into a collection in America, and was there supposed to be the only one in existence, and to have reference to such an erection in London. Let it not be supposed, however, that the main objects in modern Freemasonry were forgotten, for an unusually large sum was presented by the province to one of the charities, to which No. 41 greatly contributed, sending one of its most distinguished P.M.s. as a Steward. Last year the Royal Cumberland R.A. Chapter was the first to sustain its claim to a centenary jewel, after the Grand Chapter had granted this privilege to chapters which could prove continuous working during a hundred years. This was celebrated by a banquet, honoured by the presence of many eminent Masons, Col. Adair, Prov. G. Supt.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E.; Col. Burney, W. J. Hughan, Major Long, and others, when an elaborately illuminated address and a gold centenary jewel were presented to Col. Adair, and a carefully prepared history of the chapter was read by Comp. Radway, E., which is to be published. This year occurs the sesqui-centennial anniversary or third jubilee of the Craft Lodge, No. 41, it having been founded in 1733. The St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, Birmingham, also attains the same distinction this year, and when it was there celebrated, a brother in Bath, who happens to be a P.M. and member of both, attended the meeting, accompanied by several members of No. 41, thus forming a personal introduction to each other of two lodges of great and equal antiquity. From our report of No. 41, inserted on May 12th, it will be observed that this lodge determined to restrict its celebration of the event to a contribution to the Boys' Masonic School, without the usual accompaniment of a banquet, which has been rapidly carried out, for within a week donations to the amount of one hundred guineas were received, and Bro. Ashley, the oldest resident P.M., was deputed as a Steward to present it at the Annual Festival on June 27th. The Royal Cumberland Lodge of Mark Masters, though unrecognised under the English Craft Constitution, is not without distinction, for it is in full working order, as will be seen from a report in our last number of one of its meetings, when the Prov. G.M. bore testimony to the excellence of the working. It is one of those termed "Time Immemorial," whose antiquity is unknown, and which, like others at Bristol, Nottingham, and elsewhere, anciently assumed authority to issue warrants. The example set by No. 41, which as a rule banquets only once a year (on the Installation of the W.M.), may be useful to some lodges which appear to pay undue honour to what has been termed the 4th, or knife and fork degree.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

Your votes and interests are most earnestly solicited for
BRO. RALPH MILVARD SMITH, 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 Tranquillity, 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 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. Brodie, P.M. 185, 819, "Albion," Peckham Park-road.
- Henry A. Dubois, P.M. 1423, 1320, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Sergeant'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, 20, Peacock-street, Gravesend.
- James J. Pope, 179, P.Z. 742, 40, 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, 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, 300, 26, Change-alley, E.C.

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

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THIRD APPLICATION.

CHARLOTTE MURUSS,

Widow of Bro. Edward Muruss, P.M., 26 years a
Subscriber to his Lodge,

AGED EIGHTY-TWO YEARS.

A special and earnest appeal for Votes is now made for this very aged Widow, who, if not elected this time has no means of subsistence until another election. Proxies most thankfully received by Bro. J. Crittenden, P.M., 193, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.; Bro. Geo. Read, P.M., 1, Earl's Court-gardens, S.W.; or the Widow, 10, Warner-street, Old Kent-road, S.E.

** See Case No. 29 on the Voting Paper.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

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

Mrs. JANE TRIBE, Aged 63,
Widow.

Bro. George Hen. Tribe, who was initiated in No. 604, Lytleton, New Zealand, joined No. 609, Christchurch, New Zealand, was first W.M. of No. 1241, of Ross, New Zealand, subsequently District Grand Chaplain of Westland, and District Grand Treasurer of North Island, New Zealand. Votes thankfully received by Mr. C. H. Beckingham, 415, Strand. Bro. C. J. Perceval, V.P., 8, Thurlow Place.

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

TO THE SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS OF THE BUILDERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED BUILDERS.

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

MIR. J. C. CRITTENDEN, Widower, Aged 50,
And entirely without income. Your Votes are urgently
asked in consideration of his great age.

The case is recommended by:

Sir Morton Peto, Bart., Pinner.

Messrs. Russell, Gibbs & Co., George Kenning, Esq., Upper
75, Wells Street, W. Sodenham,
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Six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

To Correspondents.

The following have been received but stand over for
want of space:—

Manchester Lodge of Affability, No. 317; Presentation
to Bro. G. J. Wilson at Darlington; Testimonial to R.W.
Bro. Kingston, D.G.M. Malta; Royal Panmure Chapter,
720; Lodge of Fortitude, 281; Aldershot Camp Lodge,
1331; Lindsay, Lodge, 1335; Harmony and Industry,
381; Lodge of Friendship, 206; Inauguration of Grand
Lodge of Natal.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Keystone," "The Broad Arrow," "The Sydney
Freemason," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Court
Circular," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Allen's
Indian Mail," "New York Dispatch," "The Citizen,"
"Maidstone and Kent County Gazette," "Die Bauhütte,"
"Reinrauer-Zeitung," "Freemason's Repository," "The
World," "The Voice of Masonry," "Report of the
Punjab Masonic Association," "Charges of a Freemason,"
"The Fifeshire Advertiser," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, MAY 19, 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.]

GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a supporter of the three Masonic Charities, I
have perused with much interest and some curiosity the list
of subscriptions announced at the recent festival. It dis-
closes one fact, to which no reference appears to have been
made at the festival—not even by Bro. Terry in his speech
on that occasion—which, in the interests of the Institution,
ought not, I think, to be overlooked, viz., that no less than
one-eighth of the entire sum subscribed by London brethren
was taken up by 10 members of the House Committee, all
of whom, if I am rightly informed, had previously qualified
either as Vice-Patrons or Vice-Presidents, and had served
the office of Steward times without number. I observe that
the amount of Bro. Robert Grey's list is the largest brought
up by any single Steward. I also note that the substan-
tial sum of £94 appears opposite the name of Bro. Edgar
Bowyer, who, I understand, is a candidate for the House
Committee. These facts need no comment.—Yours frater-
nally, A LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE THREE
CHARITIES.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is in no captious spirit that I address you on a
subject which I think will be of interest to the Craft. One
of the Institutions which Freemasons may look upon with
pride and satisfaction is the Boys' School, at Wood-green,
where so much practical charity is being carried on under
most efficient management. There is, however, a deficiency
in the building which could be remedied by an effort on the
part of the Committee of Management of the School, or,
possibly with more advantage, by an appeal to the Frater-
nity. The want is urgent, and one that must, I think, com-
mend itself to every Freemason. At present there exists no
chapel dedicated to the service and worship of the Great
Architect, the Sunday religious services being held in the
room where the boys take their meals, from which the mess-
tables are temporarily removed. Surely our traditions sug-
gest a more appropriate place for worship, for while it will
be conceded by all that earnest prayer and praise are every-
where acceptable to the Most High, yet the human mind
being so susceptible to association, a more reverent frame
of mind would be induced by the services being held in a
chapel. The expense of building it need not be excessive,
and for such an object I would gladly contribute my mite.
In the hope that this letter may be the means of inducing
the Governors to take the matter in hand,—I remain, dear
sir and brother, yours truly and fraternally,

AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIBER TO THE SCHOOL.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite concur with the various remarks in your
last issue as to the rank of Grand and P.G. Chaplain that
they should retain their present exalted position. I how-
ever think it would be better if only P.Ms. were to be ap-
pointed to such an office, and it would be desirable to
introduce some such rule into the Constitution, for in the
provinces we often find the P.G. Chaplain is quite a young
Mason, and it is not wise to confer the "purple" on such.

There can be little doubt of the desirability of consti-
tuting the "Standard Bearer" a P.G. Officer, taking rank
immediately below the "Sword Bearer," for no Masonic
procession is complete without that officer, and this has
been so far recognized that we find in some provinces a
Standard Bearer is appointed and is allowed by courtesy
to take past rank and also to wear the "purple" as a Past
Officer. This is an anomaly that should certainly be done
away with, especially when we remember that the M.W.
Grand Master has of late years always appointed two
Standard Bearers in Grand Lodge, although nothing in the
present Constitution can be construed into allowing him
that privilege.—Yours fraternally,

N.U.,
P.M. and Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.

TYPE-I-CAL VAGARIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Horrors upon Horrors."—SHAKESPEARE.

I address you with much "emotion" in respect of
the cruel slaughter and "hash" made of two little
"bantlings" of mine—though, perhaps, after all, the
fault may mainly lie at the door of my bad writing.

I allude to the two "leaderettes" specially (1) anent the
"Table of Precedence," and (2) in respect of the "Bene-
volent Election. In the former leaderette the words

"mero motre" are of course "mero motu." With respect to the "Benevolent" leaderette, "onus" is put for "men." Commentary is superfluous.—Yours fraternally,
THE WRITER OF THE TWAIN.

FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.—PROPOSED MASONIC TEMPLE AND MUSEUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Pending the erection of another hall for the use of Freemasons, permit me to call attention to a project I have long advocated, viz., the erection of a Masonic Temple and Museum, worthy the recognition and growing influence of so exalted an Order. There are 2000 lodges affiliated with the Grand Lodge of England. The number of Masons connected with them is nearly 200,000. It has ever been a matter of astonishment and regret since my connection with Masonry in 1865, that an Order so ancient, numerous and influential, celebrated alike for its loyalty, morality and charity, throughout the wide, wide world, should not possess a building adequate to their growth and requirements, and worthy the recognition and worship of our Supreme Master, the Great Architect, in whom all Masons put their trust. In the United States it is computed there are 600,000 Masons. In New York there is a Masonic Temple, spacious and symbolical, comfortably seating in the Grand Lodge room over 1000 persons. There are also lodges for lady Masons; the wives, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters of Masons, the theory of their order, "The Eastern Star," is founded upon the Holy Writings. They are not permitted to share in the grand mysteries of Freemasonry, but are enabled to make themselves known to Masons so as to obtain assistance and protection, by means of which, acting in concert through the tie of association and mutual obligation, they may co-operate in the great labour of Masonry, by assisting in, and in some respects directing the charities, and toiling in the cause of human progress. I have full details of my project in the hands of the printer, and will willingly send the same to any brother on written request.—Very truly yours,

Pro. WM. HY. ELLIOT, C.E., Joppa, 188.

7, John-street, Bedford-row, W.C., May 9th, 1883.

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Almoners and others in the southern counties should beware of one James Donovan, of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 4, Johnstown, New York State, whose statements to me I have discovered are totally untrue. He was at Chichester on Thursday, the 3rd inst., and the brethren there impounded his documents, waiting for information from Johnstown.

He is about 5ft. 10 in. high, has a thick brown moustache, no whiskers or beard, looks hearty and strong, and a bit sunburnt, and has a very slight impediment in his speech.—Yours faithfully,
F. FRANCES.



THROUGH SIBERIA. Fourth Edition. By Bro. H. LANSDALL, D.D., and P.G.S. Sampson, Low and Co., 188, Fleet-street.

Bro. Lansdall is a well-known brother of ours, who has written one of the most agreeable and interesting works it has been our province to peruse. Widespread curiosity attaching to his revelations of a "terra incognita," of a portion of the earth around which gloomy clouds of fear and horror seemed perpetually to hover quoad the European mind, has no doubt as an initial force invited a demand for a work of such professed aim and object. But the book itself has claimed and obtained the suffrages of the thoughtful and the sympathies of the intelligent. It is a manly, straightforward view and account of things as they really are in living verity, neither disfigured by the exaggeration of party writers, nor affected by the mere weakness of sentimental "gush." We feel as we turn over Bro. Lansdall's striking pages that his facts are facts, and that his assumptions and his conclusions are both fair and reliable. Most, therefore, of the "idle tales" of partizan scribes, and the all but inevitable exaggeration of the popular views upon Siberia, have been dissipated and removed by the clear and conscientious eye-witness of Bro. Lansdall. Our esteemed brother had previously laboured successfully in Finland, in seeking, by the distribution of bibles and tracts, prints and pictures to throw a little light upon the moral and intellectual darkness of the "Finn's," and then he turned his attention to "Siberia." Armed with a ministerial "pass-partout," he has seen what no one else has seen, and has been able to detail accurately and lucidly what no one else could even approximately measure. The great doubts and grave horrors of Siberian life and Siberian cruelties faded away at the touch of truth. Tortures do not exist; corporal punishment is inflicted, as in English Prisons, for hardened malefactors, by the "Rods" and by the "Plete," in milder and more painful form. But the story of arbitrary and revolting cruelties may be dismissed, like many other human fads and popular superstitions. The charm of Bro. Lansdall's work is its natural and kindly tone, the careful outcome of one evidently desirous of truth and reality, and seeking to be just to all men. We can commend Bro. Lansdall's "Through Siberia" conscientiously to all who seek not only with a love of travel to realize the efforts of hardy voyagers, but who desire to know something about a country so often mentioned as Siberia. If they wish for a clear "coup d'œil" of the entire subject, if they seek to know what Siberia really is, and what is the life or status or actual lot of the entire quasi-criminal population, we recommend

them to obtain "Through Siberia," and they will, we feel sure, like ourselves, feel improved by the perusal. In the *Freemason* we have had necessarily to leave out many topics which might be enlarged on in other papers, as Bro. Lansdall will himself concede; but we repeat we advise our friends to read and think over the book for themselves.

MODERN NOVELS.

We do not profess to be great readers of Novels, but every now and then we come across them, and they confront us in the way, and we have to take account of them, whether we like it or not. We are among those who, rightly or wrongly, do not perhaps set as much store by modern novels as they may, with more lenient critic perchance, fairly claim. Despite every allowance for altered tastes and prevailing tendencies of thought and sympathy as the generations come and go, we find fault as a general rule with the paradoxes, the sensationalism, the affectation, and the unreality of the general run of imaginative works to-day. Though comparisons are professedly "odorous," from the days of Mrs. Malaprop, we prefer the older tales which entranced our youth, or vivified our advancing years. We may be perhaps too much, as we sometimes are, "laudatores temporis acti," but we venture to think, that modern novels are woefully deficient for the most part in sincerity, reality, high feeling, and common sense. There are, of course, notable exceptions, and many of us will recall pleasant books with familiar names, with which we have made addo to pass many sunny or stormy hours, which have moved our feelings, or soothed our sensibilities, and yielded to us pleasant moments of complacent thought or grateful memory. But the "bulk" of modern novels is, to our mind, both insipid and unprofitable reading, too often pandering to a most mistaken and injurious love of the weird, the grotesque, the sensational, and without the slightest pretence either to educate the intellect, control the imagination, or touch the heart. With some persons novel reading is said to act like dram drinking,—a constant condition of "nips," keeping up a state of sickly sentimentality, mournful laxity, and, above all, an idle waste of time and attention. As an illustration and commentary combined on what we have just ventured to say, we take up two novels to-day, which have made no little noise, attracted much attention, and have been largely read, and on which opinion, as is usual, is much divided. These are, "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," by Walter Besant, and "The New Arabian Nights," by Robert Louis Stevenson. They were originally published in 1882, but are still vastly in request. We confess that we think they are both marked, and marked strongly, with the faults of our modern novel writing school, which we have above shortly enumerated. "All Sorts and Conditions of Men" is, as Mr. Besant fairly admits, an "impossible story." It is characterized no doubt by all those graces of style, and all that peculiar use of the English language that quaint collocation of sentiment and sentences, which distinguish so vividly that able writer and his quondam and lamented "collaborateur," Mr. Rice. Under the conditions in which Miss Angela Messenger is happily placed, everything is possible, nothing is impossible. She has only to wish, and it is executed, to say, and it is done. And, therefore, this representation of the hyper-heroic novel, has in it an element of weakness, which mars its prominent ability of execution from first to last. Many of the characters are forcibly drawn,—Bunker, Captain Sorensen, Lord and Lady Davenant, Joseph Coppin, Mr. Fagg, and not excluding the hero and heroine, and not the least, Lord Jocelyn Le Breton. But to say the truth this "Masquerading" hardly suits our English sobriety of thought or taste, and we are inclined to think that the rich and charming "Dressmaker" in disguise is a mistake, and the result of the volumes is a feeling of general disappointments. In the higher underlying aspiration of this work we shall all share, that is those of us who have looked into such things and are aware of how little the upper "strata" of society know of the under, and how much of genuine suffering and sorrow constitutes the daily lot of large classes amongst us in our boasted stage of progress and civilization. In their general advance and elevation we shall all take deep interest, and shall trust that the great truth of "sympathy" may yet spread more and more amongst us, to draw the most contrasted classes closer and closer together, to improve their lot, to advance their social well-being, to prepare the way for a far more general condition of independence and thrift, self-trust and self-help, skilled labour, healthier homes, and prevailing prosperity amid the toiling masses of our people.

"The New Arabian Nights." We do not profess to like this "new departure" either in tone or temper, in outcome, outline, or tendency. The stories are more or less purely sensational, and most unsatisfactory to us in that they invest a most unreal and improbable state of things, with the aspect of actuality and probability. Indeed, we are so old fashioned, such old fogies, if you like, that we confess we deem the "idea" of the work to be alike morally objectionable, and intellectually weak. That the tales are marked by much clearness of phrase and neatness of touch is undeniable. That you skip along easily, and they trip along glibly is equally true, but these concomitant conditions may fairly be attributed to the expert intelligence and polished pen of the "ready writer." But that these "Legends" are likely to subvert any good end, or be gratefully remembered after fashion and passing "chic" have had their day we do not believe. Our dear old friends the Old Arabian Nights seem to us with almost electric brilliancy to mark the margin,—the very, very great margin,—as between the well-known and cherished originals and these would be imitations. The story of the Suicide Club, to our mind, is simply revolting. It is but fair to observe that one or two of the later tales had previously appeared in "Temple Bar."



179] FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX.

Bro. Thomas Francis, of Havant, has done for the Province of Sussex generally, and for his own lodge, No. 56, Arundel, particularly, what I much wish other brethren equally competent, would do for their lodges and provinces. The history of Freemasonry in Sussex, and of the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," Arundel, has been most care-

fully compiled by Bro. Francis, and by dint of zealous researches, and any amount of perseverance, a volume of facts have been collected, which has a value far beyond the province only, and should be read by all Masonic students wherever dispersed. The Editor of the *Freemason* has already favourably noticed the work, but as no London publisher seems to have been utilized for the purpose of its sale, which is an unfortunate oversight, I desire again to draw attention to its merits. Lodges in Sussex are traced and many points of interest in their career are noticed, from 1724, and the history of the province is given from 1774. Of course the lodge, which assembled "from the time of Julius Caesar," but as a matter of fact began to work in 1730, is not lost sight of. Its traditional existence and honours appear to have proved too much for the members, anyway its erasure was chronicled in 1754. The coloured illustrations are something unusual for such a publication, the four special medals being exceedingly good. No. 56 was originally a London lodge, and was chartered in 1736, removing to Arundel in 1789, and the records contain several items of importance, happily enumerated by Bro. Francis, who is its ardent historian, as well as that of the Province of Sussex. There are many other old lodges whose histories are worth writing, as the Editor of the *Freemason* continues to urge and bring before the attention of the Craft, and I desire to support him most heartily in his appeal for more light from such a pure source.

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180] BROWNE'S MASTER KEY.

During the last two years a work has been several times referred to in your columns in an indifferent sort of way, called "Browne's Master Key," published in 1798. Bro. Todd, P.M., refers to it in Notes and Queries, No. 145. The work in question explains in the preface why a considerable portion is in a species of cypher-type, and therefore only to be read by those who are in possession of the "key." Has this key ever been heard of as in possession of a living brother? If not, the difficulty of making it out should not be great, and I should be glad if some brother versed in such matters would write me on the subject.

Bradford, Yorkshire.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.



Craft Masonry.

STRAND LODGE (No. 1987).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Thursday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Bro. James Willing, jun., the W.M. There were present as visitors, Bros. H. Cotton Smith, 1642; J. C. Smith and H. Dickens, 1744; J. G. Elderton, 317; C. Birshall, 1347; J. S. Edmund, 1507; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

There was a very large amount of business on the agenda paper, including nine raisings, six passings, and three initiations. At half-past three o'clock, Bros. J. C. Harrison, C. Osland, J. G. Shaw, E. N. Dale, H. S. Foster, A. A. Thioden, O. Fawkes, E. B. Hartt, and M. J. Green were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. When this business had been disposed of Bros. W. D. Horrocks, C. J. Weston, W. C. Archer, F. G. Banks, J. Hewson, and D. Cowie were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for two candidates for initiation, namely, Mr. Edwin Evans, proposed by the W.M. and seconded by Bro. J. H. Batty; and Mr. Charles A. A. Welsh, proposed by Bro. C. F. May, and seconded by the W.M.; and both being approved, these gentlemen and Mr. Arthur Koning, who had already been balloted for were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the First Degree. The ballot was afterwards taken for the admission as a joining member of Bro. Charles Spencer Crowder, 79, proposed by Bro. A. A. Thioden, and seconded by the W.M., and being declared in his favour, Bro. Crowder was admitted to membership. Few Masters perhaps, would undertake the performance of such an amount of business at one meeting, but Bro. Willing is well-known as a very rapid worker, and appears to possess an unlimited amount of endurance.

During the evening the thanks of the lodge were tendered to one of the members who had presented a large Masonic carpet for the lodge room. There is something else however of which the lodge stands in greater need, the want of which mars very much the solemnity of the ceremony in the Third Degree. The lodge room is lighted by three or four large windows, which are fitted with linen blinds only, so that there is no means of excluding the glare of daylight, and for a lodge meeting early in the afternoon, or indeed at any reasonable hour at this period of the year, the absence of effective darkening blinds is a very detrimental circumstance.

After the lodge had been closed down, and the meeting adjourned, the members of the lodge and their guests dined together, and passed a very pleasant evening. Wherever Bro. Willing, jun., presides there is sure to be plenty of merriment, but there is no great scope for the reporter's art. On this occasion, also, in consequence of the duties connected with his theatre necessitating the early departure of Bro. Douglas, the loyal and Masonic toasts were grouped together very ingeniously by Bro. Willing, who simply proposed "Loyalty to the throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Stiles, the able Secretary of the lodge, who said it was a peculiarly pleasant privilege to have the task to perform. He was quite sure that he had only to mention the name of the W.M. to secure for this toast the heartiest reception. His endurance and energy as a working Freemason were marvellous; he had that day raised nine brethren, passed six, and had besides initiated three other gentlemen into the Order. Such work few could equal—none could excel. He was sure they were very glad to see Bro. Willing, who was founder of the lodge, in the position of W.M. The lodge was making great progress and now numbered 50 members.

Bro. Willing in replying to the toast said he felt so thoroughly identified with the Strand Lodge that anything that was said honouring him was really honouring the lodge. The attention that had always been paid both by the original and the new members to the work of the lodge

compelled him always to be at his best. The good feeling existing amongst the members and expressed towards him made him very happy and was fully reciprocated by him. They met as a band of happy brothers, and he hoped that they might always continue such.

Bro. Willing then proposed "The Health of The Visitors" to the lodge, and said that the lodge had a great debt of thanks to pay to Bros. Smith, Mray, Edmunds, and others who had helped him in the arduous work he had had to perform. Bro. Willing in the course of his remarks referred to the fire at the Masonic Temple in Great Queen-street, and expressed a hope that as for some time past its dimensions had proved inadequate to the requirements of the brethren who assembled at the Quarterly Communications some means would be found of increasing the accommodation when it was rebuilt. They had not only themselves to consider, however. When the fire occurred the Temple was found to be an element of danger, and Bro. Sadler, the Grand Tyler, had to go up and get his family removed first before he could do anything in regard to the fire. Bro. Willing considered that there were not rooms enough and hoped that it might be found practicable to take in some portion of the tavern so as to provide a sufficiency of accommodation.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiates," Bro. Willing said that they had that evening completed their work upon the first batch of initiates in the Strand Lodge. It was an instruction given to them by the Consecrating Officer to be very particular to enquire into the character of those who might seek to be admitted into Masonry through this lodge. Of this they had been very careful not admitting anybody into the lodge whom they would be unwilling to admit also into private friendship. It had been pleasant to him as W.M. to observe the attention paid by the candidates when the ceremony was being performed. It was however quite impossible that initiates should understand the whole of what they heard when going through the ceremony, they should lose no time in gaining further instruction; and he recommended them to attend the lodge of instruction over which Bro. Stacey presided, where they could obtain all the information of which they stood in need. The W.M. associated with the health of the initiates that of Bro. Crowder, who had been elected as a joining member.

Bro. Crowder and the three initiates having acknowledged the compliment paid them,

Bro. Willing proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Strand Lodge," in doing which he expressed his regret at the absence of Bro. Swanborough, who had been compelled to absent himself by an engagement which he was unable to set aside. He also referred to Bro. Madge, and in speaking of Bros. Stacey and Stiles said that he believed there were no harder working Masons than these two worthy brothers.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Stacey, Madge, and Stiles, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—A meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, April 28th at the Crystal Palace Sydenham. There were present: Bros. Thos. Perrin, W.M.; Basil Croke, S.W.; J. B. Crump, J.W.; James Crowden, S.D.; P. G. Philps, J.D.; R. P. Jenkins, I.G.; Hicks, W.S.; Bowler, Tyler; W. F. Gardner, I.P.M.; Robert H. Crowden, P.M.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M., Sec.; B. Fullwood, D.C.; S. Johnson, G. C. Winkworth, Fanshawe, and others.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Alfred Powles, J.W. 1901, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. A. J. Bellis, was balloted for as a joining member, and he was unanimously elected; after which the W.M. passed Bro. A. J. Hands to the Second Degree, that brother having proved himself worthy of it, the ceremony being performed in Bro. Perrin's usual successful manner.

The Bye-Laws were read by the Secretary, and upon the W.M. rising for the second time Bro. Robt. Crowden, P.M., proposed Bro. W. J. Ancell, as a joining member. The lodge was duly closed, and there being no banquet the brethren separated at an early hour.

SAMSON LODGE (No. 1668).—The annual festival of the above young and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Café Royal, Regent-street. Lodge was opened (in the absence of Bro. C. Ochse, W.M.) by Bro. W. T. Lover, P.M., supported by Bros. H. Aarons, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Quincey, J.W.; M. D. Loewenstark, P.M., Treas.; Baron D. Barnett, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Cooper, J.D.; H. W. Caspard, D.C.; R. S. Kingsbury, I.G.; W. H. G. Rudderforth, P.M.; B. Fuld, A. Glück, I. Levy, S. Lancaster, J. S. Miller, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321; W. Ansell, P.M. 30; R. Albert, P.M. 188, P.G.P.; H. M. Harris, P.M., W.M. 205; R. S. Danter, 87; J. Benjamin, W.M. 188; C. Burmeister, P.M. 538; J. J. Bell, P.M. 1178; J. Andrews, S.W. 209, P.G.S. Berks and Bucks; A. S. Staley, W.M. 185; R. W. Coope, 1491; G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, 898 (*Freemason*), and others.

The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. E. Marum, and proving satisfactory, that gentleman was initiated into the Order by Bro. Lover, P.M., in a highly impressive style. After a successful ballot Bro. H. S. Vrieslander, late of No. 1017, was admitted a joining member of the lodge. The installation was next proceeded with, Bro. Lover, P.M., having undertaken the duty. Bro. H. Aarons was accordingly presented, obligated, and duly inducted into the chair of K.S., the Board of Installed Masters included the W. Masters or a P.M. of each of the sister Lodges of Tranquility, 185; Joppa, 188; Israel, 205; and Montefiore, 1017; which are en rapport with each other. Bro. Hyam Aarons was saluted in the several degrees, and the appointment of officers took place as follows: Bros. C. Ochse, I.P.M.; J. Quincey, S.W.; W. H. Caspard, J.W.; M. D. Loewenstark, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Baron D. Barnett, P.M. Sec. (re-appointed); R. A. Kingsbury, S.D.; B. Fuld, J.D.; A. Glück, I.G.; W. H. Rudderforth, P.M., W.S.; J. S. Miller, 93 (S.C.), D.C.; and Oberdoerffer, Tyler.

A fine delivery of the three grand charges brought Bro. Lover's, P.M., labours to a successful finish, and that brother received the congratulations of the brethren as he resumed his seat. The remaining business was the presentation of a splendid Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. Ochse, I.P.M., in recognition and appreciation of his services as a founder and W. Master of the lodge for the past year. On an appeal from a brother of the lodge for assistance the Benevolent Fund was had resource to, and

all business being at an end lodge was closed and the brethren sat down to the banquet. This was of a capital description, although somewhat marred by various long and tiresome waits which had the effect of driving the toasts off until a late hour. Why, too, should a number of English gentlemen be placed at the mercy of a staff of young waiters not one of whom could speak or understand a word of the language of this country? As a counter-balance to these little drawbacks, Bro. Rudderforth's kind and efficient ministrations in his department as W.S. left nothing to be desired.

After grace the W.M. gave, as time was getting late, "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Craft," which was heartily received.

Bro. Albert, P.M. 188 and 1017, P.G. Pursuivant, replied in response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," who said as he knew the brethren were anxious to smoke, he would be brief. He experienced the feelings of pleasure and regret—pleasure at being present, and regret that he could not do justice to the toast. The brethren had seen how well the brethren who twelve months ago were appointed to Grand Lodge Office had performed their duties. Recently other and equally able brethren had been appointed, and whose names were a guarantee that Grand Lodge would not lose any of its lustre whilst they were in office. He also thought that whilst the brethren were and ought to be proud of Grand Lodge Officers, so the Grand Lodge had reason to be proud of the Samson Lodge under its banner. Bro. Andrews, P.G.S., also returned thanks.

Bro. Ochse, I.P.M., next gave the toast of "The W.M., Bro. H. Aarons," who he said was initiated in the Samson Lodge six years ago, and had filled several offices, and now ultimately had attained his present proud position. During Bro. Aarons' Masonic career he had discharged his duties with integrity, and had proved himself a friend to the lodge, and one whom they might feel proud of as their W.M.

This was warmly received, and Bro. Aaron briefly responded, and gave the toast of "The I.P.M." of whom he said all felt how good a friend he had been to the Samson Lodge. Bro. Ochse was indeed a good Freemason and one of the first to render assistance to any brother in distress. Bro. Aaron would not say any more in Bro. Ochse's presence, or he would think he was overstepping the bounds, but would ask them to heartily drink the health of the I.P.M.

Bro. Ochse expressed his gratification at the hearty reception his name had met with. So many kind things had been said in his favour that he hardly knew how he had deserved them. True, as a Mason he had always endeavoured to carry out what he had promised at his initiation, and had tried to do his duty, and hoped he had succeeded to their satisfaction. Having done as much in the past as was in his power, he trusted to be among them for many years to render any assistance to the Samson Lodge.

"The Initiate" was next toasted, Bro. Marum being cordially welcomed by the Samson Lodge, as also was Bro. Vrieslander the joining member. Bro. Marum wished the W.M. and brethren to accept his deepest gratitude and thanks for accepting him into their society. About a year ago he had had the honour of listening to a lecture by an eminent scholar, himself a Mason, upon the high aims and tendency of Freemasonry. This had at once converted him (Bro. Marum), and he felt proud to belong to such an association. It would always be his endeavour to honor what he had so solemnly promised that night, and to act in accordance with the high principles then laid down. Bro. Vrieslander said he could only repeat the words of the previous speaker, and was pleased to be among them.

"The Visitors" were next honoured, Bro. Barnett reading out the names of the visiting brethren, and each one being heartily recognised, the replies were numerous and appropriate, the representatives of the sister Hebrew lodges and other visiting brethren according high praise to the lodge for its working and hospitality. It was also the privilege of Bro. Benjamin to recall how in the days of his youth he had first met Bro. Aarons and some half-dozen other brethren present, and he felt he could scarcely express the pleasure he experienced in meeting them as Masons in after life, particularly congratulating his old school-fellow, Bro. H. Aarons, upon gaining the position of W.M. of such a lodge as the Samson.

After other suitable replies, all developing cordial good-feeling Bro. Aarons introduced "The Past Masters," which body of Brethren he characterised as the backbone of the lodge and ever anxious to promote its well-being. The I.P.M. replied for the P.M.s, saying all would agree that a lodge to be successful must rely upon its Past Masters. He (Bro. Ochse) could speak from but very brief experience as a P.M.; he had noted the time by his watch as he left the chair at 7.40 that evening. He could, however, testify to the manner in which he had been assisted by the Past Masters whilst he held office, and the present and future Masters could rely upon the support of the Past Masters in the interests of the lodge.

"The Installing Master, Bro. W. T. Lover, P.M.," was next deservedly honoured, Bro. Aarons thanking him for his kindness in performing the ceremony, which had been done in a first-rate style and one well becoming a good Freemason as Bro. Lover was known to be, this not being the first time Bro. Lover had performed the installation ceremony. Bro. Lover, in an exhaustive speech returned thanks. When visitors came to a lodge (and he always managed to have several) they expected to find three things, good working, good cheer, and good fellowship, and he trust all had been found in the lodge that evening. He regretted Bro. Ochse was unable to be present to initiate their new brother, which duty he in consequence had undertaken. He had worked as a founder and Past Master for the good of the lodge, and always held himself open to do anything to promote the prosperity of the Samson Lodge.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" were next honoured, and responded to by Bros. M. D. Loewenstark, P.M., and Bro. B. D. Barnett; and "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens, who impressed upon the Brethren the need of a constant support being rendered to the three Masonic Institutions to enable them to carry on their grand and useful work in aid of the distressed and needy connected with the Craft.

"The Officers" toast followed, and was severally responded to, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

Among the vocal efforts those of Bros. Lover and Rudder-

forth were thoroughly enjoyed, Bro. Secretary proving a capital accompanist, and Bro. Glück gave a reading which caused all the brethren to enjoy that great aid to the digestive organs, a hearty laugh.

KAISAR - I - HIND LODGE (No. 1724).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, No. 68, Regent-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. A. Bayford, W.M., assisted by Bros. R. A. Pritchard, D.C.L., S.W.; J. Shortt, J.W.; C. Berney-Brown, S.D.; Ernest Field, J.D.; and W. H. Sands, I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. George Henry Jessop, who was unanimously elected. The W.M. then proceeded in an able manner with the initiation of Mr. Robert Henry Pritchard and Mr. Clement Linwood Strong, who had been balloted for and elected at the last meeting, and subsequently with the ceremony of passing Bro. Henry Forbes Eden to the second degree. Upon the motion of Bro. Shortt, seconded by Bro. T. Barrett-Lennard, P.M., a committee was appointed to consider and report whether any alteration could be made in the days of meeting. Bro. C. Berney-Brown, who, in the temporary absence abroad of Bro. Captain S. P. L. Konarski, had been acting as S.D., having notified to the W.M. that he now wished to resign that office, Bro. Konarski was duly invested and forthwith took his seat on the right of the W.M. Bro. Captain Wyatt Turner was also appointed D. of C., and was requested by the W.M. to at once enter upon his duties by ascertaining if the dinner which was to follow the meeting of the lodge was ready for the brethren.

All visitors present having given the W.M. "Hearty good wishes" from their respective lodges, the ceremony of closing was duly performed, and the brethren proceeded from labour to refreshment.

After partaking of an excellent banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and duly responded to by the brethren.

In returning thanks for the cordial way in which the toast of his health had been received, the W.M. mentioned that it gave him sincere pleasure to welcome back to the lodge Bros. Philip F. Walker, Capt. S. P. L. Konarski, and Capt. Gerald Storrell, who had all recently returned from abroad, and to see so good a muster of the brethren generally.

After the various toasts, several songs were given by Bros. Shortt, Haig, and other of the brethren, and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

The members attending the lodge and banquet included Bros. Lieut.-Col. H. Burton, P.M.; Col. G. F. Blake, P.M.; T. Barrett-Lennard, P.M.; S. E. Dibdin, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Ramsay, P.M., Sec.; R. A. Pritchard, S.W.; J. Shortt, J.W.; Capt. S. P. L. Konarski, S.D.; Ernest Field, J.D.; R. Sands, I.G.; Philip F. Walker, Capt. Gerald Storrell, Capt. Wyatt Turner, A. Reginald Rudall, R. Ffynes Barrett-Lennard, Major W. Cumming, Henry Forbes Eden, and C. Berney-Brown.

Letters were received from Bros. Napier L. Pearse and P. Berney-Brown regretting their inability to attend, and sending all good wishes to the lodge.

The visitors present were Bros. General Sir Rose Price, K.C.B.; J. Merton, P.G.J.D.; J. Cook, 197; and David Harrison.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 7th inst. Bro. George Kirby, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. Garbutt, S.W.; Dr. Draper, J.W.; J. Sykes Rymer, I.P.M. (the Sheriff of York); Mark Rooke, P.M.; A. Buckle, M.A., P.M.; Joseph Todd, P.M., Treas.; W. Smith, Sec.; Alderman Terry; and numerous other brethren. The first business was the initiation of Mr. J. Holiday Smith, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. The tools were given by the Secretary, Bro. W. Smith, and the charge was delivered by Bro. M. Rooke, P.M., D.C. Then followed the passing of Bro. T. W. Denison, Bro. Rooke performing the ceremony. Subsequently the W.M. called attention to two melancholy events which had happened since the last meeting of the lodge, one more immediately concerning the York Lodge, and the other a matter of sorrow for Free and Accepted Masons throughout the world. The former was the death of Bro. John Young, who had been connected with this lodge for a number of years, and to whose highmindedness, geniality, and ability, not only Masonically, but commercially and socially, the W.M. testified from over 20 years' experience of their lamented brother. The W.M. proposed and Bro. Buckle, B.A., P.M., seconded a resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the deceased in their bereavement, and this was unanimously adopted. The second matter of remark was the disastrous fire at the "Temple" in London, and profound regret was expressed at this calamity which had deprived Masonry of some of its most valuable commemorators of past glories of the Craft. Much pleasure was expressed at the following announcement which appeared in the *York Daily Herald*:—"The Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master of Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire, has received a communication from Col. Knollys, stating that the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of English Freemasons, will be pleased to lay the foundation stone of the new institute to be erected in York with Masonic honours. The invitation to His Royal Highness to act in his Masonic capacity has been sent by the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire. The ceremony will take place during the Royal Show week."

NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360). There was a good muster of the brethren of this lodge at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., amongst them being Bros. F. J. Ains, W.M.; George Ellard, acting I.P.M.; J. J. Hart, S.W.; F. J. Ditty, J.W.; J. Sadler, S.D.; H. Timpon, J.D.; H. Brown, I.G.; George Robinson, P.M., Sec.; B. Wilkins, D. Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; J. U. Stanton, Prov. G. Treas.; J. T. Green, P.M.; Jno. Kellett, P.M.; A. Cockerill and H. W. Todd, Stewards; H. J. Atkins, P.M. 1764; R. Croft, 1764; A. Richardson, T. Aldridge, T. Wetherell, H. A. Robinson, E. D. Fletcher, E. James, W. George, T. Franks, and others.

Bro. W. George was duly raised by the W.M., who most ably performed the ceremony. Bro. T. Franks was balloted for as a joining member, and being duly elected

the ceremony of passing was then proceeded with, the W.M. again officiating in a most admirable manner. The after business was then proceeded with, including the nomination of Provincial Grand Officers, and on the adjournment from labour the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and harmony contributed in the enjoyable manner for which No. 360 has been noted for many years.

NORTH SHIELDS.—St. George's Lodge (No. 431).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 7th inst., the W.M., Bro. W. J. Ward, P.P.G.J.W., presiding. A large number of brethren, including visitors from the neighbouring lodges, were present, and "Hearty good wishes" were tendered on behalf of lodges 240, 406, 481, 541, 700, 898, 1119, and 1970. The working consisted of three initiations, which was ably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. W. B. McLearn, I.P.M., and the J.W., Bro. A. Robson, the other officers doing their respective duties in a most satisfactory manner. After receiving propositions for next meeting the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and the remainder of the evening spent in an agreeable and harmonious manner.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Hope-street, when there were present Bros. Wm. Charles Freeman, W.M.; Joseph Kerfoot, S.W.; James Charlton, J.W.; W. H. Horrocks, S.D.; W. H. Pennington, J.D.; Thos. Banks, I.G.; G. A. Mort, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Bryce, Treas.; Thos. Yarwood, acting Org.; and Thos. Coupe, Tyler and Steward.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. James Hayes was balloted for as a candidate for initiation, and having been unanimously elected, was duly initiated by Bro. G. H. Evans, P.M., Chaplain, who also presented the working tools. Bro. John Walshaw was afterwards raised to the Degree of M.M. The working tools being explained by Bro. J. Jackson, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C. The lodge was closed in due form after a portion of the ancient charges had been read and substantial support given to the charity box.

The brethren then adjourned to the supper room where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

BRIGHTON.—Hova Ecclesia Lodge (No. 1466).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Old Ship Hotel. The members of the lodge present were Bros. C. J. Smith, P.M.; H. A. Dowell, P.M.; Capt. W. McWhinnie, P.M.; A. Marshall, W.M.; J. Luttman-Johnson, S.W.; Capt. G. C. D'Albiac, S.D.; Dr. H. E. Price, J.D.; C. W. Kelly, Org.; W. E. D'Albiac, I.G.; J. R. Holland, M.P.; Capt. M. Hancock, Capt. H. C. Collis, A. Aylmer, P. B. Weston, Capt. G. Edwards, C. A. Woolley, H. J. Leigh-Bennett, T. G. Pleydell, C. J. Fingar, and A. H. Clarke. Among the visitors were Bros. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Newsome, W.M. 1821; W. C. Newsome, Org. 1821; W. H. Gibson, W.M. 1636; J. Harrison, W.M. 1820; S. H. Soper, W.M. 732; W. D. Stone, W.M. 311; W. Skindle, P.M. 851; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., W.M. 1184; J. Preston, 343; F. W. Gruggen, W.M. 38; H. Scott Ritchie, 969; G. Cole, J.W. 1636; W. E. S. Medcalf, 1947; P. Davis, 96; J. Harris Ross, 271; T. Hughes, Tyler; and H. H. Hughes, Assistant Tyler.

The principal business of the meeting was the installation of the W.M. and the investiture of his officers. The ceremony of installing Bro. Major J. Luttman-Johnson as W.M. for the ensuing year was impressively performed by Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M. The brethren elected by Bro. Johnson as his colleagues during his year of office, and who were invested with their insignia of office were Bros. Capt. G. C. D'Albiac, S.W.; Capt. C. P. Henty, J.W.; W. W. D'Albiac, Treas.; C. J. Smith, Sec.; H. Price, S.D.; W. E. D'Albiac, J.D.; A. Price, Stwd.; Major Bridger, 2nd Stwd.; Capt. H. C. Collis, Org.; Capt. W. McWhinnie, D.C.; and T. Hughes, Tyler. Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., was unanimously elected to serve on the Provincial Charities' Committee. Bro. A. Marshall was presented with a Past Master's jewel in appreciation of his services to the lodge during the past year.

The lodge being formally closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of Bro. J. Luttman-Johnson, who was supported by Bros. J. R. Holland, M.P.; J. H. Scott, V. P. Freeman, and C. J. Smith, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. G. C. D'Albiac and C. P. Henty.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts appertaining to the Craft in general were duly honoured.

Bro. J. H. Scott, responding on behalf of "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," referred to the pleasure all would feel that the archives of Freemasonry were saved from the recent disastrous fire at the Freemasons' Hall. While deploring the loss of the historic building, he was sure the Craft would gain by securing in the new hall greater accommodation than members of Grand Lodge had been accustomed to receive.

Bro. J. R. Holland, M.P., proposed "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.; the W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, Bro. J. H. Scott, P.G.D. of England; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Sir Walter Burrell, he said, had endeared himself to all members of the Craft, and though a man of decided opinions in politics, he had not introduced them into Freemasonry. Bro. Scott had equally decided opinions of an opposite character, and yet the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy were the firmest of friends. The great work done by Bro. Scott in the Craft would shortly be acknowledged by a testimonial. The movement was no secret, and he trusted the result would really represent the strong feelings in the hearts of Freemasons towards their Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Holland also referred in eulogistic terms to the excellent work done by Bro. Freeman as Prov. Grand Secretary.

Bro. John Henderson Scott in responding expressed his regret at the absence of his chief, Bro. Sir Walter Burrell would have been present but for an attack of bronchitis. A more popular Provincial Grand Master than Sir Walter he believed could not be found. Speaking for himself, he thanked the brethren for their continued kindness towards

him, and amidst laughter and cheers begged to reserve his remarks upon the testimonial for a future occasion.

Bro. V. P. Freeman expressed the pride he felt in serving the Craft under two such popular officers as their Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, and the pleasure he experienced in receiving so much kindness and support from those with whom he was associated in Freemasonry.

Bro. Capt. S. W. McWhinnie proposed "The Worshipful Master." He had known their Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Luttman-Johnson, for sixteen years, and also his great worth as a steady worker, and was confident he would efficiently carry out his duties during his year of office.

Bro. J. Luttman-Johnson in responding said that although he might reasonably have been asked to make way for more efficient officers, he felt proud in taking the post of Worshipful Master, and would do his utmost to worthily occupy the chair.

Bro. C. P. Henty gave "The Past Masters." He regarded Past Masters as the backbone of a lodge. It would be idle for him to expatiate upon the well-known merits of Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., who had never missed a meeting of the lodge, or to make more than a passing reference to Bro. McWhinnie, their ever genial M.C. Bros. Dowell and Marshall were also valued Past Masters. He referred to the Benevolent Fund founded by Bro. Marshall, and to the able manner in which the latter had carried out his duties during the past year.

Bro. Marshall responded.

Bro. C. J. Smith gave "The Initiates."

Bros. Collis and Pleydell replied.

Bro. C. A. Woolley proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. McGruggen acknowledged the toast.

Bro. D'Albiac responded for "The Officers," when the Tyler's toast completed the programme.

During the evening the various speeches were agreeably interspersed by songs rendered by Bros. Percy Blandford Weston, H. J. Leigh-Bennett, Hugh Clendon Collis, G. Cole, and S. H. Soper, Bro. Collis accompanying on the pianoforte.

LIVERPOOL.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).

—The usual periodical meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Derby Hall, Tuebrook, on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst. There was a large number of members present, Bro. P. C. Ashbury, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. J. Henderson, I.P.M.; Dr. H. Pitts, P.M.; J. Delamere, S.W.; R. Armitage, J.W.; Dr. O. E. B. Limrick, Secretary; R. Stirzaker, S.D.; R. Bannion, J.D.; F. Kitchin, I.G.; and others.

After the lodge business the brethren dined together, and during the proceedings Bro. Dr. Pitts, P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Luke Bagnall, and eulogised most highly the efforts of that brother during nearly eight years in bringing the lodge to a high state of financial prosperity. In consequence of Bro. Bagnall's care he considered the position of No. 1620 to be superior, financially, to that of any lodge with which he was acquainted. He also alluded to the uniform kindness of Bro. Bagnall and Mrs. Bagnall in assisting them as a suburban lodge to minister to the creature comforts of the members. He then, on behalf of the brethren, presented to Bro. Bagnall a beautiful time-piece, accompanied by a valuable gold bracelet for Mrs. Bagnall. The toast was most cordially honoured.

Bro. Bagnall in reply thanked the brethren warmly, and said he had merely carried out what he conceived to be his duty, and what had been his original intention, viz., to see No. 1620 out of its childhood and place it in a position beyond reproach.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge held a meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. Lorkin, W.M.; Wolf, S.W.; Weeden, J.W.; Ferrer, S.D.; Marks, J.D.; Ashton, I.G.; Fenner, acting Preceptor; and Galer, Secretary; Cohen, Brock, Houghton, Snook, Bleakly, Jones, Manger, and Lones. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brock having offered himself as a candidate for passing was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the W.M. explaining the working tools at length. The W.M. then gave the lecture on the second tracing board. Bro. Fenner then worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Manger answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, but was not entrusted. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Wolf was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form with prayer.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on the 10th inst. Present, Bros. S. Jacobs, W.M.; Ralf, S.W.; Thorpe, J.W.; Brand, S.D.; Mogford, J.D.; B. Solomons, I.G.; Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary; and R. Head.

The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Bro. R. Head having offered himself a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony.

Bro. R. Head again offering himself, the usual questions were put, and answered for passing.

Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C.

Lodge opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, worked the First Section of this Lecture.

Lodge was closed in the Third Degree.

Lodge was closed in the Second Degree.

Bro. Richardson proposed that Bro. Ralph be W.M. for the ensuing week.

The lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., a convocation of the above Chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel. M.E. Comp G. W. Hudson, Z., occupied the First Principal's chair; E. Comp.

Henry Stiles, H. the Second Principal's; Comp. James Willing, P.Z., Third Principal's. There was a large attendance of Companions, including I.P.Z. W. M. Stiles, S.E.; Comps. W. Side, T. C. Edmonds, W. J. Ferguson, A. Holt, F. W. Gillis, W. Cook, J. G. Humphrey, T. Minstrell, H. Dickey, J. C. Smith, A. W. C. Clemow, &c.

The first business was the election of the three Principals, and E. Comp. Henry Stiles, Master of the Metropolitan Lodge, was unanimously elected to the first principal's chair. In graceful terms he thanked the Companions for the honour they had conferred upon him, and promised that in his hands the dignity and the position, and the credit of the Chapter should in no way suffer. E. Comp. James Willing, who had already filled the position of First Principal, was elected to the second chair; and Comp. W. Side to the third chair. I.P.Z. Comp. W. M. Stiles, was appointed S.E.; and Comp. W. Cook, S.N. Comp. T. C. Edmonds, was unanimously elected Principal Soj., and he appointed the two Companions in succession, Comps. Holt and Humphrey, his First and Second Assistants. Comps. Dickey, Minstrell, and Price were elected the Audit Committee. There were two exaltations, three candidates to be balloted for, and one joining companion. The Chapter was closed in due form, after which the Companions sat down to a capital banquet, served under the genial and obliging personal superintendence of the respected proprietor of the hotel, Bro. F. H. Clemow. The toasts were of a personal and congratulatory character, the health of the M.E.Z. Elect., E. Comp. H. Stiles, being specially proposed and enthusiastically received.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The quarterly convocation of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. The following were present: Comps. E. West, I.P.Z., as Z.; G. Scott-Mutch, H.; F. A. White, P.Z. 907, as J.; G. Kennedy, S.N., acted as P.S.; R. Hodgkinson, 358, as S.N.; T. Ovenden, 1st Asst. S.; G. Spinks, 2nd Asst. S.; H. Syer, T. Whylic, C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason), and others.

The work consisted of the balloting for of Bro. E. Bithray, 15, which proving unanimous, that brother was fully exalted to the Sublime Degree.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to M.E. Comp. De Gray's house, the Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellently served supper was partaken of. The usual loyal and Royal Arch Masonic toasts were drunk, and a few pleasant hours were passed in social converse and harmony. M.E. Comp. H. Shaw, M.E.Z., was unavoidably absent, and the excellent manner in which Comp. White performed the duties of J., at a moment's notice, was matter of universal comment and commendation, and the same may fairly be said of Comp. Kennedy's work as P.S.

Mark Masonry.

HULL.—Minerva Lodge (No. 12).—A meeting of the Minerva Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, on the evening of Monday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. James Pyburn, M.D., W.M.; Ansell, I.P.M.; George L. Shackles, S.W.; Baldwin, J.W.; George Hardy, P.M., Treas.; Walter Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. — Casson, Chap.; W. Holder, as M.O.; Wm. England, S.O.; W. H. Wallstead, J.O.; A. Johnson, Reg.; J. Linwood, S.D.; Thornton, J.D.; Henry Vise, as D.C.; V. King, Org.; R. Toogood, Stwd.; F. Fullerton, I.G.; and Clayton, Tyler. Bros. Thomas Lissons, P.M.; J. N. Sherling, P.M.; R. G. Smite, P.M.; G. W. Pyburn, H. Logan, W. F. Sutton, H. F. Pudsey, H. Foster, W. C. Whitesides, F. Blackburn, H. J. White, E. Bryan, and W. Johnston. Visitor: Bro. Dr. A. H. Robinson, of the Humber Lodge of M.M.

The lodge having been opened in form the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ballot was then prepared for Bros. the Rev. H. W. Kemp, M.A., Thomas Weatherill, T. R. Shearsmith, Edward Piper, E. G. Hewerdine, George Hansell, and J. H. Peters, as candidates for advancement, and for Bro. George Spink, of the St. George's Lodge, No. 15, Exeter, as a joining member, all of whom were accepted. Bros. the Rev. H. W. Kemp, M.A., Thomas Weatherill, J. R. Shearsmith, Edward Piper, E. E. Hewerdine, George Hansell, and J. H. Peters being in attendance, were regularly advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. Pyburn, the W.M., assisted by Bros. J. N. Sherling, P.M., and R. J. Smith, P.M. Labour being ended hearty good wishes were expressed and the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and full justice having been done to an ample supply of viands, the W.M. proceeded to give the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

During the course of the evening "The Health of The Initiates" was proposed and enthusiastically received.

Bro. the Rev. H. W. Kemp in responding stated he that evening had had a recurrence of an old and pleasant feeling, viz., that of being received as a newly-initiated brother. It was nearly 35 years ago since he had first had the honour of replying to a similar toast in the Craft Degree and who amongst the brethren present would not if he could go back to such a period coupled with his present experience, as however the G.A.O.T.U. had decreed this could not be. It behoved them one and all to make the best use of the remainder of their allotted lives. In making such a retrospect, however, he could not help remembering many great and important works that he had the honour of assisting at in connection with their W.M., for the benefit of art, industries, and the welfare of their good old town of Hull, and the ceremony he had gone through that evening would certainly be an incentive to him to continue in the path he had years ago laid down for his guidance, and he hoped that his example would be followed by the younger brethren, they should, however, remember that for such a course there should be no "keystone," and that no one then present was not able to assist his brethren and fellow beings in this world in some manner, however slight, and for all they could tell that "keystone might become the head of the corner."

Bro. Geo. L. Shackles, the S.W., being placed in possession of the gavel proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brother," and in doing so apologised for the absence of the W.M. of the sister Mark lodge, many members of that lodge would have honoured them with their presence that

evening had it unfortunately not been the anniversary festival of the Humber Craft Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Robinson responded in suitable terms.

Bro. the Rev. H. W. Kemp then asked the brethren to give him their attention, as he had a toast to propose he was certain they would receive in a most enthusiastic manner, viz., it was that of "Their W.M." He had had the honour of the personal friendship of W. Bro. Pyburn for many years, who by his uniform urbanity and kindness had endeared himself to a large circle of brethren and friends. It had been gratifying to him to be advanced that evening to the Degree of a M.M.M. by such an esteemed friend.

The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, and Bro. Pyburn in responding disclaimed any merit of his own in the work done that evening, and thanked the P.M.'s and officers who had assisted him in the work within the lodge.

The parting toast having been given the brethren dispersed after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

CONSECRATION OF THE JORDAN MARK LODGE, No. 319.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge of M.M. Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-street, Torquay, on Tuesday, 8th inst., for the purpose of consecrating the above lodge. The history of the new lodge is briefly this. Several members of Jordan Lodge, 1,023, in order to become Mark Masons, had joined the Mark Lodge, Devon, 215 (Newton Abbott), but as these brethren were enthusiastic Masons, they were desirous that a Mark Lodge should be attached to their own at Torquay. Keeping this object steadily in view, Bros. John Lane, A. T. Blamey, and W. Bradnee increased their efforts, and the ceremony crowned the movement with success. The first sign of the meeting in Torquay on the above day was small detached parties of Masons, who wended their way to the Imperial Hotel, where they were photographed by Bro. Bradnee's artists. A copy of this photograph will be given by Bro. Bradnee to each of the sitters as a memento of the pleasant meeting. After refreshments, a Mark Lodge was formed at the lodge room, when eight brethren were advanced to the degree of M.M.'s. Bros. Herbert Martin, P.P.G.R., I.P.M. 215, presiding; C. Pope, P.P.G.S.B., acting S.W.; W. Harris, P.P.J.G.D., as J.W.; John Lane, 215, and W.M. designate, 319, as Reg.; S. Loran, 316, M.O.; Charles Stevens, P.P.G.J.D., as S.O.; H. A. Schank, 316, as J.O.; A. T. Blamey, 215, S.D.; W. E. Taylor, 215, J.D.; and J. S. Kersteman, 316, I.G. The workings being rendered in excellent form.

At half-past two the Provincial Grand Lodge was formed, R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Tanner Davey, J.P., P.G.M.M., presiding, supported on the one hand by V.W. Bro. Charles Spence-Bate, F.R.S., D.P.G.M.M.M., and on the other by V.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.W., Grand Secretary of England; V.W. Bro. Vincent Bird, P.G.S.W.; and Bro. W. Vicary, P.P.G.S., as J.W., pro tem.

V.W. Bro. G. F. GRATWICKE, P.P.G.A.S., P.G. Sec., read the various matters, including an announcement that a certain sum of money having been paid to the Masonic Charities, the R.W. Pro Grand Master thereby became a life governor. This was warmly applauded.

A communication from the Grand Lodge confirming the appointment of R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davey, as P.G.M.M., was also read.

The R.W. Pro GRAND MASTER acknowledged the honour which had been conferred upon him, pointing out that Devon was not only the senior, but also the largest, province of M.M.M.'s in England, and that Mark Masonry was still growing was amply shown in the fact that a week or two since Lodge 316 was consecrated in Teignmouth whilst they were met to-day to consecrate Lodge 319, in Torquay. The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with.

The P.G. SECRETARY having announced to the P.G. Master that the members of the Jordan Mark Lodge desire to be constituted and consecrated the founders of the new lodge were arranged in order, and the warrant authorising the creation of the Jordan Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 319, was read. The assent of the Master and members having been given to warrant laws and constitution, the Past Grand Master declared the lodge constituted. The consecration ceremony was performed by V.W. Bros. C. Spence Bate, D.P.G.M.M.; W. Vicary, P.P.G.T.; Vincent Bird, P.G.S.W.; and W. Bro. Oliver, P.P.G.D.C., who in turn poured out the corn, wine, oil, and salt upon the pedestal. The P.G. Master and the P.G. Chaplain, the V.W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, having rendered their part of the ceremony, the P.G.M. then installed Bro. J. Lane as the first Master of the lodge, and the W.M. appointed the following as his officers: V.W. Bro. C. S. Lane, P.M. 39, P.P.G.M.O. Northumberland and Durham, P.G.D. England, as I.P.M.; Bros. A. T. Blamey, S.W.; W. Bradnee, J.W.; J. Dodge, M.O.; G. J. Pepprell, S.O.; B. Knight, J.O.; W. E. Taylor, Reg. of Marks; S. Sandison, Sec.; M. T. Wicks, S.D.; G. Rowland, J.D.; R. Letheren, I.G.; W. Hill, Org.; and J. E. Newton, Tyler.

The P.G. MASTER then addressed the lodge, alluding to the high honour of having V.W. Bro. Binckes, the Grand Mark Secretary of England with them.

V. Bro. J. LANE and V.W. Bro. SPENCE-BATE having supported these remarks,

V.W. Bro. BINCKES said he was somewhat taken by surprise at his cordial reception. He had been, as all should be, anxious to do his duty, and it was a great pleasure to him to come amongst the brethren. This was his first visit to Torquay, and its beautiful scenery; he should always have in mind the enjoyable day he was now passing amongst the Devonshire brethren. He had the pleasure in 1872 of installing the P.G.M., Col. Davey, and it was a further pleasure now to congratulate him upon the spirit and prosperity of the Order.

The lodge was shortly after closed. The musical part of the ceremony was capably rendered, the Torquay lodge room possessing an excellent organ. A banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Hotel, presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. Lane, and supported by R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davey, P.G.M.M.; V.W. Bros. C. Spence-Bate, D.P.G.M.M.; Col. John Elliott, Past D.P.G.M.M.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.W. England, G. Sec.; and the following other brethren: V.W. Bros. C. S. Lane, P.G.D. England, P.P.G.M.; Vincent Bird, P.G.S.W.; T. H. Seymour,

P.G.T.; John Algar, P.G.R.; G. F. Gratwicke, P.G.S.; W. J. Stanbury, P.G.D.C.; C. Pope, P.G.S.B.; Lewis E. Bearne, P.G.O.; W. F. Quicke, P.G.R.; H. Stocker, P.P.G.D.C., W.M. 15; J. Leonard, P.G. Purst.; Herbert Martin, P.P.G.R., I.P.M. 215; W. Harris, P.P.G.I.D.; W. Densham, P.P.G.S.O.; W. Vicary, P.P.G.T.; G. R. Barrett, P.P.G.I.; C. Stevens, P.P.G.J.D.; C. Pope, P.G.S.B.; E. J. Fulford, P.P.G.M.O., P.G. Stwd. England; F. B. Clements, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Oliver, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Hunt, P.G.A.D.C.; L. Stevens, G. C. Scarle, 215; S. Loran, 316; A. T. Blamey, W. Bradnee, J. E. Newton, J. Dodge, G. Rowland, R. Letheren, S. Sandison, M. T. Wicks, W. Hill, G. J. Pepprell, W. E. Taylor, 319; J. Gidley, P.G. Tyler; and others.

The meeting was a very successful one.

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

There are few Masonic lodges out of the So in the Province of West Lancashire in which Bro. Hargreaves Gill, 1086, and his "Fairy Bells" are not familiar as "household words." For a long series of years Bro. Gill has delighted many brethren—especially at meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge—with his sweet music on the "Bells," the outcome of his own musical ingenuity; and on many occasions they have been sounded in the cause of genuine Masonic and other Charities. At installation meetings the "Fairy Bells" of Bro. Gill have always been appreciated as the chief feature of the after-dinner harmony, and hence there are very few brethren who have so long enjoyed a like measure of popularity as Bro. Gill. At flower shows, bazaars, concerts, and social gatherings of various kinds the "Bells" have always been heard with pleasure; and on one occasion Bro. Gill had the special honour of playing before H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and a distinguished party at Croxteth Hall, Lancashire, the seat of the Earl and Countess of Selson. As a recognition of Bro. Hargreaves Gill's frequent free services in charity's cause, a number of gentlemen organised a complimentary concert on the occasion of his leaving Liverpool to settle in Blackburn. This entertainment took place at Hope Hall, on Saturday evening, the 5th inst., and the general esteem felt for Bro. Gill, personally as well as the admiration secured by his charming musical performances, was clearly shown by the attendance of a very large and enthusiastic audience. The following ladies and gentlemen generously gave their services as a compliment to the "Royal Fairy Bell" performer, their efforts being very highly appreciated: Mrs. Skeaf, Miss Sara Davies, Bro. Josef Cantor, Mr. Eaton Batty, the Cambrian Quartette (Bros. D. J. Davies, D. Williams, J. T. Jones, and O. J. Rowlands), Mr. Ramage, Mr. W. Sweetman, and Bro. J. Skeaf (conductor and solo pianist). Bro. Gill also gave two performances on the "Fairy Bells," which were most enthusiastically applauded; and as the benefactor was suffering from a very severe cold, which prevented him from speaking above a whisper, his thanks were conveyed to the audience by Bro. W. H. Jewitt, one of the concert committee. After thanking the artists for their voluntary services, the public for their liberal patronage, and all who had helped to make the concert successful, he said that 20 years ago Bro. Gill came to Liverpool quite a stranger, but on now leaving this city to settle at Blackburn he felt that the greatest drop of bitterness in the "parting cup" was the fact that he left so many friends whose warm sympathy and kindly counsel had never been wanting when they were needed. He could assure them that he should never forget his friends in Liverpool, and ventured to express the hope that they might not fail sometimes to remember Hargreaves Gill and his "Fairy Bells." (Applause.) He hoped not to be considered presumptuous when he said that he had always been willing to assist with his "Bells" in the interest of charity and in the promotion of true works of benevolence, and if he had at any time by his performances helped the distressed or cheered the sad heart, he could assure them that he had been well repaid. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he (Bro. Gill) desired to say "Good-bye" rather than "Farewell," for no doubt he would often be in their midst in time to come. (Applause.) The chairman of the committee entrusted with the carrying out of this most successful and enjoyable concert was Bro. W. H. Jewitt, and the duties of Hon. Secretary were well performed by Bro. T. Trevitt.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. W. H. LUCIA, PROV. G. SECRETARY OF SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, 12th inst., the funeral of the late Bro. W. H. Lucia, the Prov. G. Sec. of Suffolk, took place at Bury St. Edmund's, the obsequies partaking somewhat of a public character, as the Masonic body attended to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency was opened at the Angel Hotel, and in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M. through illness, and the Deputy Prov. G.M., who was in Lancashire, the chair was occupied by Bro. Fred. Long, the Prov. G.S.W., who was supported by Bros. Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.P.G. Chaplain; N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W.; T. J. Huddleston, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. E. J. Griffiths, Prov. Grand Chaplain; William Clarke, P.G.D. of C.; W. Armstrong, P.P.G.J.D.; G. J. Paine, P.G.S.; J. R. Thompson, P.P.G.S.D.; Fred. Wheeler, P.P.G. Reg.; W. W. Walesby, P.P.G.W.; C. Cooke, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Chapman, P.G.S.; G. H. Grimwood, P.P.G.S. Works; G. Thompson, P.M.; Jos. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W.; Horace Lucia, P.G. Steward; B. W. Syer, P.G. Tyler; J. Neal York, P.P.G.S.W., Cambs; T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., Essex, and about forty or fifty brethren of various lodges in the Province.

The acting Prov. Grand Master read a communication from Bro. Lord Waveney stating that in unison with the wishes of the family the lodge meeting was to be held as a token of respect for Bro. Lucia's services and character, offered with deep sympathy, and in the desire to lighten as much as may be the burden of the family's sorrow. Bro. Long continued: Brethren, from time immemorial it has been an established custom among the members of our Craft, when requested by the family of a deceased brother to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities. In conformity with this laudable usage, and at the special request

of the family of the deceased brother whose memory we revere, and whose loss we now deplore, we are here assembled in the form and character of Masons to accompany his remains to the grave, and there to resign his body to the earth from whence it came, and to offer the last tribute of our fraternal affection and regard to his memory, thereby demonstrating to the world the sincerity of our past esteem and our steady attachment to the principles of our honourable Order.

Bro. the Rev. R. N. SANDERSON proposed that a letter of condolence in the following terms be forwarded to Mrs. Lucia, and that the same be entered upon the minutes:

"Madam,—Permit us, the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk, here assembled, to pay the last office of respect to your departed husband, to assure you and your family of our deep sympathy with you in the sad bereavement with which it has pleased the Most High to visit you. Within the sacred circle of your private grief we do not presume to intrude; but it is at once a brotherly duty and a mournful satisfaction to take this opportunity of showing our sense of the loss which we have sustained, corporately and individually, in the removal of our honoured brother, and our grateful remembrance of his long services to the Order of Freemasonry in our province.

"Most respectfully we express our hope that this testimony of our fraternal regard for him whom we shall meet no more on earth may yield you some small solace, though we are well aware that all effectual consolation must come from a mightier love and a higher power. To Him, therefore, who calls Himself the father of the fatherless and the God of the widow we commend you and yours, humbly hoping that this separation may end in an eternal and blessed reunion."

The proposition was seconded by Bro. PAINE, and carried in solemn silence.

Apologies and letters of regret were received from brethren in London and all parts of the province.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where the first portion of the burial service was read, and where were gathered also a large number of friends of the deceased brother, amongst those present being Mr. W. Salmon (Town Clerk). At the door of the church were stationed the choir and the following clergy: The Revs. R. N. Sanderson, V. F. Willson, C. H. C. Baker, E. J. Griffiths, H. C. Crossley, and J. D. Paton. As the coffin was borne into the church it was preceded by the aisle by the choir and clergy, the Rev. R. N. Sanderson reading the opening sentences of the Burial Service. The coffin was placed in the centre of the aisle at the entrance of the chancel, and one of the psalms appointed for the burial of the dead was then sung by the choir. The Rev. V. F. Willson read the special lesson, after which Hymn 299 (Ancient and Modern) was sung. The "Dead March" was played by Mr. Richardson (the organist of St. Mary's), during which the corpse was borne back to the hearse, and the funeral cortege, headed by the deceased's brother Masons, and accompanied by a large number of the public, proceeded to the cemetery, where many friends were waiting.

The service at the graveside was read by Bro. the Rev. E. J. Griffiths, Prov. G. Chaplain, who also delivered a short address in accordance with ancient custom. In conclusion, the rev. brother said: Let us embrace the happy moment while time and opportunity may offer in providing with care against that great change, when the transitory pleasures of the world can no longer delight us and the reflection of a life spent in the exercise of piety and virtue yield the only comfort and consolation. While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our deceased brother, let charity induce us to throw a veil over his foibles, whatever they may have been, and let us not withhold from his memory the praise that his virtues may have claimed. His meritorious actions let us imitate. Let us support with propriety the character of our profession on every occasion, and supplicate the Divine grace to enable us to pursue with unwearied assiduity the sacred tenets of our Order. Then we shall secure the favour of that eternal Being whose goodness and whose power can know no bound, and prosecute our journey without dread or apprehension to a far distant country from which no traveller returns. By the light of the Divine countenance, we shall pass without trembling through those gloomy mansions where all things are forgotten, and at that great and tremendous day, when arraigned at the bar of Divine justice, judgment shall be pronounced in our favour. We shall receive the reward of our virtue by acquiring the possession of our immortal inheritance, where joy flows in one continued stream, and no mound can check its course. Unto the grave we have resigned the body of our loving friend and brother, there to remain until the general resurrection; and we earnestly pray Almighty God of His infinite goodness at the grand tribunal of unbiased justice to extend His mercy towards him and all of us, and to crown our felicity with everlasting bliss in the expanded realms of a boundless eternity.

The mourners (who included the sons and daughter of the deceased, Mr. T. F. Lucia, and Mr. H. Lucia), and Brethren afterwards gave a farewell look at the coffin, which was covered by choice wreaths and sprigs of acacia, and the funeral obsequies were brought to a close.

Amongst the large number of friends of the deceased who assembled at the cemetery we noticed Mr. F. Machell Smith, in whose business the late Mr. Lucia was formerly engaged for some years.

Bro. N. Tracy, P.P.G.J.W., efficiently acted as Prov. Grand Secretary, at the request of R.W. P.G.M. Bro. Lord Waveney.—*East Anglian Daily Times*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

In our account of the Stewards' visit to the School last week we were unable, from want of space, to give the following list of prize winners.

PRIZES TO THE HIGHEST PUPILS.

For Passing Cambridge Examination—Mabel E. Bingham, Fanny E. Lapington, Kathleen A. A. Collins, Mary L. Bowler, Beatrice L. Turner, Violet H. Lang, Kate L. Parker, Colina Sharp, Eleanor E. Spurgin, and Edith M. Potts.

PRIZES GIVEN BY THE INSTITUTION.

Music (vocal and instrumental), Mary A. Johnson; Drawing, M. E. Sandford; Needlework, M. E. Bingham; Harriette Chimes, Amy L. Kirke, Adelaide M. Brunskill; Machine Work, Clara M. Cowley and M. M. Smith;

General Usefulness, Ada Carter and Mary J. Feltham; Order and Attention (as proved by conduct marks throughout the year), Adelaide F. Laycock, Agnes A. Deeley, and Juliet Priestley; Neatness, Laura S. Spurr; Magnetism and Electricity (Class I.—Science Examination), Clara Kingcombe, Catherine A. Peele, and Minnie Ansell.

Class II.—Clara Kingcombe, General Proficiency; Julia M. Hervey, General Improvement; Edith Hicks, Perseverance.

Class III.—Agnes A. Deeley, General Proficiency; Mary A. Wyatt, Perseverance.

Class IV.—Mabel Lewis, General Proficiency; Rosamond Laybourne, Perseverance.

Class V.—Grace K. Bartrum, General Proficiency; Nina Prideaux, Drawing.

PRIZES GIVEN BY FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.
By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work:—Beatrice Lilian Turner.

By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French:—Fanny E. Lapington.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution:—Ada B. Tanare, Lilian Stephenson and Athaliah Allison.

By Bro. Frank Richardson, for Good Conduct and General Usefulness:—Dora Scott and Grace Simmonds.

By A. "LEWIS."

Mathematics and Electricity (Class I. Science Examination):—Emma L. Bridgeman.

Physical Geography (Class I. Science Examination):—Fanny E. Lapington.

General Improvement (1st Class):—Mona B. Hennet.

French Recitation:—Kate L. Parker.

2nd Prize for Calisthenics and Deportment:—Bessie Reed.

2nd Prize for Cookery:—Florence Armitage.

By Friends of the late Collard Moutrie, for Music:—Gertrude H. Mey.

By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music:—Hannah Mabel Ward and Rose A. Bridgeman.

The St. James "Yates" Memorial Prize (per St. James's Lodge), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery):—Edith H. Escott.

The Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree, for Good Conduct:—Meta Bell Braiser.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Amiability (as selected by her Schoolfellows):—Mona Hennet; Cookery, Louisa M. Thomson; Magnetism and Electricity (Class I.—Science Examination), Ada Hyshe Clase and Mary S. Norrish.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer for Needlework:—Lucretia C. A. Wilton.

The "Wentworth Little" Memorial Prize, for Music:—Ada Hyshe Clase, Helena Pidduck and Mary Bowler.

Good Conduct:—Marian S. Cooper.

The "John Boyd" Memorial Prize, for Drawing:—Mabel E. Bingham.

Writing:—Catherine A. Peele and Eleanor A. Ludlow.

Usefulness in Domestic Duties:—Annie Maria Strong.

By Bro. C. E. Atkinson, for Religious Knowledge, as distinguished at Cambridge Examination:—Ada Hyshe Clase, Gertrude H. Mey.

By Bro. Robert Grey:—For General Good Conduct, Mabel E. Sandford; Fancy Work, Florence Armitage; Calisthenics and Deportment, Maude M. Cowley; Calisthenics and Deportment (among Little Girls), Eliza Louisa Johnson.

Obituary.

BRO. R. E. K. WILKINSON.

We deeply regret to record the death of Bro. Richard Edmund Kerr Wilkinson, P.M. and Secretary of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, which occurred at his residence, Wallington, Surrey, about mid-day, on Thursday, the 10th inst. Bro. Wilkinson had recently passed through a very serious illness, in which he was most assiduously tended by his devoted wife, to whom he had been married 29 years. Still, he was so far restored to health that, at his request, on the Sunday before his death, thanksgiving was publicly offered up at church for his recovery; however, while engaged in his study he was seized with the fatal attack, and expired almost instantaneously. Bro. Wilkinson was born in Calcutta on the 7th October, 1829; he was initiated into Masonry in the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, on the 17th October, 1855, and upon returning to India he joined the Union Lodge, Kurrachee, No. 767, of which in due time he became Master. On the 29th March, 1869, he was appointed District Grand Registrar of the Punjab. Upon finally leaving India, he resumed his connection with his mother lodge, No. 7, and upon the late Bro. John Hervey, P.G.D. and P.G. Secretary, resigning the position of Secretary to the Royal York Lodge, he succeeded to that office. He was also an active member of the Committee of the "John Hervey Memorial Fund," in which he took a deep interest, having been introduced into the Order by that distinguished brother. In 1881 the brethren of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance unanimously elected him to the chair of W.M., and at the termination of his Mastership they made a presentation which was most gratifying to him, and which he ever after warmly appreciated. It was known to the members of the Royal York Lodge that from childhood he had been on terms of intimacy with the late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, for whom he entertained a sincere regard. It was, therefore, resolved that a P.M.'s jewel, of handsome design, which had been voted by the lodge to Bro. Hervey, and constantly worn by him should be purchased of his representatives and (a suitable inscription having been added on a bar) presented to Bro. Wilkinson. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7, of which he was P.Z. From the kindness and gentleness of his disposition, the urbanity of his manner, his quiet and unobtrusive demeanour, and the conscientious and methodical way in which he discharged all the duties of his various offices, Bro. Wilkinson had endeared himself to a large circle of friends both in England and in India (where he passed 24 years of his life) and the deepest sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Wilkinson, and also for his aged mother, in their irreparable loss. The funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery on Wednesday, the 16th instant, the burial service being impressively read by his friend the Rev. R. A. Boyle, B.A., Vicar of Holy Trinity, Wallington, the church which Brother Wilkinson regularly attended, and of which he was the Vicar Warden. The body was placed in a shell, which was enclosed in a very substantial polished oak coffin with massive brass handles. On a brass plate was the simple

inscription: "Richard Edmund Kerr Wilkinson, born 7th October, 1829, died 14th May, 1883." He was interred in a brick vault, adjoining that of his father, near the Cemetery Chapel. The coffin was covered with flowers sent by sorrowing friends, including a wreath from the Royal York Chapter, as "a tribute of sincere regard and fraternal affection. His remains were followed to their last resting-place by his widow, as chief mourner, who, notwithstanding the intensity of her grief, wished to pay this last sad token of respect to his memory. Mrs. Wilkinson was accompanied by Bro. George Wilkinson (brother of the deceased) and by two other friends.

The following brethren were present to testify their respect for their late friend: Bros. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., P.M., P.Z. 7; George J. Row, P.M., M.E.Z. 7; R. J. Chappell, P.M., P.Z. 7; Capt. Tindale, 7 (lodge and chapter); Edward Lawson Home, P.M. 227, J. 7; George Johnston, P.M. 7; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256, P.Z. 7; and Waters, 782. The venerable and venerated "father" of the Royal York Lodge, Bro. Frederick Adlard, P.M., Treas., was unavoidably prevented attending, a circumstance he much regretted, and many other brethren from similar reasons were absent. A number of personal friends and neighbours were also present. After the service the brethren dropped sprigs of acacia into the open grave. Thus "living respected and dying regretted" has peacefully passed away after a blameless life to

"That undiscover'd country, from whose bourne
No traveller returns."
One who never lost a friend and who never made an enemy, and whose memory will long be cherished with affectionate regard by the brethren and companions with whom he was associated for so many years.

THE ÆOLUS WATERSPRAY & GENERAL VENTILATING COMPANY (LIMITED).

We have recently had an opportunity of inspecting various apparatus for ventilating and purifying the air of rooms and buildings, as exhibited at the show rooms of the above company, 235, High Holborn, W.C. The leading characteristics of the invention, whether in its simplest or most elaborate form, are the facility with which it can be worked and the completeness with which it fulfils the purpose for which it is designed. Another point in its favour is, that it can be put out of sight altogether, or, if placed in a room, it can be made to look as ornamental as it undoubtedly will be found serviceable. Let the reader imagine he has in front of him an apparatus resembling very closely in shape the familiar pillar-box which the postal authorities have erected at intervals in the thoroughfares of the metropolis for the reception of letters, the slit through which the letters are admitted being, however, somewhat larger. Let him regard the pedestal as a reservoir for holding water, and the column as containing two cylinders one within the other, but so arranged that the interior one has the aforesaid slit opening into it. Up the middle of this is a vertical pipe for supplying the water from the tank to a nozzle at top with finely-perforated holes. The cock at the foot and outside of the column being turned on, the water plays through the holes in an oblique direction against the sides of the cylinder, and, acting with a continuous suction force, like that of the plunger in a pump, draws in the air through the slit. The air then passes down the interior cylinder with the descending water, and having been thoroughly cleansed of all impurity, is forced up the exterior cylinder, and re-enters the room again through an aperture at the top of the column as fresh and pure as before it had become vitiated. The temperature of the incoming air can be regulated to suit the season of the year. In summer, for instance, the passage of the air through the water necessarily cools it—to the extent of several degrees; but if greater coolness still is desired, it will be obtained by placing a small quantity of ice at the top of the column. On the other hand, in winter time the temperature can be raised to the required height by means of a gas furnace attached to the apparatus. It is also worthy of note that the moisture of the air thus dealt with can be regulated at will, that the apparatus can be regulated to a nicety, and stopped or set going at any time, that there is no mechanism which can get out of order, no attention beyond turning the water on and off being necessary, and that the consumption of water is small, the total cost of ventilating and warming a large apartment for nine hours not exceeding the modest sum of sixpence. There is also another apparatus constructed on exactly the same principle, but intended for bringing the air in from outside the building as well as through the slit or alone, the slit being closed by means of a flap. These are the simpler kinds of the Æolus Waterspray Ventilator, but there are likewise the "Single Action Æolus," and "the Double Action Æolus with two Sprays," which can be placed inside or outside an apartment, between roof and ceiling, or in cellar or cupboard, and are used for either introducing fresh air or extracting vitiated air; the Double Action one being in use in the Savoy Theatre, the Union Restaurant, &c.; and there is also the Suspended Æolus which may be used for either drawing off or introducing air, and may be placed between floor and ceiling, &c. In addition to these are several other kinds of apparatus such as the "Patent Invisible Automatic Exhaust Roof Ventilator; the Deflecting and Injecting ditto; the Æolus Chimney Cowl and the Downblow Chimney Cowl for accelerating Sluggish Chimneys, all of which are finding an ever-increasing favour with the public, who will shortly have a favourable opportunity of judging of this company's patents for ventilation, as the Lecture Theatre and the Fish-dining-room of the International Fisheries Exhibition have been ventilated by them. Orders have also been given by the executive committee to ventilate the Board-room and Secretary's office with water-proof ventilators we confess, the Æolus Water-spray Ventilator has most impressed us, partly no doubt because its construction is so simpler, but chiefly because it occurred to us it would prove a healthful addition to the furniture and fittings of rooms dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry, which, when crowded as they often are apt to become oppressive and detrimental to health. We may, as a final recommendation, say that these Ventilators are increasingly in use in Germany, in the Royal and Imperial Palaces, and in public and other buildings.

The Lord Mayor of York will be initiated at an emergency meeting of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, on Monday evening next.



For the benefit of Bro. E. W. Royce, unhappily incapacitated, it is feared permanently, just when he was reaching the height of his popularity as a comedian, a singularly attractive performance was given at the Gaiety on Tuesday afternoon, under the immediate patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were accompanied by their children. The difficulty of the Benefit Committee had been to know what to select, for nearly every manager in London proffered his earnest co-operation. The programme, however, included the burlesque "More Than Ever," a scene from "Patience," a scene from "The Silver King"; "Good for Nothing," with Mrs. Bancroft as Nan, Messrs. Bancroft, Cecil, Conway, Lemble, and Vernon in the other parts; the first act of "Blue Beard," and recitations and songs from Messrs. Toole, Crossmith, Warner, Dallas, Williams, and Poulton. Bro. Terry, who has been so long and happily associated with Bro. Royce in so many merry plays, spoke the following address with sincere feeling:—

"Sorrow and Hope, twin children of the brain,
Have brought me hither—clearly not in vain.
Sorrow—that one grotesquely genial face
No longer haunts its former dwelling-place.
Hope—that our boon companion oft again
May drown in future frolic present pain.
How quaint in manner, how alert of limb,
That life of pleasure, and that soul of whim!
He made you laugh. 'Tis not for me to try
On such a day as this to make you cry,
Still, now and then, by Nature's mighty magic,
Your comic actor trenches on the tragic,
Not always in the motley we profess
To make our tongues the echo of our dress.
One creed we cherish—odd as it may seem—
Life, even on the boards, is not a dream.
Truth, loyalty, and love, 'tis very certain,
Are not eclipsed, although behind a curtain.
Our brother, smitten sorely, quits the ranks,
Just for a while, of mimes and mountebanks
(Hard words to give us; yet the pleasant name
Of 'roughs and vagabonds' is much the same).
To stem the tide and breast the stormy weather,
Who shall assist him? You and we together?
To you, our friends, we came—to each and all;
To gallery, box, pit, balcony, and stall.
You heard and answered. May I nurse the hope
Which 'springs eternal' in a line of Pope,
That such a house as this, with heart and voice,
Ere long may welcome back dear Teddy Royce?"

The subscriptions and proceeds of the entertainment amount to nearly £1,400, but it is intimated that further donations will be gratefully received at the Gaiety Theatre. The case is a peculiarly sad one, for the actor was constantly giving proof of new and unexpected powers when he was so suddenly struck down.

It was once a practice of theatrical managers to change their programme on Whit-Monday, but this has now fallen into disuse, and we have nothing to record in the shape of changes except at the Surrey and the Standard where "The Hidden Million" and "The Anchor's Weighed" were respectively produced last Monday. The former is from the pen of Mr. Paul Merritt, and the latter, by Mr. J. P. Taylor, is a nautical drama, a style of play which has become uncommon of late years.

Long runs are the usual thing now-a-days in favourite houses, very different from ten or twenty years ago, when many thought a month or two very good for a popular play to remain on the boards. "Lurette," at the Avenue, reached on Saturday last its 50th representation. "Much Ado About Nothing," at the Lyceum, has passed its 200th performance. "Blue Beard," at the Gaiety, more than 70 times has been played. "Impulse," at St. James's, next week reaches its 150th night. "Rip Van Winkle," at the Comedy, will reach its 200th performance the following week. At the Princess's, "The Silver King," the 150th representation was given last Saturday, and at the Vaudeville "The Rivals" will shortly arrive at the 200th performance.

To-night Mr. John S. Clark re-appears at the Strand for a fortnight as Major Wellington de Boots in "The Widow Hunt," and as Brown the Broker in "My Neighbour's Wife." He goes to America in the Autumn.

Mrs. Kendal and Mrs. Arthur Stirling have been appointed, on the nomination of the M.W. Grand Master, the President of the College, Professors of Elocution at the Royal College of Music.

Miss Kate Vaughan will go in the provinces in the Autumn with a company, and will play in "Amy Robsart" and "Notre Dame." We do not know if this means she is about severing herself from Bro. Hollingshead's theatre and giving up burlesque altogether. She will be much missed at the Gaiety by many others than the mashers.

Bro. Augustus Harris has purchased the country rights of "Lady Clare," and we hear it is not unlikely that he will act the hero himself when he takes the drama into the provinces.

The French Fisher Girls, and others who are over here for the International Fishery Exhibition, were, on Monday, invited to Her Majesty's to see the beautiful opera and ballet, "A Trip to the Moon."

To-night the Folies Dramatiques re-opens with Strauss's opera, "Prince Methusalem." We shall notice it shortly.

Mr. Wilson Barrett will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, on 27th June. We hope a goodly sum will be the result.



The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, has consented to lay the foundation stone of the new institute at York with Masonic honours. The ceremony will take place during the Royal Show week in July next.

Bro. S. W. Shaw will be installed W.M. of the Eastes Lodge, No. 1965, at Bromley, Kent, on Saturday, the 26th inst.

Bro. P. A. Philbrick, Q.C., was on Wednesday last installed Prov. Grand Supt., of the new Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex, constituted at Chelmsford on that day. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will continue his lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the First Degree, in the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, at the Cambria Arms Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction, S.E., on Monday next, the 21st inst.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will hold its last meeting for the present session on Tuesday, the 29th inst., upon which occasion the ceremony of installation of Principals will be worked by the Preceptor, Comp. Brown, at half-past five o'clock, after which the usual ceremony of exaltation will be rehearsed at half-past six o'clock.

The Prince of Wales's Pavilion at the Fisheries Exhibition has been fitted up by Messrs. Gillow and Bro. Dick Radclyffe. The conservatory shows special features, viz., how electricity may be utilised in connection with natural plants for the decoration of conservatories, corridors, &c. In the aquarium is a sea-pool, which is also lighted by electric light.

On Tuesday a quarterly convocation of the United Strength Chapter was convened at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Comp. H. Halford, M.E.Z., who was supported by many of the officers and visitors. The principals and officers for the ensuing year were elected, and after the transaction of some other business the companions dined together.

Mr. A. W. Tuer and Mr. J. Cleminson have jointly invented a new system of railway signalling, with a view to obviating the many railway accidents caused through "Daltonism," or inability on the part of drivers to distinguish a white from a red light. It consists mainly in continuing at night the use of the ordinary day semaphore signal; the arms or pointers being boxed and illuminated internally, so as to form a broad and continuous band of white light, the position, as by day, determining whether the road is clear or blocked.

In the parish of St. Luke the Funds arising from various charities have increased so much that it was recently proposed by the Gifts Estate Committee to increase the £12 gifts of Palmer's Gift of £10 respectively to £15 each, but the proposal was negative. On Tuesday, at the meeting of the vestry, the Rev. Dr. Cave moved that Palmer's Gift be increased to £12 per annum, and an additional recipient of the gift be appointed, and that twelve additional gifts of £12 be appointed, the recipients to be elected by the vestry, which was agreed to.

The third annual exhibition of printing, stationery, paper-making, and kindred trades, is to be opened at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday, July 30th. A special feature of the exhibition is the holding of trade competitions, for which money prizes are offered. Mr. Robert Dale, at the hall, is the secretary and manager.

A new Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, formed of the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridge, is to be constituted at Gorleston, near Yarmouth, on Monday next. It is to be named the Province of East Anglia. At the same time the Youell Lodge, No. 317, named after its first W.M., Bro. Edward Pitt Youell, will be consecrated and the Worshipful Master installed by Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Mark Sec. The G.M.M.M., Lord Henniker, will be installed as Provincial Grand Master by M.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Mark Master.

THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.—A correspondent has furnished us with a very precise and detailed account of the fire and the damage resulting therefrom, which we regret we have not space to print in full, but from the facts therein stated there can be no doubt that the prompt and efficient manner in which the fire hydrants, recently furnished to the tavern by Messrs. Merryweather and Son, were brought into use prevented the fire extending to the other portions of the building and the Tavern adjoining, which would probably have resulted in the destruction of the whole building.

We have it on good authority that the Government have made offers to the directors of the Alhambra to purchase the site for a new West-end Post Office, and that the plans have been submitted. Bro. Holland, the manager, is advertising the re-opening in October and inviting professionals to offer their services, yet the re-building is not going on. Possibly, should the site be given up, the Pandora would be taken by the Alhambra Company.

THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.—Bro. Bedford Lemaire & Co., have taken some excellent photos of the Temple after the fire—from cabinet size upwards. Supplied only by G. Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, at 1s., 1s. 6d., 2s., 3s., 4s. each, post free on receipt of stamps or P.O.O.—[ADVT.]

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The dignity of a baronetcy has been conferred upon Dr. W. Chambers, the publisher of "Chambers's Journal," who was born in the year 1800.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princes Albert Victor and George witnessed the performance of "The Danischeffs" at the Court Theatre on Wednesday evening.

At Bow-street on Wednesday, Mr. Vaughan sentenced a drunken and disorderly carman named Lambert, to a fine of 40s. or a month's imprisonment for annoying the Prince of Wales and his family when leaving the Gaiety Theatre the previous afternoon.

A bazaar in aid of the new Town Hall, Coreham, was held on Wednesday, at Coreham Court, the family mansion of Bro. Lord Methuen, P.G.M., Wiltshire. The new hall will be opened by his lordship.

Dr. Andrew Wilson, F.R.S.E., &c., Scientist and Editor of *Health*, writes thus of the Loissetian System of Memory in that Journal, April 27th, 1883, p. 34. "His Method is Physiological and Scientific in the Highest Degree."

Bro. Alderman Hadley is Chairman of Directors of Du Barry & Co., (limited), a company formed to take over the well-known business of the Revalenta Arabica Food.

The Marquis of Lansdowne has consented to take the chair at the seventh annual dinner in aid of the East London Hospital for Children, at Willis's Rooms, on Thursday, June 7th. Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser are amongst the stewards.

The Lullingstone Chapter, No. 1837, in connection with the Lullingstone Lodge at Wilmington, near Dartford, will be consecrated on Monday, 28th May next. Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, is to be the first M.E.Z. Rev. Robert Jamblin, H., and Comp. H. Tuff, J. The ceremony is to be performed by Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.G.A.S.

On Sunday next special sermons will be preached in St. Giles, Cripplegate, in the morning, at 11, by the Rev. P. P. Gilbert, M.A., the vicar; and in the evening by the Rev. C. H. Griffith, the lecturer, on behalf of the Friend of the Clergy Corporation, the St. John's Foundation School, and the Clergy Orphan Schools. The Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Bro. Sheriff Savory, the under sheriffs, and the deputies and common councilmen of the ward will attend the morning service.

In the annual report of the North-West London Hospital the committee acknowledge contributions from the Lady Mayoress, Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, M.P., the Mercers' Company, the Goldsmiths' Company, the Girdlers' Company, the Haberdashers' Company, the Skinners' Company, the Vintners' Company, the Coopers' Company, and the Merchant Taylors' Company. Princess Christian has consented to open the new wing of the hospital some time in June.

The public dinner which is to be given to Bro. Henry Irving, prior to his departure for the United States on a professional tour, will take place at St. James's Hall on Wednesday, July 4th. The committee formed for the purpose of carrying out the arrangements consists of the following gentlemen, viz.: Lord Coleridge (president), the Earl of Fife, Sir F. Pollock, Bart., Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., Sir J. B. Monckton, Mr. W. L. A. Burdett-Coutts, Mr. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Mr. W. Spottiswoode, Mr. J. L. Toole, and Mr. E. Pinches (hon. secretary). The Prime Minister Lord Granville, and many other distinguished personages have received invitations, and a large and brilliant gathering is expected on the occasion.

On Saturday evening last the Prince of Wales was entertained at a grand banquet given in their magnificent hall by the Fishmongers' Company in honour of the opening of the Fisheries Exhibition. The chair was occupied by the Prime Warden of the company. Amongst the distinguished guests present were the Duke of Edinburgh, the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Duke of Teck, the German Ambassador, the Netherlands, Spanish and American Ministers, Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.S. Warden, the Earl of Cork, Viscount Powerscourt, the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, and Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., &c.

PRESENTATION TO THE GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.—A numerous company assembled on Thursday afternoon, at the hall of the Saddlers' Company, in Cheapside, for the purpose of presenting a sword of honour and large piece of silver plate to Major-General Laurie, late Adjutant-General of the Forces, and Grand Master of Nova Scotia, which had been subscribed by the officers and men of his late command. Mr. Hayter Reed, Prime Warden of the company, presided, Bro. the Right Hon. H. E. Knight, the Lord Mayor, and Bro. General Laurie occupying seats on his right. Amongst those present we observed Sir Henry Barkly, General Sir Geo. Balfour, M.P., Bro. Capt. Nathaniel Phillips, P.G.D., and others. The presentation was made by Sir W. Galt, who spoke in high terms of the services of Major-General Laurie in connection with the Volunteer Militia in Nova Scotia, and handed him a handsome sword and a massive piece of silver plate, at the same time reading an address which he stated had been signed by nearly 4000 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the active Volunteer Militia of the province of Nova Scotia, and congratulated him upon having acquired the rank of Major-General in the Imperial Army. General Laurie, in returning thanks, referred to the readiness with which the volunteer forces of Nova Scotia answered the summons when called out to repel the Fenian aggression, when 14,000 came to the front in answer to a call for 10,000. Gen. Laurie said that the Canadian Volunteers saved the mother country the service of 10,000 regular troops. A vote of thanks to the Saddlers' Company for the use of their hall terminated the proceedings.

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The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention of being present at the review of the boys and girls drilled under the London School Board, which will be held at Knighton, near Woodford, on 23rd June, next.

The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, left Hampden House for Dublin on Tuesday evening, en route to his seat at Baron's Court.

It is understood that their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will be present at the Oxford Commemoration from 12th to 14th June, as guests of the Dean of Christ Church.

Bro. the Earl of Granville will give a banquet at the Foreign Office, to the Ambassadors on Saturday the 26th inst., in honour of the Queen's birthday, after which the Countess Granville will have a grand reception.

We understand that it is not at all probable that the recent destruction of the "Temple" in Great Queen-street will lead to a removal of the Grand Lodge headquarters to the Embankment or any other site but the present one. Space sufficient to meet all the requirements of the Craft as far as the hall is concerned is available on both sides of the present building, and there will be no difficulty in sufficiently enlarging and improving it.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley has written a letter to Bro. Augustus Harris highly complimenting the latter upon the efficiency and precision with which the military movements in "Youth" are accomplished, the result of much careful training. As a spectacle there is nothing to surpass it in London. The National Theatre is doing well under its present régime. On Saturday last the Princess of Wales, with the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales and the Duchess of Edinburgh, witnessed the performance. For the most part the cast is the same as before, but Miss Litton is not there. Mrs. Maddick is of the new company. The theatre was crowded on Saturday last with soldiers in scarlet who had taken part in the Egyptian War.

Before Mr. Justice Pearson on Friday the case of Spiers and Pond (Limited) v. Chubb and Son's Safe Company (Limited) was again mentioned. It was—as previously stated—a motion for an injunction to restrain the defendant company from continuing to publish a letter signed by the plaintiffs' manager at the Freemasons' Tavern, setting forth that certain iron doors supplied by the defendant company were the means of saving the banquet hall from destruction upon the occasion of a recent fire at the adjoining premises, which letter the plaintiffs allege was written without their authority, and is calculated to mislead. The motion was ordered to stand over till next Monday, the defendants giving an interim undertaking to refrain from further publishing the letter, and to withdraw all the existing announcements thereof.

On Wednesday the Prince and Princess of Wales and their sons received at Marlborough House the fishermen and fisherwomen from different parts of the United Kingdom, who, to the number of about 400, attended the opening of the Fisheries Exhibition. After an address of welcome from the Prince who was lustily cheered, the party sat down to a cold collation in the garden. The Royal party then left for Windsor, and were followed by the fisher party, who had been invited by her Majesty to see the Castle, over which they were conducted by the Inspector of Palaces. The procession along the East Terrace was witnessed by the Queen and Royal Family, and the party having subsequently dined, returned to town about seven o'clock. One old fisherman, aged ninety-seven, ascended to the battlements of the Round Tower, while the Newhaven fisherwomen went into the palace and sang ballads to the Princess Beatrice.

The International Fisheries Exhibition, South Kensington, was opened with great pomp and circumstance on Saturday last by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Queen had graciously undertaken to perform this function, but in consequence of the accident she sustained some time since, it was deemed advisable that her Majesty should entrust the duty to the Prince of Wales. The Royal party, including the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Albany, Princess Christian, the Duke of Cambridge, the Princess Mary, Duke and Duchess of Teck, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, were all assembled previous to the arrival of his Royal Highness who was accompanied by the Princess and their sons the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, and attended by their usual suite as well as by the great Officers of State, with an escort of the Household Cavalry. The Prince wore a Field-Marshal's uniform, and the young Princes those of Midshipmen in the Royal Navy. On their arrival a procession was marshalled in the vestibule and advanced to the familiar strains of the National Anthem and amid great cheering to the dais, on which were a throne and several chairs of state. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, as president of the general Committee, then read the address which, had the Sovereign been present, would have been read to her Majesty by the Prince of Wales as president of the Exhibition. This having been graciously acknowledged, the Archbishop of Canterbury invoked the Divine Blessing on the undertaking, and the choir having sung two verses of the Old Hundredth, His Royal Highness in a loud and distinct voice, in the Queen's name, declared the Exhibition open. This was forthwith heralded throughout the building by a grand flourish of the state trumpets and proclaimed abroad by a Royal Salute, fired by a battery of Royal Artillery in Hyde Park. The "Marche Cortège" from Gounod's "Reni de Saba" and Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" being rendered by the choir, the procession was reformed, and the Prince and Princess returned to Marlborough House. The Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty near the dais and the Yeoman of the Guard in the building. Her Majesty's Watermen were stationed along the line of the procession.

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