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THE Special Grand Lodge took place on the 27th ult., under the distinguished presidency of the PRO GRAND MASTER, supported by Bro. Viscount HOLMESDALE, and other Prov. Grand Masters. The attendance was not overpowering; it was, in fact, sparse. The revised Book of Constitutions was considered and passed up to, if we remember rightly the law 185, and Grand Lodge was closed wisely at 9.20, after four hours' exhaustive sitting, the heat being very great, and the attendance becoming gradually thinner and thinner. We were struck, as all must be, with the patience, consideration, and courtesy, not at all unexpected, of our distinguished PRO GRAND MASTER, and were gratified in noting the great evidence of marked ability and understanding of the Book of Constitutions evinced by Bro. Lord HOLMESDALE. As the discussion progressed it seemed to become clearer and clearer, to some minds at any rate, that had the Board of General Purposes suggested the further consideration of the amended draft and the rejected proposals by an *independent Committee*, it not only would have been a good stroke of policy, but would have commended the movement and the Board to the grateful recognition of their brethren, and above all would have saved much, very much, discursive and hasty discussion. Two things were plain from the first moment: that the provincial brethren mustered in force, and were not satisfied with the concessions made. This duplex fact dominated all the subsequent debate and led to one or two unforeseen results. We still venture to think, "that for all around" equally, as there is no hurry in the matter, and the lasting character of the Book of Constitutions is the real thing to aim after and desiderate, that a little more time to consider the various clauses, and from a purely technical and independent point of view, might well have been given, and would have redounded to the credit of the Board itself, and would have given great satisfaction to Grand Lodge, and advanced the best interests of the Craft. We are indeed all bound to concede to the Board of General Purposes the greatest credit for hard work, and anxious efforts to bring about a complete, a salutary, and a safe revision of a Book of Masonic law so necessary and useful to us all alike. But some of us doubt, as we may fairly do, whether from its peculiar construction, as we said last week, the Board is actually the very best body to which to confide the drafting and preparing of a code of Masonic law. It was quite evident as the hours passed away, that, as we begun by stating, a further consideration of several "moot points" would have been most desirable, and would have saved a deplorable waste of time.

GRAND Lodge was deeply gratified by the announcement made by our noble brother the PRO GRAND MASTER on Friday last, with reference to the withdrawal of the altered Table of Precedence, and not the least so, by the peculiarly gracious mode in which it was communicated. We re-invite attention to our recent leaderettes on the subject, and we cannot help thinking that a master's hand has again come back to the helm. But while we are glad to acknowledge that a very great mistake has been most seasonably rectified, and that in the most becoming manner, we yet feel bound to express a hope, that the attention of our rulers may also be directed to the entire removal of other causes of dissatisfaction. The evident pleasure evinced by Grand Lodge at the felicitous announcement of the PRO GRAND MASTER, and the gratifying assurance of the unabated and vital interest of H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER in all that pertains to the happiness of the Craft, ought to encourage all who have the means and opportunity to tender loyal and salutary advice, so markedly accepted, and so graciously received. Our rulers have it is clear but one great end in view, the general welfare, contentment, and gratification of the Craft. He surely then is the truest "Amicus Curie," who honestly seeks to conciliate antagonisms, to remedy shortcomings, and to rectify mistakes!

THE kindly and thoughtful admission made on the withdrawal of a recent Order, that, in the very precise language of the *Freemason*, there had

been an exercise of a "concurrent jurisdiction" alike by the GRAND MASTER and the Grand Lodge as to the subject of precedence and rank, and hence that a claim of an absolute prerogative was untenable, was alike graceful and most Masonic. Indeed, it is now, we believe, conceded that for every exercise of the GRAND MASTER'S prerogative as the fountain of honour, several examples of a similar "user" might be produced in respect to the same exercise by Grand Lodge. We congratulate all concerned on the cessation of an undesirable controversy, and will only add that while we shall always to the best of our power and ability uphold the acknowledged and legal prerogatives of the GRAND MASTER, we shall, as in duty bound feel it to be our Masonic obligation to endeavour kindly and respectfully to maintain the undoubted privileges of Grand Lodge.

One or two of the amendments carried in the special Grand Lodge are noteworthy. One is the giving of the Book of Constitutions as well as the lodge bye-laws to all the newly-initiated; another is the restoration of the words after due examination in the clause relating to visitors; while a third is a sort of general agreement that a clause should be adopted to prevent, without knowledge of the fact, candidates who have been "black balled" in one town and lodge being proposed and balloted for in another.

SEVERAL vexed questions have also been now decided, though several remain for settlement. The very important point of the presidency of a lodge under all eventualities is now satisfactorily provided for, and several alterations have been made of more or less importance to gratify our Provincial brethren. The burning subject, the status of Past Masters, has yet to be dealt with. On this point we think it well to say a few words to-day. Lord CARNARVON'S wise and warning words at the outset, as to long speeches and abstract essays, naturally and properly kept back many from speaking on the subject when mooted. When the proper point is reached, a good deal will have to be said "pro and con." Our brethren from the provinces are apparently exercised by the fact that Past Masters "in" the lodge have no recognized status out of their own province. But several considerations come in. There is a good deal of force, no doubt, in the contention that "of the lodge" is a technical expression; but we hold to the opinion that a *Past Master*, while he is a subscribing member of some lodge and retains a seat in Grand Lodge, &c., "a fortiori" he does the same in a Provincial Grand Lodge; he is, no doubt, not a Past Master "of" the particular lodge in which he is now a subscribing member, in the sense of having passed the chair; but he is both a Past Master in the Craft and "in" the lodge, and no one can deprive him of his rights or his rank, quoad Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge. As a Past Master in the Craft and subscribing member to a lodge in the province, he has a right to a seat and vote in any Provincial Grand Lodge, in our humble opinion, despite some erroneous rulings on the subject. But we confess we very much object to go further, and place young Past Masters on an actual level with Past Masters "of" a special lodge. Let us take one illustration. A lodge is formed; has great success; gains great prestige; and after 10 years, say, it has reached a remarkable position of Masonic efficiency and financial prosperity. Is it fair, or even decent, that a "stranger" should come in and claim the same "status" as the actual *Past Masters* of the lodge, who have worked for 10 years in bringing about this state of things, by a mere payment of money? And if we are to do this for English Past Masters, what are we to say for Scottish or Irish Past Masters? in the former case, often with no lodge subscription at all; in the latter, comparatively small; and in both jurisdictions the custom of "passing the chair" still continued, which has been long given up properly by us. We, therefore, with due submission to some of our Provincial brethren, cannot fully endorse a view as regards Past Masters which we believe is far from being universally approved of in the provinces, but are most ready to render the actual "status" of the Past Master clearer and more precise by the law.

IT was amusing to note the other evening, though it was in the great heat, an "experimentum" truly "in corpore vili" for all present, the persistence with which some worthy friends of ours stuck to their favourite "fads." Our worthy correspondent and friendly antagonist, Bro. JAMES STEVENS, reproduced his theories with his wonted ability. But Grand Lodge refused to hear the "voice of the charmer," and we must add, very wisely. Those of us who remembered Bro. STEVENS'S old contentions quite saw what he was "driving at," but remembering Lord CARNARVON'S caution abstained from abstract disquisitions. We do not always agree with Bro. STEVENS, but we always think that he means well; and he has learned the best of all

lessons, that to gain the real ear of his brethren it does not do to be too aggressive, or in any sense incriminative of others, but that a calm, collected, well argued out address can always obtain a respectful hearing from Grand Lodge.

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THE "Agenda Paper"—in respect of the many amendments "not recommended" by the Board of General Purposes—was open, we felt and feel still, to much fair criticism. It did not strike us we confess, having had a great deal to do with similar matters, either a very "ship-shape" or practical way of doing business. It was sometimes and somewhat difficult to realize the question involved, or the point in debate. But then though an objection so fairly lay in the mouth and mind of any brother present, it ought to have been made at the beginning of business, when it could have been reasonably made and fully answered. But it was not at all fair, after hours of exhaustive confinement and patient hard work, for any brethren to come in after a comfortable and "square meal" elsewhere, and raise such a point before a hungry and perspiring audience. Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON'S very forcible words, under the circumstances of the case, were duly appreciated and warmly endorsed by all present.

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FROM the Antipodes comes a touching but interesting story. Professor WALKER, of Auckland, New Zealand, a young and rising man, a Second Wrangler, and a brother Mason, has recently been drowned while bathing. Being friendless in the country, and but newly-arrived, our Bro. the Rev. W. TEBB, P.G.C. for Somersetshire, rector of St. Matthew's, Auckland, and District Grand Registrar, with Bro. NELSON, claimed the body. The Masonic hall was fitted up to receive the coffin, and the remains of our poor brother were duly honoured by our always reverent and religious Order. The GOVERNOR, the SPEAKER of the House of Assembly, Sir MAURICE O'RORKE, and many more sent wreaths of flowers. Many hundred Freemasons attended the funeral, and thousands of the people lined the streets. Thus our young and distinguished brother, a stranger in a strange country, with a bright career prematurely brought to a close, was lovingly and loyally attended to his grave by a band of brothers, and the mystic charm of Masonic fellowship which girdles the world is thus beautifully illustrated and evidenced, as binding us in bonds of brotherly love and sympathy alike in life and in death.

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WE call attention to the remarks elsewhere respecting the land about the Girls' School now for sale. We feel confident that such a statement will receive the immediate attention it deserves. We highly approve of the proper and thoughtful action of the House Committee, and are sure that it will commend itself to Subscribers and the Craft.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

A Special Grand Lodge was held last Friday at Freemasons' Hall for the purpose of considering the alterations and amendments proposed for the new Book of Constitutions. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided, and was supported by the following brethren:

Bros. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, as D.G.M.; Rev. E. Moore, P.G.C., as G.S.W.; Victor A. Williamson, as G.J.W.; Rev. W. Oswald Thompson, G. Chap.; John Derby Allcroft, Grand Treas.; Eneas J. McIntyre, Grand Reg.; Sir J. B. Monckton, F.S.A., President Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Ernst Emil Wendt, Grand Sec. G.C.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., G.S.D.; T. H. Devonshire, G.J.D.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D. of C.; T. Bolling Bolton, Asst. G.D. of C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Asst. G.D. of C.; Col. James Peters, G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; H. C. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Stephens, Asst. G. Purst.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Montague J. Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; General J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; John Havers, P.G.W.; Rev. A. W. Hall, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Rev. A. J. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Reginald Bird, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montague, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; R. C. Else, P.G.D.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D. of C.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; John Messent, P.G.S.B.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Std. Br.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; Albert, P.G.P.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; and others.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, read the summons convening the lodge.

The M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER then said: Brethren, before proceeding to the business of the day, I have one or two remarks to make to you on a matter which I understand to be of considerable importance and public interest—I mean the Table of Precedence. Upon representations made to the Grand Master, his Royal Highness thought it right to make certain changes in that table, and such changes took place at and after Grand Festival last April. I have during the last few days conferred repeatedly with the Grand Master, that I now desire to say on behalf of his Royal Highness that he would not have mooted this question of any change had he not been given to understand that it would be acceptable to the Craft. His Royal Highness has, however, since learned that the changes then made have not met with that general assent which he had been led to expect; and he is also aware that a question has been raised whether the Grand Master has even the power to alter the precedence not of existing, but of future Grand Officers. I do not propose to discuss that question now; it is not a matter, in my opinion, of any grave moment, and it is one on which I feel pretty certain that so long as Grand Lodge continues to be influenced by the same temper and feelings which I have always known, our present Grand Master and Grand Lodge will not greatly differ. His Royal Highness thinks it right to

observe to me that the power which he, acting under advice, has exercised, has been precisely that power which all successive Grand Masters from his Royal uncle, the Duke of Sussex, to whom the Craft are very much indebted, have exercised, and that without question on the part of Grand Lodge. By direction of his Royal Highness, enquiry has been made on this subject, the result of which is to make it clear that the practice has been somewhat irregular and conflicting; at one time the Grand Master and at another time the Grand Lodge conferring rank in Grand Lodge on brethren and fixing their status. I need here explain that in the Book of Constitutions framed in the year 1815, shortly after the Union, and which was ordered to be in force for three years, Grand Lodge took power to propose to the Grand Master three names for each of the offices of Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Sword Bearer for selection therefrom by him, the Grand Master having the absolute right to select the other nine Grand Officers then assisting. But this being found not to work satisfactorily, Grand Lodge by resolution of the 29th July, 1818, when approving various alterations in the Book of Constitutions which were submitted by the Board of General Purposes, cancelled this arrangement, and the Grand Master had powers to appoint to all the Grand Offices except the Grand Treasurer, and these consequently were embodied in the Book of Constitutions which was published in the year 1819. Since then the Grand Master has so appointed the Grand Officers, and has fixed on and altered their status on more than one occasion without complaint, let, or hindrance on the part of Grand Lodge; and it may therefore be concluded, for the fact proves itself, that the Grand Master has done this, and has continued to do it, with the sanction and approval of Grand Lodge, and the custom has in this, as so often in other cases, made the law, though the law has not been recorded as it ought to have been. On the other hand, it is to be observed that Grand Lodge has every now and again by specific resolution conferred rank and station on different brethren. Thus, in September, 1862, it resolved to make the President of the Board of General Purposes a Grand Officer, which he was not before, and fixed his status; and, again, as late as June, 1881, when it created the appointment of Deputy Director of Ceremonies and First and Second Grand Standard Bearers. It is clear, then that the Grand Master and Grand Lodge have at different times exercised concurrent authority on this matter. I need hardly say that the Grand Master has only the interests of Grand Lodge at heart. His Royal Highness exercises his powers and uses his prerogative in the name and for the sake of Grand Lodge, and I am quite satisfied, as I have already said, that a question such as this is a subject on which there can arise no difference between the Grand Master and Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge is naturally jealous of its privileges, and if I may take it on myself to say so, no one will be more watchful in guarding those privileges than the Grand Master. I have thought it right at the desire of his Royal Highness to state all these facts with all the frankness in my power, and I come now to that which on his part I wish to say. The great end and aim of our Grand Master in taking the position conferred on him by and over this ancient, honourable and most useful institution, is to rule it well and promote as far as in him lies its best interests, and the welfare, content and happiness of the brethren generally. His Royal Highness has now received reliable information that the changes which he made in April last are not agreeable to the large body of the Craft, and as his only desire on such a question as this is to give effect to the well-considered wishes and to promote the welfare of the Craft. I have on his part to say that he now cancels the instructions he then gave; the result of which will be that the Table of Precedence will continue to be as it now stands in the Book of Constitutions; and I direct that this act of his Royal Highness the Grand Master shall be duly recorded on the minutes of this Grand Lodge. Brethren I have now stated to the best of my ability the feelings and wishes of his Royal Highness, and I am satisfied of the spirit in which they will be read by Grand Lodge. I have only to add this, that I most heartily concur as of myself in that which I have just stated to Grand Lodge. Brethren, I now pass to the formal business of the day. We have a great deal to dispose of, large in bulk as well as important in quality; and I think it will be convenient to this Grand Lodge if I state at once the principles which will guide me in my ruling to-night from this chair. The draft Constitutions consist of two parts—those clauses in the existing Book of Constitutions on which no amendments have been proposed, and those on which amendments have been sent in. You will bear in mind that at a recent Grand Lodge it was resolved that all those brethren who desired to suggest amendments to any part of the Constitutions were to send them in by a certain date. A very large number have been sent in, and all those must in some form or other be considered; but all those clauses to which no amendments have been suggested remain part of the existing Book of Constitutions, and will not form the subject of discussion to-night. I should be debarred from allowing discussion on any point of that sort by the recent resolution of the Grand Lodge. But there remains a vast number—a very large number—of clauses on which amendments are suggested, and I shall take each of these clauses one by one as they follow, and permit discussion to be raised in conformity with the amendments which are suggested, and Grand Lodge will decide then whether those clauses shall stand as they now stand, or whether they shall be amended according to the amendments: in other words, I shall treat all those clauses on which no amendments have been suggested as outside the field of discussion to-night. I shall take those clauses on which amendments have been suggested, one by one, in their order, and it will be competent for all those who desire to amend them in accordance with the amendments of which notice has been given to make their proposals to Grand Lodge.

The brethren then proceeded to discuss the amendments, and in the course of five and a half hours settled 184 of the rules, but owing to our reporter's notes of this portion of the proceedings not coming to hand, we are unable to give our readers particulars as we intended to do of the more important amendments that were agreed to or rejected, but we hope to do so next week.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A matter of very considerable importance, as affecting the interests of this Institution, will, pursuant to notice, be brought under the consideration of the Quarterly General Court on the 14th inst. For the information of those of our readers who may not have visited the School at Wandsworth, we may state that its grounds are bounded on two sides by freehold meadowland about nine acres in extent, beyond which the neighbourhood, until recently for the most part open country, is being rapidly converted into closely-built streets.

The desirableness of acquiring a portion at least of this meadow has long been manifest, and indeed admits of no question. Hitherto the owner has, it is believed, declined to part with any portion of it; but it now appears he has intimated to the House Committee that he is about to offer it for sale as a whole, and that he declines to divide it. The price asked, £4000 an acre, will doubtless startle many of our readers, especially those unacquainted with the value of land in the vicinity of the metropolis.

Enormous as the sum appears, we are not prepared to assert that it is more than, under certain circumstances, it would be wise for the Institution to give.

All that the House Committee have considered themselves justified in doing has been to obtain from the owner a promise that the land shall not be sold until the opinion of the governing body can be ascertained as to the advisability of acquiring it.

The House Committee have exercised sound judgment in abstaining from any expression of their own views and opinions until an authoritative report has been obtained both as to the value of the land as a whole, and particularly of those portions which might be re-sold.

We understand that, pursuant to a resolution of the General Committee, the House Committee has been authorised to obtain a report from Messrs. Clutton, the eminent land agents, of Whitehall-place, a firm one of the members of which has recently been elected Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and all of whom are munificent supporters of the Institution.

In the meantime it is fully competent for any of our readers interested in the subject by an inspection of the property to form their own ideas as to the desirableness of entertaining the offer which has been made, and it is to be hoped that at the General Court the Governors may receive the benefit of the counsel and advice of all competent to form a proper judgment on the subject.

THE SPECIAL GRAND LODGE AT YORK.

The following notice has been issued by the Grand Secretary:

“UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

“W. MASTER,—Your attendance is requested, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, at a Special Grand Lodge to be holden at the Guildhall, York, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July next, for the purpose of laying, in Masonic form, the foundation stone of the New Institute for Art, Science, and Literature.

“The Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of lodges are to assemble at ten o'clock a.m.

“The Grand Lodge will be opened at a quarter-past ten o'clock precisely.

“The brethren will appear in black coats, trousers, and ties, and in full Masonic clothing.

“By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

“SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

“Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 4th July, 1883.”

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following circular was issued to the Stewards of the recent Festival, having been printed before the corrected and augmented amounts were ascertained:—

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

The unprecedented success of the recent Festival demands from the Committee and the Executive the warmest possible expression of gratitude to the numerous friends by whose active and zealous co-operation, supplemented by a generous liberality, so magnificent a result was achieved.

This expression is not prompted by any undue elation, but is merely the outcome of sincere gratification at finding that the work done by the Institution is thoroughly appreciated by the Craft with which it is indissolubly united, and that the governing bodies continue to retain the confidence of the brethren to whom they from time to time appeal for encouragement and sympathy.

It is possible that there are some to whom the idea has presented itself, that the amount realised on the recent occasion having so greatly exceeded the most sanguine anticipations, no further effort will be needed for some time to come. This is altogether fallacious, as once glance at the financial and general position of the Institution will prove.

The permanent income is only £545 per annum, arising from dividends on invested capital of not quite £16,000.

The annual maintenance of 215 boys, with official, educational, and domestic staff, may be taken at £10,000. This is entirely independent of the amount necessarily disbursed annually under the head of “Special Expenditure,” which, whilst varying from year to year may be estimated at £1200. And to this will have to be added the annual cost of the new “Preparatory School,” which, under the most economical system of teaching and management, cannot be taken at less than £1500 for 50 boys.

Of the £22,500, the result of the last Festival, it must be distinctly borne in mind that a considerable portion has been contributed for a specific object—the building of a new Preparatory School. This amount may be taken at £7500, which leaves £15,000 applicable to the general purposes of the Institution. After defraying the expenses of the year there will be a surplus to add to the invested capital, which will still contrast most unfavourably with the amount of invested funds possessed by the other Masonic Institutions.

By some, fears have been expressed that the success of the present may have been achieved at the expense of the future. I do not for one moment share in this apprehension. The wealth of the country never was greater. Commerce though not, perhaps, in the most prosperous condition, is certainly better than it has been of late, and I believe promises further improvement. The craft is increasing in numbers and stability, and never in its history held so high a place in the estimation of the world at large as now. This should be sufficient stimulus to its members to render the maintenance of the Institutions of all kinds associated with it in thorough efficiency a well understood obligation; and I have no doubt that such will be the case.

My personal thanks are due to the stewards for their ready compliance with my special requests for a return of Forms and Lists. Of the 403 stewards—the largest number ever associated—not more than eleven failed to return their amounts.

The energy and active interest in all that could be thought likely to conduce to the success of the Festival evinced by the acting-presidents, the Hon. Treasurer, and other Members of the Board, found a fitting supplement in the able and genial chairmanship of the R.W. Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, so numerous supported by Brethren generally, especially by members of the province over which his lordship so efficiently presides.

The Festival of this Institution, to be held in June, 1884, will be under the presidency of an illustrious prince, whose talents and abilities are universally recognised, and whose services to the Order of which he is an ornament have been many and valuable—H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire.

I trust that each steward of the Anniversary Festival just celebrated will feel it his duty to persuade a brother to succeed him as representative on the forthcoming occasion

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.S.,
Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards, V.-Patron, Secretary.

25th June, 1883.

CONSECRATION OF THE BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

On the 20th ult., the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., paid his first official visit into the Masonic Province of Essex, since his installation by his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany at Colchester, in February last, the occasion being the consecration of a new lodge at Maldon, to be called the Blackwater, after the river upon which the borough stands, and numbered 1977 on the registry of Grand Lodge of England. As might naturally be supposed the event awakened a good deal of interest among the Masons of the province, and there was a large gathering both of present and past Prov. Grand Officers and members of the lodges. The Public Hall was set out as a lodge room, and, being decorated with flowers and bunting, had a very pretty appearance. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master arrived at Maldon by train at 1.33, and proceeded at once, in an open carriage, to the Public Hall, where lodge was shortly afterwards opened by his lordship, the following brethren acting as officers pro tem: Bros. A. Buck, I.P.M. 453, P.G.S.W., as S.W.; Fred. Wood, P.M. and Treasurer, 1000, P.P.G.S.W. as J.W.; Thomas J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.G. Sec. as Secretary; A. Lucking, P.M. and Sec. 1000, P.G.D.C. as D.C.; and J. F. Barratt, I.P.M. 1000, P.G. Reg. as I.G. His lordship then proceeded to consecrate the lodge in due Masonic form. In the course of the proceedings, an Oration, on “The nature and principles of Freemasonry,” was delivered by the acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Chaplain.

At the conclusion of the consecration, the installation of the first W.M. Bro. Thos. Eustace, P.M. and Treas. 697, P.P.G.S.B., took place, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. and Sec. 1000, P.G.D.C. The following were appointed and invested as the first officers: Bros. Thomas Rix, P.M. and Sec. 697, P.P.G.S.B., acting I.P.M.; Alfred Richardson, S.W.; Robert Smith, J.W.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. H. Alliston, Treas.; G. A. Eustace, W.M. 697, Sec.; Samuel H. Ellis, S.D.; Samuel Shawyer, J.D.; R. Clowes, W.M. 650, D.C.; Edmund Gowers, Org. 1024, P.P.G.O., Org.; William Strutt, I.G.; D. J. Wright, I.P.M. 1024, P.G.P., and Hodson, Stewards; and Edward Fairman, Tyler.

The business of the day being over, the newly-installed WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., for his kindness in attending to-day and performing the ceremony of consecration. Bro. Eustace remarked that the brethren of the new lodge esteemed it a very high honour that his lordship had come amongst them, more especially as it was his lordship's first visit to the province since his installation. The brethren trusted that his lordship would allow them to enrol his name as an honorary member of the lodge.

The motion was seconded by Bro. RICHARDSON, S.W., and carried by acclamation.

The R.W.P.G.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. Having been appointed to preside over the province, he felt it a duty to be present on so important and interesting an occasion, and at the same time it had been a great pleasure. They were good enough, a short time ago, to assemble in such large numbers, and to give him such a cordial welcome on his introduction to the province at Colchester, some time back—and he recognised many faces around him which he saw on that occasion—that he felt that any little inconvenience to which he might be put in endeavouring to carry out his duties was but a small return for the great kindness he had received. His lordship congratulated the brethren of the new lodge upon the auspicious inauguration they had had, and also the W.M. upon being placed in the high position of first W. Master. He understood that this was not the first time that Bro. Eustace had presided over a lodge, and he (Lord Brooke) trusted that under his rule, and those who might succeed him, the Blackwater Lodge would become one of the most influential in the province. His lordship then remarked that this would be an opportune time for him to announce that he proposed to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 1st of August, and carrying out the intention of their late respected P.G. Master, it would be held in the Borough of Harwich. His lordship concluded by again thanking the brethren for the cordial welcome they had given him, and resumed his seat amid much applause. Votes of thanks were then passed to the Prov. Grand Officers who had assisted in carrying out the arrangements of the day; to Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, for his excellent oration, and to Bro. Clowes for his handsome present of the lodge banner. The banner, it should be stated, is a most beautiful specimen of needlework. It is of sky-blue silk, and in the centre is the arms of the Borough in heraldic colours, with the name and number of the lodge worked beneath; while at the four corners are various Masonic emblems in silver thread, the whole being edged with fringe and mounted on a handsome stand. The musical portions of the ceremony were ably rendered by Bros. John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; C. Osmond, W.M. elect, 51, P.P.G.O.; Edmund Gowers, J.W., Designate and Org., 1024, P.P.G.O.; and A. B. Sparling, J.D. 697. The same brethren also kindly sang various selections between the toasts at the festive board, in which they were assisted by Bros. J. P. Lewin, F. Bird, and A. F. Amos.

At 4.30 between 90 and 100 brethren dined at the Blue Boar Hotel, a very excellent repast being served by Mrs. Hickford, the hostess. The usual Masonic toasts were given on removal of the cloth.

In responding for the toast of his health, the R.W.P.G.M. repeated that he was most gratified with the kind reception they had given him, and expressed a hope that he should be able to come often amongst the brethren of his province. His lordship spoke highly of the work which had been done in the lodge by the various brethren who had taken part in it, and said he certainly had never seen better performed anywhere.

His LORDSHIP proposed “The Health of the New W.M.,” and wished him a prosperous and happy year of office, and again expressed a hope that the lodge would become an influential one in the province.

His lordship and most of the visitors left Maldon by the 6.57 train. The whole proceedings passed off most successfully, and all concerned are to be congratulated upon the happy inauguration of the Blackwater Lodge.

Among the brethren present during the day, besides those already mentioned, were Bros. J. Nunn, P.G.S.B. England; Andrew Durrant, P.M. and Treas. 276, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.M. 276, P.P.G.C.; H. E. Dehan, W.M. 1543, P.G.S.D.; George Corble, P.M. and Sec. 453, P.P.G.J.W.; Frederick Wood, P.M. and Treas. 1000, P.P.G.S.W.; F. George Green, P.M. and Sec. 1024, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Humphreys, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.S.W.; Edward Humphreys, P.M. 1024, P.P.G. Reg.; H. J. Sansom, P.P.G.J.D.; D. M. B. Wheeler, P.M. 275, P.P.G.J.W.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of Works; J. F. Barrett, P.M. 1000, P.G. Reg.; D. J. Wright, P.M. 1024, P.G.P.; E. Shedd, I.P.M. 276, P.G.S.; W. Bloom, W.M. 1799; F. Bird, W.M. 1024; J. J. Cavill, W.M. 1312; A. Pertwee, W.M. 433; C. Floyd, W.M. 1867; W. C. Bell, P.M. 1024; H. Darken, P.M. 51; F. Quilter, 51; M. Jones, 697; H. J. Everett, 697; W. G. Siggers, 697; L. F. Manley, 697; J. T. Bailey, 697; A. F. Amos, 697; J. G. Renshaw, 697; Clarke Abbott, 667; A. Ward, 697; C. Frost, 697; J. Howe, 697; R. Helsham, M.D., S.W. 1813; A. O. Stopes, 51; T. Elsey Bland, 1024; J. Taylor, jun., J.W. 1817; C. S. Blyth, 1024; R. A. Francis, 1024; E. J. Bursall, 697; F. C. B. Christie, 1024; W. H. de Cean, 1024; F. D. Grayson, W.M. elect 160; C. H. Parker, 1024; John Huntley, 1312; J. R. Jarvis, 276; H. Harper, P.M. and Secretary, 160; and others. Letters of apology for their inability to attend were received from the W.D.P.G.M. Bro. F. A. Filbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; W. Bro. Colonel Somerville Burney, P.M. 697, P.G.D.; V. W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; W. Bro. E. B. Florence, P.M. 214, P.G.J.W.; W. Bro. J. C. Earle, W.M. 214; and others.

The furniture and clothing were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41,
BATH.

THIRD JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

Our numerous readers during the past few years will have noticed a series of celebrations in connection with this old lodge, but the crowning event was its completion on April 23rd last of the 150th year of its uninterrupted working. Only one other Provincial lodge at this period can boast of such an existence, namely, the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 39, Bolton, Lancashire; they celebrated their sesqui-centennial last November by a banquet.

The brethren of No. 41 decided upon some more lasting memorial, and determined to raised amongst the members of the lodge the sum of one hundred guineas for the Boys' School, which with their previous contributions qualified the lodge as vice-president, and endowed every officer's chair from the P.M. to the I.G. with a vote in perpetuity for the Boys' School. One of the oldest Past Masters and the lodge Treasurer, Bro. Thomas Payne Ashley, went up as a Steward, and presented the amount at the recent festival.

It so happens the lodge ranks amongst its P.M.s. one Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.S.G. Warden Warwickshire, who not content with passing over a banquet, seized the very happy coincidence of being 75 years of age on the 27th June, 1883 (just half the existence of the lodge), as a sufficient excuse to ask the P.M.s. and officers of the Craft lodge, the Past and Present Principals of the chapter, the representatives of other lodges in the city, and many other Masonic friends to a repast at the Christopher Hotel. The invitations were most cordially accepted, but many distinguished members of the Craft were unfortunately unable to be present, notably that very distinguished brother, W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, and Col. A. W. Adair, P.P.G.M. Somerset and G. Supt. Somerset, &c. The Deputy P.G.M., W. Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, with his usual kindness and urbanity accepted and was happily present.

The following brethren, under the genial presidency of their host, Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, sat down for refreshment at 8 p.m.: Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., &c. Past Masters' and members of No. 41 as under: E. White, T. P. Ashley, T. Wilton, J. Rubie, J. S. Turner, F. Wilkinson, P. Braham, R. B. Carter, T. B. Moutrie, S. G. Mitchell, C. W. Radway, E. J. B. Mercer, W.M.; T. Ames, J.W.; W. Peach, S.D.; T. Wilton, J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, I.G.; W. B. Gregory, and I. G. Wilton, Stewards; J. Foote, Org. Members: C. Wilkinson, W. H. Bartlett, and T. Brown. Royal Arch—L. Howes, M.F.Z.; E. L. Hill, P.Z.; J. Stuckey, and J. Hayward. Mark: Col. Ford, D.P.G.M. Somerset; J. J. Dutton, John Dutton, P.M.s.; Bro. Sanderson, and Henry Culliford Hopkins, P.M.'s 379; Dr. Fox, 53; and Rev. Prebendary Anderson, F. Gloven, W.M. elect 906; and Bro. Phillips.

After a proper discourse on the "knife and fork" degree, the following kindly address was read by the host, Bro. Dr. H. HOPKINS, which was listened to with rapt attention, and enthusiastically cheered at its conclusion: Brethren, a few weeks ago a committee was appointed by the Royal Cumberland Lodge to consider the best mode of celebrating its sesqui-centennial anniversary. Though summoned to attend the meeting convened for the purpose, my presence was prevented by illness; but I was afterwards informed that it had been determined to recommend a subscription among the members to the extent of 100 guineas, in order to endow the occupant of each chair as a Life Governor of the Boys' School, thus making the lodge a Vice-President. Had I been present, I might perchance have advocated a different course, and possibly have induced my colleagues to propose a meeting in the "knife and fork" degree. However, I yielded to the majority, and expressed approval of the plan. The lodge gave its sanction; the sum was raised, and has been presented at the annual festival held in London by the oldest and most respected Past Master, Bro. Ashley, who will doubtless expatiate on the manner in which it was received. As I had no opportunity of urging on the committee a convivial evening at the personal expense of each brother, instead of the noble idea of feeding, clothing, and educating our poorer Lewises, it appeared to me that I could do no less than take the matter into my own hands, as I am now doing, not, however, without consulting several personal Masonic friends on the subject before committing myself to an arrangement by which I might possibly be considered as treading on the toes or interfering with the prerogative of any of the old Past Masters of the lodge, who have for many years clung fast to it, maintained its ancient traditions, and brought it to its present high position, whereas I am but a modern importation. Moreover, a commemoration of a festive kind might be objectionable to some of our number, vegetarians, or teetotallers, or those possessed by other crotchets. Fortunately we are not in the American State of Missouri, where the Grand Lodge had decreed that "the keeping of liquor stores by any of its members is a Masonic offence, and those who do so are liable to be dealt with for unmasonic conduct." Seriously, however, without going to such an extreme, those who feel themselves called upon to abstain from alcohol, so long as they do not interfere with the liberty of others who differ from them, are entitled to our highest respect, not only as practising self-denial, but also setting a good example to those who lack the power to use moderation. Brethren, as you may remember, at this time three years ago by your favour I was W.M. of our beloved lodge, No. 41, which, during that and the subsequent period, was brought into considerable prominence by the occurrence of a series of interesting events connected with its history and that of its branches, namely, the centenary of the presentation to it of the Freemasons' Hall medal; the discovery in America of another medal in commemoration of the erection of a Masonic Hall in Bath in 1819, the remembrance of which had quite disappeared from the minds of our members, though two specimens have since been discovered here, one of which is now among our archives in the iron chest; the obtaining last year of the first centenary jewel ever granted to a Royal Arch chapter; the presentation of a handsome banner to the lodge by the ladies whose relatives were members of it, when they and the brethren were hospitably entertained at a most pleasant soiree by Bro. R. B. Carter, then the W.M.; and lastly the third jubilee of the lodge this year. As we did not anticipate any celebrations of past events of a similar character, but only hope by steady and persevering efforts

to maintain the prestige which has been thus acquired, we may perhaps consider this as the termination of the local celebrations, for the next important great event of Masonic interest, not however peculiar to us, but participated in by the whole Craft, will probably be the completion and dedication of the new Masonic Temple in London, capable of containing twice as many brethren as the one which has been recently destroyed by fire, an extension of accommodation urgently needed. I had pleasure in contributing to the celebration of the first of these events by giving a banquet to our members in this room. The call was cordially responded to and this has given me confidence to repeat the experiment to-day by connecting the commemoration of an event in the history of our lodge with an occasion personal to myself, namely, my 75th birthday, just half the age of the lodge, and very nearly double of my Masonic age. I may then regard your attendance this evening as an expression of approval, and a ratification of the course I have pursued. As it was my privilege to commence this mode of celebrating our honours in 1880 it seems most appropriate that the duty should now devolve upon me of bringing them to a close in a similar manner. If I have done wrong I plead my age as the excuse, believing that with one exception I am the oldest man as well as the oldest Freemason in the lodge. You know that old age is apt occasionally to make foolish displays of foolish senility even before the period of second childhood commences, for which it claims and usually obtains indulgence. Be therefore tender with me on the present occasion and accept my excuse if I have exceeded proper bounds, or if I fail to afford you a pleasant evening. Brethren, your kindness in obeying my summons a second time, and now to celebrate our third jubilee causes me to feel pride in my position, not that which was at one time imputed to me, the "pride which apes humility," nor as those in whose minds I was then an object of suspicion remarked, that sort of pride which strives to claim superior knowledge and to exercise undue authority in spite of opposition, for I have always made it a rule to consult my compeers before taking any important step by which others may be affected; but pride arising from consciousness of the honest performance of duty, of aid efficiently rendered, of instruction freely given, resulting in the ultimate gain of your confidence, and in a conviction that in each branch there has been, and is, a number of apt and willing pupils among the subordinate officers and recent initiates whose study of our forms and rituals, traditions and ceremonies, will secure efficiency for some years to come. On them will devolve the responsibility of transmitting the same to their successor. When I came among you nearly to years ago, without any introduction, except my certificates, my demit from lodges to which I had belonged, and a willingness to undergo an examination in utter ignorance of the character of No. 41 in its several branches, I found many discrepancies between the system of working adopted and that tacitly recognized by authority or by other similar bodies with which I had been connected. Thus I naturally made comparisons and formed my own conclusions. You did not then know me, I was equally unacquainted with you. Thus each was inclined to form a wrong judgment of the other. You wished that I had not been admitted. I was hesitating as to continuance of membership, or at least as to withdrawal from active participation in the proceedings, though unwilling to give up membership of a lodge so ancient and of the same age as that in which I had been initiated and of which I had been Master. Suddenly a better spirit manifested itself; councils were held, rituals were revised, suspicion was lulled, and all are now working not only efficiently but harmoniously. Do you now repent my admission among you? At all events I do not. I regret that I could not invite all the members of No. 41 as before, but only the Past Masters and Officers, feeling that I had also a duty to perform to those with whom I have worked in the affiliated branches of the Order, namely, Royal Arch and Mark Degrees, and therefore I wish to see them specially represented among us this evening, as well as the other Craft Lodges in Bath. During the present year it has been a great satisfaction to me to introduce two of our members to my mother lodge, St. Paul's, No. 43, on an occasion similar to the present one, it being of the same age, and having in many respects maintained a similar high standard. Forming, as I do, another link between the two, which as I have shown, are otherwise naturally related, I trust that the parallelism and a mutual kindly intercourse will be still continued through many years, long after I shall have ceased to exist. Permit me to allude to one other circumstance. A few months ago I introduced as a visitor to No. 41 the Rev. Moses N. Nathan, a distinguished Jewish Rabbi, eminent as a scholar and a thorough Freemason, who brought introductions to me from London brethren who hold high rank in the Order. Though illness of both of us interfered much with our intercourse through the winter, I highly appreciated his scholarship, genial manners, and friendship, and now join with a large circle in lamenting his sudden death in Bath, and loss of the benefit which I hoped to derive from his deep researches in Masonry, as to which he formed some curious but doubtful and singular theories. These were the results of his study of the Kabbala, which he had made an especial subject of investigation, as I learn from published accounts of his life and character. I saw him only 40 hours before his death, but though aware of a great change in him, had no idea that his end was so near. You will all unite with me in the deepest feelings of sympathy and regret at the absence of one of our oldest members, who, though he has not taken any very active part as an officer in the administration of Masonic ceremonies, has in other respects been an earnest and consistent supporter of the Order. Under more favourable circumstances, his presence with us this evening might have been confidently relied upon. Alas! it is greatly to be feared that our worthy Bro. Frederick Baldwin, now prostrate on the bed of sickness, will never again be able to meet his brethren in a lodge on earth. May we be reunited with him and others who have already passed away in a more enduring one. Brethren, I have availed myself of the position I occupy as your host to address you at some length. While such a privilege has been kindly accorded to me under the peculiar circumstances, allow me to say that I believe it is desired that my example should not be followed by the delivery of any very long speeches, some brethren having promised to contribute to our enjoyment by the use of their voices in another and more pleasing manner. I now say no more than to thank you for the honour you have done me by accepting my invitation, probably the last I shall ever have an opportunity of giving to

my brethren and companions, and to express a hope that on the termination of my career, at no very distant period by the natural course of events, I may live some time in your memories, as an honourable man, a zealous worker in Freemasonry both in and out of the lodge, a supporter by contributions of the great ornaments of our Order, the Charities, or, as I prefer to call them, the Benevolent Institutions, and, finally, as St. Paul says, we all ought to be "given to hospitality."

"The Queen," proposed by Bro. Dr. H. HOPKINS, was heartily responded to.

The next toast was a comprehensive one, viz., "Our Masonic Rulers, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Provincial Grand Chapter."

Bro. the Rev. Prebendary ANDERSON first expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be present on that occasion to honour his friend, and how delighted he was to observe how thoroughly Dr. Hopkins was appreciated by all present. The rev. brother gave a very instructive and interesting address, dealing with the early impressions of Freemasonry, pointing out how by some unseen mystic connection to the outer world men of all shades of politics, professing different creeds, and having no common interest are brought together by this bond of brotherhood, and he knew no other society professing such broad principles opening its doors to all well-meaning and properly disposed men, quietly performing a great good, and assisting to cement ties of the strongest friendship, and to which no other order could bear comparison. The objects of Freemasonry must of necessity commend itself to all, the broad basis of the Order being to do good, by taking care of the fatherless girls and boys of Masons, rendering assistance to the aged and distressed who by misfortune are no longer able to maintain themselves, and in all conditions endeavouring to cement brotherly love and good feelings towards their fellow creatures. With this toast he coupled the names of the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., and Bro. Col. Ford, Prov. J. of the R.A.

Bro. R. C. ELSE, in rising to respond, first craved permission to express his personal and sincere congratulations to his dear Bro. Dr. Hopkins, and to offer his best wishes for a continuance of the doctor's health; might he be spared for many years to come to assist and further with his long Masonic knowledge the great principles of the Order. Bro. Else complimented the old lodge upon its continued vigour, and how welcome it was to him to know that the mode of celebration of the third jubilee was by a gift of 100 guineas to the Boys' School.

Bro. Col. FORD also expressed his pleasure at being present, and offered his felicitations.

Bro. T. P. ASHLEY gave "The Charities," and assured the brethren he was proud and gratified with his Stewardship to the Boys' School, and thanked all for their generous and kindly assistance. He then read the following paper from W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, which was heartily applauded: As the celebration of the third jubilee of a Masonic lodge in England is almost a unique event, and my dear friend, Dr. Hopkins, the Masonic "veteran," has decided to invite you to be his guests this evening in commemoration of the founding of the lodge in 1733, and also his 75th birthday (being exactly half the term of the lodge), as also I was kindly invited, but unable conveniently to attend, I cannot allow this special time to pass without in some small way contributing to the eventful character of the proceedings. I was present on the never-to-be-forgotten day when the centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall medal" was observed by No. 41, one of four country lodges entitled to participate, and the only one of the quartet possessing the original medal. As you will remember, your present beloved host was the host then, and right nobly did he acquit himself as the Master (well so named). Then came the centenary festival of the Royal Cumberland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 41, the first of its kind in England, at which also I was present, and rejoiced to note the great success of the important gathering of illustrious members of the Craft. Between the second and third celebrations came an agreeable interlude of a totally different character, consisting of the presentation to the lodge of a Masonic banner by lady relatives of the members, who deputed Bro. Ashley as their representative to deliver an address on their behalf, which he did most appropriately, at a soiree held in the Masonic Hall immediately after the lodge had been closed. The event was celebrated by an elegant entertainment given by Bro. Carter, the W.M., to the brethren and the sisters who had been instrumental in the preparation of the banner. Third, and last of the series, is the present festival, called by the same brother as the first was, and appropriately too, for as host he has now finished the unique trio as he begun them, and I venture to say it is not likely that any such remarkable combination of three celebrations under the protecting wing of one lodge will ever again be observed in England or elsewhere, added to which I do not know another brother who would have so risen to the spirit of the occasion as Dr. Hopkins has done. In order to exhibit the unique position of No. 41, it will suffice to remember the three festival gatherings, namely, 1, Freemasons' Hall medal, 1880; 2, centenary of its chapter, 1882; and 3, third jubilee of the lodge, 1883. Its position on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England as a country lodge meeting continuously as such from its formation may be seen clearly by reference to the numerical and chronological list published by me in my "Masonic Register."—Provincial Lodges.—No. 37, Anchor and Hope, Bolton, 1732; No. 39, St. John the Baptist, Exeter, 1732; No. 41, Royal Cumberland, Bath, 1733; No. 42, Relief, Bury, 1733; and 43, St. Paul's, Birmingham, 1733. The third jubilee of the Lodge No. 37 has been rightly celebrated. No. 39 cannot do so, because there was a break in its career. No. 42 intends to observe its 150th anniversary on the 3rd of July; and No. 43 has done so slightly in advance of the time. No. 41 is thus the second of the provincial lodges so entitled to commemorate its third jubilee, and for my part I much prefer the plan the members have selected, on which so to do, namely, by donating 100 guineas to the sacred cause of charity, thus enabling Dr. Hopkins to complete the trio-celebrations in his own happy way. I should say that there are two country lodges on the roll now which were originally London lodges, namely, No. 20, Royal Kent of Antiquity, Chatham, 1723, and No. 35, Medina, Cowes, 1733; but these do not affect our provincial celebrations of bona-fide country lodges from their formation to the present time. I now wish—1, success to the meeting; 2, prolonged life and better health to the host; 3, best wishes to the guests; and, finally, many happy returns of Dr. Hopkins's birthday.

Bro. T. WILTON, P.M., and Bro. C. W. RADWAY, P.M., replied suitably upon the Masonic Charities.

The next toast, that of "The Host," was proposed by Bro. Edmund White, P.M., the oldest member of the lodge, who was initiated nearly 50 years since, and who had come specially some distance to assist at this special gathering. Bro. White in a very feeling and appropriate address, spoke upon the very many Masonic virtues of the host of that evening, and although from his extreme age, he was unable to be often among the brethren he had from time to time heard how much good his worthy brother Dr. Hopkins had done and was still doing. He personally offered his most heartfelt and sincere congratulations to the doctor on his 75th birthday, and trusted he would be spared for many years to give the lodge the benefit of his wide Masonic experience, and he could assure Bro. Dr. Hopkins he was simply echoing the sentiments of all present, to which all assented by acclamation.

Bro. Dr. Hopkins on rising to respond received a very hearty welcome. He said so many kind things had been expressed by his friends he felt unable to return adequate thanks, but he could assure them he most highly appreciated the very kind and fraternal remarks and good wishes of all. He came amongst them a stranger, he had found many sincere friends, he had pleasure in being a member of No. 41, and he trusted they had no cause to regret his advent amongst them.

During the past few years he had striven to assist all who came to him for help, and to render them thoroughly efficient in the various rituals of the order, and he had now the proud satisfaction of knowing that when it should please the G.A.O.T.U. to call him hence, there were those who could carry on efficiently the work of the lodges, &c., with which he had been associated.

Bro. Sanderson, P.M. 379, gave "The Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41; St. Pauls, No. 43, Birmingham; and Lodge of Relief, No. 42, Bury," each of which celebrate their third jubilee some time this year.

Bros. Mercer, W.M., and R. B. Cater, P.M. 41, suitably responded.

Bro. Rubie, P.M., proposed "The Royal Arch Chapter, Mark Lodge, and other lodges represented."

Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins responded for 379, Bro. L. Howes for the Royal Arch Chapter, and Bro. Radway for the Mark Lodge, and Bro. F. Glover, W.M. elect, for No. 906.

Bro. J. G. Wilton proposed the "Wives, Daughters, and Sisters of Masons," responded to by Bro. T. Ames.

In justice to the host, Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, a few more words are necessary. It was he who during his Master-ship in 1880 celebrated the 100th year of the Freemasons' Hall medal given to the lodge for monetary assistance rendered towards building the grand hall in London, so recently unfortunately destroyed. In 1882 was issued the first charter from Grand Chapter ever granted to a Royal Arch chapter to wear a centenary jewel; and now, to finish what Bro. Dr. Hopkins has commenced, has taken place the "Third Jubilee" of the lodge. Long may the doctor be spared to be amongst us, aiding and assisting in the grand principles of the Order, and when the G.A.O.T.U. calls him to the Grand Lodge above, may his memory be cherished by the members of the lodge and chap'er as a good worker in Masonry, a lover of the Order, and a sincere friend and brother.

Bro. J. Robinson, proprietor of the Christopher Hotel, as usual gave every satisfaction to the invited guests. Several of the brethren enlivened the proceedings with appropriate songs.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The summer banquet of this preceptory was held on the 23rd ult., at the King's Head, Chigwell, and was well attended. Among those present were Sir Knights A. Williams, W. Paas, D. M. Dewar, E. Baxter, Roebuck, T. C. Walls, Raynham Stewart, J. H. Dodson, F. Driver, R. Berridge, Glynne, Harris, Dr. Ramsay, and others. The banquet was exceedingly well served, and gave unqualified satisfaction. In the absence of Sir Knight Sanders, the chair was ably taken by Sir Knight Alfred Williams. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given.

In giving "The Health of the E.C.," Sir Knight PAAS feelingly alluded to the serious illness of Dr. Sanders who, however, wished particularly that the festivities of the Sir Knights should not in any way be curtailed on his account. Several of their members had seen him that day, and, although not yet out of danger, his condition was more hopeful. In conclusion, he trusted that at their next regular meeting their genial E.C. would be thoroughly restored, and in a position to preside over them. (Hear, hear.)

Subsequently a vote of condolence was passed, and ordered to be sent to the E.C.

Several other toasts having been given, interspersed with the vocal contributions of some of the Sir Knights, the meeting broke up at an early hour, and the members returned to town highly pleased with the day's proceedings, which were only marred by the enforced absence of the Eminent Commander.

MASONIC GARDEN PARTY.

At the May meeting of the lodge of instruction connected with the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829, Shoreham, it was decided to hold a garden party to mark its success and general good work, and as a fitting finale to its working for the current year, and the following brethren were appointed a committee to carry out the arrangements: Bros. J. Harrison, W.M., P.M. 804, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works Hants and Isle of Wight; T. Packham, I.P.M., P.M. 315, Prov. G. Steward; E. Bridges, S.W.; T. Hardy, J.W.; K. Smith, Organist; A. J. Carpenter, W. Swales, and G. Fieldus, Stewards; E. Mitchell, A. Burrows, and H. Cheal, Secretary.

The party was held at the Swiss Gardens, Shoreham, on the 27th ult., the brethren and friends from Brighton being conveyed to Shoreham in saloon carriages retained for the occasion and attached to the 4.5 p.m. train.

The lodge met at 4.30, and having been declared open by the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and a motion was put and carried to suspend the meetings of the Burrell Lodge of Instruction until the last Wednesday in November next.

The W.M. then declared the lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Swiss Cottage, to join the ladies and friends assembled to partake of a banquet, which had been provided by Mr. Fort, the respected proprietor of the gardens, in the most beautiful and recherché manner. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. J. Harrison, and the vice-chairs by Bros. E. Bridges, S.W., and K. Smith, Org. Among those present, beside the members of the committee already mentioned, were Mrs. Harrison, Mr. J. Harrison, jun., the Misses Harrison (2), Bro. J. Curtis, P.M. 1797, Prov. G.S.B.; Bro. S. Peters, S.W. 1821, and Mrs. Peters, Bro. T. W. Giles, Mrs. Giles, and the Misses Giles (2), Miss Bentley, Miss Cheal, Mrs. Bridges, Bro. R. Paige, Bro. M. Grinberg, 1821; Mrs. G. Fieldus, Mrs. K. Smith and Miss Smith, Bro. W. Harris, W.M. 295, and Mrs. Harris, Bro. Hind, Sec. 295, and Mrs. Hind, Bro. Fegan, S.D. 295; Bro. White, 295, and Mrs. White, Bro. Allen, 1747; Bro. J. Parnell, Mrs. and Miss Parnell, Mr. and Mrs. Cherrman, Bro. T. J. Gates and Mrs. Gates, Bro. J. Hughes, Bro. Marks, 315; Bro. A. R. Brown, D. of C.; Bro. E. Mitchell, Bro. E. New, Bro. W. Smithers, Bro. Devin, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Pitt, and others.

Time not permitting more, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed but two toasts, "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen" and "The Ladies."

Bro. A. R. Brown in an amusing speech returned thanks for the ladies.

The whole party then proceeded to the bijou theatre of the gardens to witness a performance of the burlesque "Good Queen Bess," which was most amusing and heartily enjoyed, the company playing with much spirit and meeting with well merited applause in the songs and dances.

The performance being over the audience dispersed to enjoy a promenade in the grounds which have been laid out with much taste; the flower beds being in perfection, were much admired. A return was then made to the Swiss cottage, which in the interval had been cleared for dancing, which was kept up during the remainder of the evening to the music of a capital band provided by Bro. Devin, of Brighton, and engaged exclusively for the occasion.

The party broke up about 10.30 with much reluctance, it being the opinion of all that a Masonic garden party was very enjoyable. The committee deserve much credit for their admirable arrangements.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

A meeting of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held on Monday last, at Sandown, Isle of Wight, under the presidency of Bro. Hickman, Deputy Grand Master, as Canon Portal, Prov. G.M.M., was absent through illness. After the usual business of the lodge the following officers were appointed and invested with their collars for the ensuing year:

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| Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, W.M. 320 | Prov. G.S.W. |
| " H. Coles, 62 and 63 | Prov. G.J.W. |
| " Lord John Tylour, S.W. 120 | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " Francis Newman, 320 | Prov. G.S.O. |
| " H. J. Guy, 2 | Prov. G.J.O. |
| " Rev. C. S. Ward, 37 | Prov. G. Chap. |
| " Rev. H. J. Mason, 63 | Prov. G.A. Chap. |
| " G. Felton Lancaster, W.M. 305 | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " W. D. Parkhouse, 62 | Prov. G.R.M. |
| " G. J. Tilling, 63 | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " Capt. Croisdale, 54 | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " M. Emanuel, 63 | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " W. C. Webb, 305 | Prov. G.I. Wks. |
| " W. Maybour, 17 | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " W. Green, 305 | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| " W. Marshallsay, 17 | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " J. Westaway, 2 | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| " J. C. Arlidge, 62 | Prov. G. Org. |
| " W. G. Robinson, 305 | Prov. G.I.G. |

After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the Pier Hotel and partook of a banquet.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE.

The William Hickman Lodge, No. 320, of Mark Master Masons was constituted at Sandown, Isle of Wight, on Monday last, the 2nd inst., by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Hickman, after whom the lodge is named. Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland, P.M., was installed into the chair by Bro. G. Felton Lancaster, P.M. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were: Bros. Lord John Tylour, S.W.; Rev. J. Nelson Palmer, J.W.; Francis Newman, M.O.; Major Brown, S.O.; S. Salter, J.O.; Latimer H. Saunders, R.M.; J. Wooldridge, Treasurer; Dashwood, Secretary; Paley, S.D.; Dampier Child, J.D.; Carter, D. of C.; Pigeon, Organist; Firth, I.G.; and D. Channell Neill, Steward.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Provincial Grand Lodge.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY'S VISIT TO DUBLIN.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., during his visit to Dublin attended a meeting of his lodge, No. 728, the Military Lodge of Ireland, on Saturday, the 30th ult., of which lodge he is an honorary member, and in which he was initiated on the 13th April, 1854, and received the F.C. and M.M. Degrees on the 21st April and 21st July, 1854, respectively, previously to his departure for the Crimean War, in which, as is already well known, he bore so distinguished a part and was severely wounded.

The brethren of Lodge 728 mustered strongly at the appointed hour, Bro. Albert E. Murray, W.M., on the throne, supported by Bros. Thomas Falls, S.W.; John Williams Goddard, J.W.; Abraham Belas, S.D.; Joseph M. Tabuteau, J.D.; Colonel A. Vesey Davoren, 30°, acting Sec.; Henry Dudgeon, I.P.M.; and C. O. Grandison, Past G. Organist, as Organist.

A large number of other Grand Officers and brethren of high grade attended to witness the reception of the distinguished visitor, amongst those present being Bros. Robert Wm. Shekelton, 33°, R.W. Deputy G.M. Ireland; John Fitzhenry Townshend, LL.D. 33°, R.W.P.D.G.M.

Ireland; Theophilus E. St. George, 33°, S.G.D. Ireland; Edward W. Maunsell, 32°; John Hawksley Goddard, K.C.T., Secretary, 32°; James H. Neilson; Samuel B. Oldham, 31°, Dep. G. Sec. Ireland; Charles A. Cameron, 31°, P.G.S.D. Ireland; John A. Baker, 30°; John Fox Goodman, 30°; James W. Fair, 30°, Dep. Prov. G.M. South Connaught; Licut.-Col. Beauchamp Colclough, Dep. Prov. G.M. Wicklow; Surgeon-Major Hamilton, G.S.D. District Grand Lodge Bengal; Right Hon. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon; Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith, 28°; Joshua Fayle, P.M. 728; Robert Rainsford, P.M. 728; J. Guinness Beatty, M.D., P.M. 728; Major Whyte, P.M. 728; Surgeon-Major T. Llewellyn Nash, 728; J. B. Robinson, 728; H. Ross Adair, 728; Staff-Surgeon Joliffe Tuffnell, 728; Deputy Surgeon-General Sir Robert Jackson, K.C.B.; Davenport Crosthwaite, LL.D., K.C.T.; Walter H. Jones, P.M., Grand Masters' Lodge; R. C. Mason, 25; Rev. French, 25; Rev. A. S. Fuller, D.D., 25; John R. Lloyd, W.M. 27; Wm. Thompson, P.M. 50; Arthur Morris, P.M. 50; W. Battersby, S.D. 53; Henry Sandys McCreedy, P.M. 141; Geo. F. Duffey, M.D., W.M. 143; Holt Waring Archer, P.M. 143; Major Robert Foster, 143; F. M. Martelli, 143; John Deane, 245; Geo. Casson, 250; J. Clarke Lane, P.M. 357; Robert Keating Clay, P.M. 620; Wm. Neilson, S.W. 620; A. J. Lowry, 730; and others.

Bro. Lord Wolseley arrived punctually, accompanied by Bro. Courtenay Boyle, private secretary to his Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant, and having assumed his clothing was duly announced, and entered the Grand Lodge room, accompanied by Bro. John H. Goddard, who had had the honour of giving his lordship the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry in 1854. Bro. C. O. Grandison, P.G.O., in his usual effective style played "See the conquering hero comes" on the magnificent organ in the hall, and the assembled brethren rose "en masse" to receive their distinguished brother, who having been presented by Bro. John H. Goddard to the W.M. was conducted to a seat on the dais and saluted according to ancient custom.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then spoke in felicitous terms a few words of welcome to Bro. Lord Wolseley, and alluded to his lordship's initiation in the lodge in 1854, and the honour felt by the members in having him associated with them as an honorary member, and also expressed particularly the gratification which it afforded the lodge to see him upon the present occasion, and their great regret that his many engagements prevented his accepting the invitation of the lodge to a banquet. The W.M. having resumed the throne,

Bro. Lord WOLSELEY rose and in graceful terms expressed the great pleasure he felt at having been made an honorary member of the lodge, and at the kind reception just accorded to him. He also referred in words of grateful recollection to his initiation by Bro. Goddard in 1854, and to the very different appearance presented by the present magnificent hall when compared with that used by the Order when he first joined it; and said that since then he had been in many countries and amidst varied scenes, and had on numerous occasions heard of instances of the value of Masonry and of the benefits which it conferred upon those who had the good fortune to be in the Order.

His Lordship having resumed his seat amidst loud applause, the officers of the lodge in the first instance were successively presented to him by Bro. J. H. Goddard, who also subsequently presented the following distinguished brethren: R.W. Bros. R. W. Shekelton, 30°, D.P.G.M.; and the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., S.G.C. 30°, P.D.G.M.; Bros. Col. A. V. Davoren, 30°; Chas. A. Cameron, 31°; Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, and a number of others.

The minutes of the last meeting of the lodge were then read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Lord Wolseley having, at the request of Bro. Col. Davoren, Acting Secretary, inscribed his name on the roll of members of the lodge, shortly after cordially shook hands with the W.M. and officers of the lodge, and, during the playing of a triumphal march by Bro. Chas. O. Grandison, he retired from the Grand Lodge room accompanied by R.W. Bro. Shekelton, Bros. John H. Goddard, S. B. Oldham, D.G. Sec., and Courtenay Boyle, and having successively inspected the Grand Royal Arch Chamber; the Chapel of High Knights Templars; the Hall of the Princes Grand Rose Croix, &c.; he again expressed himself much gratified at his reception and at all he had seen, and then left Freemasons' Hall accompanied by Bro. Courtenay Boyle.

South Africa.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A MASONIC HALL, AT RICHMOND, NATAL.

On the 14th May, the town of Richmond was gay and in a state of excitement on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a building for the use of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1684. Brethren were present from different parts of the colony, and were most generously entertained by the resident Freemasons. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. Francis, D.D.G.M. (the W. Master, Bro. J. Cartwright, having relinquished to him the gavel), and the District Grand Lodge officers occupied their respective positions. The brethren formed in procession and marched to the site of the new building, where a large concourse of people had assembled. After depositing a number of coins, with copies of the local papers and the *Freemason*, in the cavity prepared for them, the stone was lowered, and being proved was declared well and truly laid. Corn, wine, and oil were next poured on the stone, and W. Bro. Francis, delivered an oration in a very eloquent manner, which appeared to be much appreciated both by the brethren and the uninitiated. Bro. Francis also addressed the general body of the spectators; after which three cheers were given for the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and one verse of "God save the Queen" was sung. The brethren then fell in procession order again, and walked to the lodge room, where lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, the invited guests being Mr. Hawkins, Mr. R. W. Hoskings, the Rev. Mr. Alsop, the Rev. Mr. Barry, and Mr. Cooper, who made some neat and appropriate speeches. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent by every one present.

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K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of JULY, 1883, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in October next, to declare the number of girls then to be elected, to receive the following report of General Committee, and to consider Notice of Motion as under:—

REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

"The General Committee reports to the Quarterly General Court that, in consequence of an intimation conveyed to the House Committee from the owner of the freehold land adjacent to the Institution—that he was about to offer for sale nine acres, or thereabouts, bounding two sides of its grounds, and that the lowest sum he would take for the whole, which he declined to divide, was at the rate of £4,000 per acre—Col. Creaton, with the concurrence of his colleagues, had obtained from him a promise that such land should not be sold until the views and opinion of the General Court as to the advisability of acquiring the property for the Institution could be obtained. That taking into consideration the facts that the land, if sold to a third party, might be dealt with in a manner most prejudicial to the School, and that if purchased by the Institution a very considerable and valuable portion of it could be re-sold, this Committee consider the subject is one which should receive the fullest consideration at the hands of the governing body of the Institution."

NOTICE OF MOTION

By Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.
"That the Report of the General Committee with reference to the land offered for sale be received and considered, and such action taken thereon as shall be deemed advisable by the General Court."

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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MASONIC PHOTOGRAPHS.

INTERIOR OF GRAND LODGE, AFTER THE FIRE, 4th May.
Two VIEWS, Photographed May, 1883.

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To Correspondents.

P.M.—We have not inserted your letter, as you have not conformed to our rule that all correspondence must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer.

The following have been received but stand over until next week for want of space:

Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.
Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002.
Mount Calvary Preceptory (D).

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Voice of Masonry," "The New Zealand Freemason," "The Masonic World," "Bulletin Maçonnique," "The Masonic Review," "The Liberal Freemason," "El Taller," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Natal Mercury," "The Phonetic Journal," "The Court Circular," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand," "La Revista Masónica," "The Toronto Daily Mail," "The New Zealand Herald," "The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinion expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play, to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel sure most of your readers will concur in the very reasonable request contained in the letter of "An old Life Governor," that the Governors of the Boys' School should receive explicit information as to what proportion of the large sum subscribed at the recent Festival will entitle the donors to the premium votes promised to a limited extent to subscribers to the fund for the building of the projected Junior School.

If there be good foundation for the rumour that by far the larger proportion of the total amount of £22,444 was subscribed to this special fund, carrying with it these special privileges, it would appear that notwithstanding the striking sum announced at the Festival there was actually a great falling off in the subscriptions to the General Fund of the Institution as compared with former years.

I refrain on the present occasion from expressing any opinion as to the wisdom or justice of offering premium votes as a bribe to obtain subscriptions to a particular charity on a particular occasion and thus discounting future support and subscriptions, but it is only due to the Governors of the Institution, whose steady and generous support in past years has secured to the School the high position it has attained, that they should receive the most distinct and unqualified assurance that the allotment of

these premium votes will be strictly limited to the number fixed at the Quarterly Court, namely, in respect of subscriptions to the extent of £5000 and no more, and that to this extent only will the votes of old Life Governors be depreciated.—Yours faithfully,

VICE-PRESIDENT.

[The former part of our correspondent's letter is answered by Bro. Binckes's circular, which we print elsewhere.—ED. F.M.]

THE 1815 CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whilst the minds of all earnest Masons are more or less occupied by the revision of the Book of Constitutions a reference to the compilation of the Original Constitutions of the "United Grand Lodge" may not be inappropriate.

I have been favoured with a copy of the Constitutions as printed in 1815, which belonged to the eminent brother who was deputed by Grand Lodge to "print and publish" the same, and in whom the copyright was vested. Next to the preface comes an article headed "Sanction," which cannot fail to interest any of your readers who may not have read it previously.

"SANCTION.

"At a Grand Lodge assembled on the 27th day of December, 1813, it was resolved 'That the laws and regulations which existed in the two societies previous to the re-union should be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with directions to them to form one system for the future government of the united Craft;' and the Board having attentively considered all the laws then existing, as well as those of most of the other Grand Lodges in Europe, prepared a Code of Laws which was submitted to the consideration of a special Grand Lodge on the 1st day of February last (i.e., February, 1815), whereupon it was ordered that copies should be made and left at two convenient places for the perusal of all the members of Grand Lodge for one month.

"During this month the Board of General Purposes met weekly to receive and discuss any alterations and amendments which might be suggested.

"The laws thus improved were again read and discussed at a special Grand Lodge, on the 31st May, 1815, and were then ordered to lie open for another month for the perusal of the brethren. At a special Grand Lodge held on the 23rd August, 1815, these laws were a third time read, discussed, and unanimously approved; and it was resolved that they should be in force for three years from the 1st of November, 1815, and then be subject to revision.

"In order to make these laws as perfect as possible and to enable Grand Lodge to avail itself of the test of experience, it was further resolved that any brother who can suggest any useful alteration or amendment be requested to transmit his opinion to the Grand Secretaries; and, when the laws are revised, such suggestions will receive due consideration.

"It being essential that these laws should be printed for the use of the lodges, and the copyright preserved, the R.W. Bro. William Williams, Prov. Grand Master for the county of Dorset, offered to take upon himself the printing and publishing, and to apply any profit which may accrue to the use of the Grand Lodge, which offer the Grand Lodge gratefully accepted, and thereupon unanimously resolved that Bro. William Williams be authorised to print a new edition of the Book of Constitutions, and that the copyright thereof be vested in him."

I will not trespass on your space to venture any remarks on the above at this moment beyond noting that the first "general regulation" contains the Table of Precedence, which was evidently settled at the Union by the "Grand Lodge;" and which, according to Law X., p. 22, of this original copy, can only be altered by Grand Lodge. See also edition of 1873, pp. 17 and 24.—Yours truly and fraternally,

E. T. BUDDEN, Prov. S.G.W. Dorset.

THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A first meeting by a few members of Grand Lodge has been held, and a number (184) of clauses have been hurried through, without that deliberation and thoughtfulness which are advisable when considering matters of such vital importance and interests to the maintenance of the proud position of our Order. Five and half long weary hours, in a close, stifling atmosphere, were we hurrying through the new revised regulations. The work began, after the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, had opened the lodge by his telling us what we might all have expected from the graciousness and sense of justice of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, of the rescinding the order, or mandate, as some one called it, which his advisers had been so ill-judged as to cause to appear in his name. It had been my intention to enter a protest against the manner and time of calling this Special Grand Lodge; but after the gracious message from the M.W. Grand Master, I felt disarmed somewhat, and expected that the subsequent matter would have been calmly and deliberately discussed, instead of the improper haste and attempt to crowd four or five days' work into one.

Now, as to the manner in which this Special Grand Lodge was called, the utter ignoring, the contempt of the amenities and courtesies due to the Craft at large. The date on the official papers is May 31st, so that the reconsiderations must have been finished some days before, and the Board of General Purposes must have known of their intention to advise the calling of a Special Grand Lodge, nay, the very day; but had they the common honesty, courtesy, or justice—call it what you will—to inform the brethren of

the Order of this, to intimate their intention to Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication of the 6th June following? No, sir, for not only do they forbear doing this self-evident act of duty, but they purposely talk against time on a useless, uninteresting, and threadbare topic, in order that my motion which might possibly have elicited from them that notice it was their bounden duty to give to the brethren generally, and thus the Craft would have known and could have made arrangements for attending accordingly. There can be only one motive in all this—and that is, desire to stifle discussion, and this inference is still further carried out by the time chosen, and the manner in which the clauses were scamped over; how were the notices sent? just within the letter of the law—10 days previous to the meeting,—no advertisement in the Masonic issues or elsewhere (a motion in regard to which I intend to give notice of in September next), and for when was the Special Grand Lodge called? when all the London lodges were in recess, and it would be improbable that all those entitled to attend could receive due notice, or, if they did, too late to be of any avail, and also, a few days after the Boys' Festival, when the provincial brethren had returned home, and would not be likely to spare the time to come to town again, though some of them, much to their praise be it said, travelled long distances to do their duty to their constituents. Again, what day was fixed? the most inconsistent of the week when the hour is taken into consideration, namely, four o'clock on a Friday, a time when all business men are making up their American and Australian mails. If the above arrangement was not a set purpose for avoiding discussion, then I can only say it was a most miraculous concatenation of circumstances, too much so for the faith of, yours faithfully,

C. J. PERCEVAL, P.M. 1607.
8, Thurloe-place, S.W.



THE MAGAZINES.

The magazines for July are before us in great force and full vigour, despite the warm weather.

"The Cornhill Magazine."—A new series of this valuable serial, once distinguished by the ability of Mr. Thackeray, now claims the public ear and attention under the effective editorship of Mr. Payn. It is well worth perusal, and takes a very high position as regards imaginative literature. We think our readers will be greatly pleased with its commenced and completed tales. "The Giants' Robe," "The Lay Figure," "The Old Woman of the Sea," "My Tiger Watch," "King Pippin," and "Sweet Clive" are all powerfully, strikingly, and pleasantly written. We augur for this new magazine considerable and deserved success. Let our readers obtain it and judge for themselves.

"Longman's Magazine." We wish we could say or think that this serial improves with each month, or has attained, or will attain the high position hoped for by many. "Thicker than Water" progresses with force; but "Love a la Mode" is too scratchy a sketch. It is an "old, old story," "Strawberries" reminds us, perforce, of a very remarkable article in "Scribner's," though as we always like to hear of strawberries as of pears, we have duly perused a pleasant little article. "Across the Plains," "In the Carquinez Woods," are effective; "The Dorsetshire Labourer" interesting; and "The Royal Irish at Tel-el-Kebir" seasonable and savoury, if not very strong.

"Temple Bar," with "Belinda," "Tone Stewart," "A Peaceful Prima Donna," and "La Dame a la Tasse de The" will gratify many readers and pleasure many tastes.

"The Century" appears with many claims on our interest and admiration. "Recollections of the John Brown's Raid," "Striking Oil," "Flood and Plague in New Orleans," "Black Bass Fishing," "Anthony Trollope," and "Old and New Roses," are all in "Scribner's" very best form.

"All the Year Round" offers us "Jenifer," "Mr. Scarborough's Family," "Time Bargains," "Doctor and Patient," "New Guinea," "The Soldier at Home," and "Before the Hospital Fire," all fresh, readable, and effective contributions.

"The Antiquary" and "Bibliographer" equally ask for the countenance and interest of patient archaeologists and sagacious "Dryasdusts."

"Our Homes and How to make them Healthy." This monthly part, No. 17, out of 20, edited by Shirley Foster Murphy, and published by Cassell and Company, has its interest for all who study hygienic laws and arrangements. It is contributed to by some of the recognised authorities of the day. This number mainly deals with the all-important question of "water."

"The Arabian Nights," part xi., published by the same firm, re-introduces to us some old friends, "The History of Ganem, of Codadad and his Brothers, Prince Zeyn, Alasnem and Abou Hassan. We wish the illustrations were somewhat more first-class in artistic excellence.

"Le Monde Maconnique" for June is before us. It is purely the outcome of the French Masonic craze in everything just now; in tone, taste, temper, and tendency.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A frequent cause of gout and rheumatism is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended with bad digestion and general debility. A few doses of the Pills taken in time are an effectual preventive against gout and rheumatism. Anyone who has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, the powerful action of which, combined with the operation of the Pills, must infallibly effect a cure. These Pills act directly on the blood, which they purify and improve. Having once subdued the severity of these diseases, perseverance with the Ointment, after fomenting the affected joints with warm brine, will speedily relax all stiffness and prevent any permanent contraction.



A LOVING BROTHERHOOD.

These words, accredited to Stowe, have puzzled Masonic enquirers. They are clearly not originally in Stowe or even in Guillim, however they may possibly have crept in any later editions. But they are to be found in Howell's "Londinopolis" of 1657, where, at page 44, he says: "The Company of Masons, otherwise called Freemasons, were used to be a loving Brotherhood for many ages, yet they were not relegated to a society till Henry IV. Their arms—sable, on a chevron between three castles argent, a pair of compasses of the first." In the same page he tells us the Company of Carpenters was incorporated by letters patent of Edward IV., by the name of the Master, Warden, and community of the mystery of the carpentry of the City of London. Their arms—azure, a chevron engrailed between three compasses argent. All these entries and others are commented upon by a seventeenth century hand in the margin.

ANTIQUARIUS.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was held this year at Oatlands Park Hotel, Walton-on-Thames, where it met under the banner of the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony, No. 1016. There was a good attendance, 24 out of the 25 lodges in the province being represented. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, C.B., presided, having on his right the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain. The following officers of the year were also present: Bros. Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.S.W.; James E. Barton, P.G.J.W.; Rev. R. Milner, P.G. Chap.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Reg.; G. Price, P.G. Treasurer; C. Greenwood, jun., P.G. Secretary; J. B. Boucher, P.G.S.D.; A. E. Taylor, P.G. Superintendent of Works; H. E. Frances, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Askham, P.G.A.D.C.; F. A. Manning, P.G. Std. Br.; C. T. Speight, P.M. 27, P.G. Tyler. There were also present Chevalier Desanges; Rev. Watson, Vicar of St. Mary's, Oatlands; Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.P.S.W., P.G. Chap.; George Trower; R. J. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C., J.W.; M. Piggott, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Youlden, P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. Kemp, P.P.G. Purst.; R. Sebastian Hart, P.G.S.; Charles Belton, P.G.S.; R. R. Davis, P.G.S.; S. G. Kirchoffer, P.S.G.W.; James Squire, P.P.G.S.B.; Edwin M. Lott, P.P.G.O.; G. B. Brodie, P.P.G.S.W.; W. C. Beaumont, P.P.G.S.W.; Ford Foakes Jackson, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. H. J. Strong, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Webster, P.P.G. Chaplain; and others.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER having opened Provincial Grand Lodge and the roll of the lodges in the province having been called over, the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Woking in July last were read and confirmed; also minutes of two special Prov. Grand Lodges, the first held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 21st November, 1882, and the other at Bagshot on the 9th April last, when the Prov. Grand Lodge assisted H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past G.S.W., in laying the foundation-stone of St. Anne's Church. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee was read and showed a balance to the credit of Prov. Grand Lodge of £71 2s. 2d. £5 was voted to the Oatlands Working Men's Club Building Fund. Dr. Strong suggested that it would be a great convenience if the financial returns from the lodges in the provinces were made at a date a month earlier than at present, and it was agreed that a rule to this effect should be drawn up for consideration at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master said that two provisional grants had been made from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge which required the sanction of the present meeting. One was a grant of £63 which had been made on the occasion of his presiding at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on which occasion it had afforded him intense satisfaction to realise how generously the brethren of the province had given him their support, 22 lodges having sent up Stewards who had collected a sum of nearly £1000, the total amount obtained for the Institution at that festival being considerably over £13,000. The other grant requiring to be passed by this Prov. Grand Lodge was a sum of £10 10s. to the St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, Building Fund. These votes were then duly sanctioned, and the Prov. Grand Master next proposed the re-election of Bro. George Price as Prov. Grand Treasurer. He was aware that Bro. Price was very angry with them for having so impoverished their exchequer, Bro. Price having always laid it down as a rule that there should always be a balance of not less than £100 to the credit of Prov. Grand Lodge. He hoped however that Bro. Price would nevertheless consent to accept the office of Treasurer. The proposition having been seconded, the ballot was taken and found to be unanimous in favour of the re-election of Bro. Price, who acknowledged the honour in a few words.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then invested the officers for the year as follows:

Bro. W. R. G. Farmer	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Col. Dundas	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. A. H. Sitwell	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. F. Romian	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Chas. Greenwood, P.G. Swd. Br.	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. Franklin Lloyd	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Charles Belton	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" G. D. Lister	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John G. Horsey	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Byron H. Ridge	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Lardner	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thos. Vincent	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" G. Payne	...	Prov. G. Purs.

Bros. W. P. Catterton, T. P. Phillips, Charles Ledger, and W. G. Batchelor } Prov. G. Stwds.

The Audit Committee of last year was re-appointed. Bro. General BROWNRIFF then addressed the brethren, and urged on them the desirability of their attending any special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge that might chance to be convened. The state of Freemasonry in the

province was very cheering and satisfactory. With regard to the selection of Grand Officers he reminded them that there were not many offices at his disposal, and where there were so many aspirants it was difficult to make a selection. He desired always to be impartial. His deputy rendered him great service in the choice of officers, and they endeavoured between them to select the most deserving. As regarded the question of precedence of officers in Grand Lodge he would have something to say later on, and in the meantime he urged them to attend the special Grand Lodge to be held next day.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed and the brethren visited St. Mary's Church, Otlands, where a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN, who took his text from I. Peter, v., 7—"Casting all your woes upon him, for he careth for you."

After the banquet, which followed the return of the brethren from church, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts given on such occasions. In introducing the first toast,

The CHAIRMAN said it was an appeal not to their loyalty, because the loyalty of Freemasons was unquestioned, but the fact that that was the 45th anniversary of the coronation of her Most Gracious Majesty would add a little zest—if anything could add zest—to the toast of "The Queen and the Craft."

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast was that of their "Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers, Present and Past." He approached that toast with a little embarrassment. The duties of Grand Officers, certainly of Past Grand Officers, was not very clearly defined; but their great and most important duty was to watch over the interests of the Craft, to give their advice when needed, to support the Grand Master, and to preserve as much as possible that unanimity on the dais which gave the Grand Master strength. He was sorry to say that so far there was a threatening of that unanimity being disturbed. He was afraid it would be disturbed by the alteration that had been made practically on the occasion of the installation of the Grand Officers at the last Grand Festival. The Table of Precedence was at that time altered. It was altered without any notice being given. The argument used by the advisers of the Grand Master was that the Grand Master being the fountain of honour had the right to change that Table of Precedence as much as he pleased, and whenever he pleased, and in whatever manner he pleased. That dictum, he understood, was laid down by the present Grand Registrar. They knew, however, there were great differences among lawyers, and another Grand Registrar might lay down an entirely opposite rule. Most of them had been taught to consider that the Table of Precedence being in the same volume as the Book of Constitutions was a part of the Book of Constitutions, and therefore it was something like springing a mine upon the Craft when they found this table altered. He could not believe, without learning it from the Grand Master's lips, that the Grand Master did this "propria motu;" his position entailed upon him such labours that the Grand Master must refer matters of detail to those who were his advisers; but he thought that on this occasion His Royal Highness had been badly advised. He thought it was a very general opinion that that was the case, and presuming that the law laid down by the Grand Registrar was right and that the Grand Master had the right to change the Table of Precedence whenever he pleased, he (the Chairman) did most respectfully and humbly hope that if the rule was carried out they might be allowed to make their protest. What he took most to heart in this matter was the fact that the Grand Chaplains had been removed from the position they occupied, which was that immediately following Grand Wardens, to that below Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the President of the Board of General Purposes. Now, it was an odd coincidence that by the new rule those who filled those offices at present would take precedence of those who had been—he would not say degraded—but who had been lowered in the scale of precedence; when they thought of the stuff that Grand Chaplains were made of; when they thought that these were men who had almost all taken their degrees in the different Universities. When they remembered the social position they held, when they remembered their sacred calling, they were treading on sacred ground when they altered the position which for 40 years they had held in Grand Lodge. He saw no reason for it, and he could not help saying that it was not very good taste, seeing that they were put below the men who were put before the advising counsel of the Grand Master. He had good reason to believe that two of the number did not approve of that circumstance, but it had come suddenly upon the Grand Officers like the bursting of a shell. The Chairman said he had spoken somewhat at length because he felt warmly; he felt especially the want of judgment shown in lowering the position of the Grand Chaplains. With regard to the rest of the Precedence he did not care much. Still there was a notion that Provincial Grand Masters should have precedence over District Grand Masters; he did not see why it should be done, but he thought that was the opinion. What he had said he said with the utmost deference to the Grand Master. If it turned out that the alteration of the Table of Precedence was his suggestion the Craft could but humbly bow to it, but he hoped that upon consideration it would be found that the Grand Master had been inconsiderately advised, and that he would see his way to change what had been done. With this toast he would couple the name of the Past Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Ambrose Hall.

The Rev. AMBROSE HALL in reply said that to every officer of Grand Lodge, whether past or present, it was always an honour and a pleasure to return thanks for that toast. To him, as an old Surrey man and as a Mason of 50 years' standing, it was especially pleasant. And this pleasure was not decreased by the observations that had fallen from the R.W. Prov. Grand Master respecting the little dark cloud that was at present overshadowing Grand Lodge. He endorsed all that the Prov. Grand Master had said; although a Past Grand Chaplain he cared little himself whom he walked before and whom he walked behind, but he looked upon it as a blow in some respects at the sacred calling which the Grand Chaplains held. He trusted that the cloud would soon pass over, and that the incident might be even like the angel troubling the waters at the pool of Siloam, wherein they might, like them of old, dip and be clean; that all these little differences might be fully looked into, and that the Grand Officers might arise out of the difficulty like the phoenix out of the fire, and be

again one body, one phalanx, welded together as Grand Officers of England for the welfare and the good of the great and noble body of which they had the honour of being the heads. When he looked round upon the various Grand Officers, from the Prince of Wales to the humblest officer in Grand Lodge, there were so many of them that had their cause at heart that he did not fear but that this little difference would pass over, and that they would be again as they were of old. For the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers he begged them to receive his thanks.

The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, Past G. Chap., D.P.G.M., then rose and said that when the brethren saw the gavel in his hand they well knew that the toast about to be proposed was that of "The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Bro. General Brownrigg." He was quite certain, he said, that very few words of his were necessary on that occasion, because General Brownrigg dwelt in their hearts as their Prov. Grand Master, which was testified by the response which was made, when he presided over the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to the appeal to the Masons of Surrey, on which occasion he believed about 20 lodges sent up Stewards to represent them, who raised a sum of £1000 from that small province. It was difficult, he said, for him to speak of their Prov. Grand Master in his presence; but he (Bro. Arnold) knew the qualities that were required in a Grand Master; what they wanted was promptness in action and courtesy in manner, and he was quite sure they would agree with him that they had those qualities in him who presided over them. He could not speak of the other qualities which distinguished General Brownrigg among other Masters; he was sure however that the brethren would agree with him that they wished him long life and prosperity and that he might preside over that province for many years and that he might feel that he had the sympathy of the Masons of Surrey with him on all occasions.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said it was the same old story—it was always the same kind, fraternal, loving welcome that he got from them which, he assured them, touched him deeply. He felt that he did not now visit all the lodges in his province as much as he should wish to. They must remember that he had been 51 years in the army, and a man could be no chicken to do that. However, he had a very able coadjutor in his Deputy, who relieved him of a great deal of that part of his duty. He had a note however from him the other day mentioning certain places which were rather out of the Deputy's beat, and rather more readily approached from London. General Brownrigg said that he should take the hint in the coming year. It was an immense satisfaction the way they pulled together in Surrey; he had no trouble; there was scarcely a difficulty ever heard of, and when they did occur they were readily got over by a little conciliatory action, and he believed there was not a more happy or more prosperous province than he had the honour of presiding over. He thanked them for this renewed proof of their kindness and confidence. Before he sat down he must propose "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers." He would only ask them to remember what he said in lodge—that if there were occasions for special Grand Lodge meetings, they would do their best to attend. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had owned to a difficulty in speaking of him in his presence; he had the same difficulty with regard to Bro. Arnold—they did not like to butter a man up too much in his presence. They knew Bro. Arnold however sufficiently well to render that unnecessary. His Deputy, however, he might say was an immense assistance to him, especially in making a selection of Grand Officers. He asked them to drink this toast, with which he would couple Bro. Arnold's name.

Bro. ARNOLD, Dep. Prov. G.M., thanked the W.M. and brethren on his own behalf and for the other Prov. Grand Officers of Surrey. As the Prov. Grand Master had said, these speeches came upon them year by year, and as they went from lodge to lodge until it became very difficult for them so to respond as to make a difference in the replies they had to make from time to time; and at the same time they all felt very much indeed the kindness extended by Masons to those who held office among them. He himself had felt it extremely at the visits he paid to different lodges; wherever he went he was received with the greatest kindness. Whilst going to lodges to find out what was amiss and what was needed, he extended his circle of friends. In most places which he had visited from time to time he reckoned the Masters and Past Masters among his friends. It had given him the greatest satisfaction during the past year that he had never been called upon once to install the W.M.; but he recollected the time when it was very different. He believed that every lodge in the province was working upon the same lines, so that an officer might go from one lodge to another and he would find no difference in the work, and all were in accord with the Book of Constitutions. He trusted it would always be so, and that they would never choose any one who at the end of the term of office which he has already filled cannot give a good account of what he had done. He hoped, too, that they would be all knit together in the bonds of friendship and harmony; they were one brotherhood united firmly together for the interests of Freemasonry and for love to each other, and he trusted it would always be so.

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast was that of "The Visitors." The hospitality of Surrey was proverbial; he never attended a lodge at which there were not many visitors. There was one body of visitors to whom they were particularly indebted, namely, the visitors from the Mozart Lodge. He might mention that these brethren, who were professional men, had come down to render assistance to them at their Provincial Grand Lodge with the exquisite melody they had given. He had to express his thanks also and propose the health of their rev. brother who had given them the use of his church on that occasion. All who attended divine service must have been struck with its beauty, with the excellence of the choir, and he begged on behalf of the Province of Surrey to give him cordial thanks for the use of his church. With the toast of the visitors he would couple the name of Bro. Watson.

Bro. the Rev. WATSON returned his heartfelt thanks on behalf of himself and the visitors, and he begged to thank them all for the kind manner in which they had assisted an object which the parishioners had very much at heart—the fund for building a working men's club. The amount contributed by the lodge, added to the offertory collection, amounted to £9 3s.

The CHAIRMAN said he was sure they would think it very unbecoming and ungrateful if they did not make their

acknowledgments to the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony for the hospitality which they had shown them. For his part he thought this elegant cold repast was exactly the thing suitable for the occasion. There were not the tremendous three courses and dessert; everything was on the table, and everything that was upon the table was excellent. Provincial Grand Lodge therefore owed their thanks to the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony, and he would ask the brethren to honour this toast with which he would couple the name of the W.M. and Bro. Brodie.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER of the Lodge of Friendship and Harmony acknowledged the compliment. They had done their best, and were pleased to think they had given satisfaction.

Bro. BRODIE also replied, and the Tyler's toast brought a very successful Masonic meeting to a close.

In the course of the evening a choice selection of music was performed by members of the Mozart Lodge under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, P.P.G.O., Surrey, the brethren assisting him being E. Moss, W.M.; H. Ashton, J. Kiff, and T. Tremere.

THE ROYAL LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 166g, BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A final meeting of the Committee of this association was held on Friday in last week, when the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Thomas Preston, read a statement of the accounts. It appeared that forty-one members of the lodge and their friends had become life subscribers to one or other of the Masonic Charities through the agency of the Association, and a net sum of £215 5s. had been handed over by the Treasurer to the several Institutions since the formation of the society in June, 1881. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Hon. Secretary for his exertions during the last two years, and a like compliment was paid to Bro. Thomas Edmondston, who presided.

The brethren present then proceeded to inaugurate a new association of similar character to that which had just been so successfully completed. With very few exceptions the same list of office-bearers was elected, Bro. G. N. Bridges, senior Past Master of the lodge, being appointed President, Bro. P. H. Dakers, Treasurer, and a committee of seven members of the lodge. To the great regret of the brethren, Bro. Preston announced that his personal engagements would prevent his accepting again the office of Secretary, but a very efficient substitute was found in Bro. George Norrington, who was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary. The new association has already made an excellent beginning, and bids fair to prove at least as successful as its predecessor.



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ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319).—The final meeting for the season of the above representative dramatic lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Lodge was opened by Bro. John Maclean, W.M., who was, all circumstances considered, very well supported as follows: Bros. F. Delevanti, S.W.; C. E. Tinney, J.W.; C. Wellard, P.M.; E. Frewin, P.M.; G. Buckland, P.M.; Jekyll, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. M. Chamberlin, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Ashley, S.D.; G. E. Fairchild, acting I.G.; H. Tinney, Org.; Gilbert, Tyler; G. Powell, W. L. Penley, A. Henson, C. Bradberry, C. H. Stephenson, A. Bishop, T. de B. Holme, Wynn, Miller, J. Hamilton, J. G. Speaight, L. Silberberg, L. S. Dewar, G. W. Browne, R. A. F. Rocheste, J. C. Hamilton, Wallis McRay, G. C. Smith, and others. The visitors present were Bros. G. Duxfield, J.W. 613; J. D. Langton, I.P.M. No. 1; J. H. Garland, 1673; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382, and 898 (*Freemason*).

The business disposed of was the conferring the Second Degree upon Bro. J. H. Hamilton and the Third Degree upon Bro. Wynn Miller. These ceremonies were admirably rendered by Bro. Maclean, whose working was well and adequately supported by the officers of the lodge, thereby sustaining the reputation of this lodge for good working. This being also the election meeting, the brethren unanimously gave their suffrages in favour of Bro. Delevanti, the worthy S.W., to whom the W.M. paid a high tribute of praise for the manner in which he had fulfilled every office that had devolved upon him in the lodge, and auguring a prosperous and useful year under Bro. Delevanti's Mastership.

Bro. Delevanti having gracefully replied, the election for Treasurer resulted in the re-electing of Bro. Coote, P.M., to that honourable position, and Bro. Gilbert was also re-elected Tyler. Officers were appointed for the Benevolent Fund, which we are glad to notice is in a very satisfactory financial position.

The Worshipful Master having retired from the lodge the very pleasing task of voting Bro. Maclean the Past Master's jewel of the lodge was proceeded with, Bro. Frewin, P.M., claiming for Bro. Maclean that he had entirely upheld by his excellent working the dignity of the Asaph Lodge satisfactorily to its traditions, and to the gratification of its members. On this pleasing fact being communicated to the W.M., Bro. Maclean said he had often wondered how a brother had felt when receiving the pleasing intelligence he had just heard. It was most gratifying to him to find he had given satisfaction to the brethren. He had really done his best during his year of office. Following so many brethren of great ability his task had been a severe one to maintain the prestige the lodge had attained under previous rulers; yet that also, inasmuch as those brethren had set him a worthy example, had been the means of making his duty more easy in following as closely as possible the good pattern they had set him. After exchange of "Hearty good wishes" lodge was closed in harmony.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—This lodge met on the 23rd ult., at its new home, the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. The business of the evening was the installing of Bro. H. Gush into the Master's chair, and the ceremony was most ably performed by

the retiring Master, Bro. W. Denison, and the newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. J. Ward, S.W.; J. E. Ward, J.W.; Denison, I.P.M.; Larchin, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Stacey, P.M., Sec.; Fitch, S.D.; Manton, J.D.; and Kearney, I.G. A splendid Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M. The brethren, after the labours of the lodge, partook of a most recherché banquet, which had been provided by Bro. Begbie, the indefatigable manager of the Imperial Hotel.

GATESHEAD - ON - TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The midsummer regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall, when there were an average attendance of brethren in spite of the fact that the week's holidays for the Annual Race Carnival of the North interfered with the presence of members and visitors. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. John Moul, the duties were performed by Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M., who was supported by Bros. Joseph Cook, P.M., as I.P.M.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; Wm. Garbutt, S.W.; W. F. Carmon, as J.W.; W. M. Pybus, Sec.; E. Shewbrooks, S.D.; Wm. Dalrymple, J.D.; W. Brown, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. F. Raeburn, S.S.; T. Thompson, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; A. Simpson, W. Stafford, Thos. Graham, George Dunn, R. Brason, W. Whitfield, J. G. Waddington, J. T. Harrison, J. G. Turnbull, George Corbett, Charles McNamara, W.M. 97; C. B. Ford, W.M. 481; Joseph Cook, P.M. 481; John McKay, S.W. and W.M. elect 481; Thomas Dinning, J.W. 481; W. Matheson, 481; W. Watson, 481; R. W. Klyne, 119; J. A. Young, 1564; James Sedcole, J.W. 119; H. Usher, I.P.M. 541; W. Mayer, 1643; H. Crisp, 949; and others.

After the minutes were confirmed and other preliminary business transacted, the ballot was taken for Messrs. S. Jopling and John Bulmer, who were duly elected. Messrs. Corbit R. Gourlay, S. Jopling, and J. Bulmer being in attendance were initiated as E.As. by Bro. M. Corbitt, P.M., acting W.M., and the working tools were explained by the acting J.W. Bros. G. Dunn and Thos. Dunn were afterwards passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Corbitt, P.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and the visitors tendered their "Hearty good wishes," after which the lodge was closed in due form. The majority of the brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where they enjoyed themselves until 11 o'clock. In the course of the evening Bro. Corbit R. Gourlay, one of the initiates, recited "Lord Ullin's Daughter" with great dramatic force and splendid elocutionary powers.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—A regular lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 18th ult. The W.M., Bro. Geo. Kirby, was in his place, and there were present Bros. G. Garbutt, S.W.; W. Draper, J.W.; Jos. Todd, P.M., Treas.; W. Smith, Sec.; W. Thompson, S.D.; Henry Foster, acting J.D.; Chas. Anderson, acting I.G.; Thos. Sanderson, Org.; M. Rooke, P.M., D. of C.; Sir Jas. Meek, P.M.; A. H. MacGachen, P.M.; Geo. C. Lee, P.M.; F. Rawling, P.M.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.M.; R. Gifford, P.M.; and numerous other brethren.

The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes confirmed, the Treasurer announced that £42 had been contributed by the lodge towards the Steward's list for the Boys' School Festival. Bro. W. Henry Garland, Mus. Bac., 599, was then balloted for and elected a joining member. Bro. J. Holiday Smith was next passed by the W.M. to the Degree of a F.C., the working tools being explained by Bro. C. Anderson. The following brethren were afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons: Bros. J. J. Leeman, M.P., T. W. Dennison, L. Dodsworth, and R. E. Dodsworth. The ceremony was performed in the case of Bro. Leeman by Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., Treas.; that of Bro. Leonard Dodsworth by Bro. Mark Rooke, P.M., D. of C.; and of Bros. E. R. Dodsworth and T. W. Dennison by the W.M. The working tools were explained by Bro. Alderman Sir J. Meek, P.M. The lodge was then duly closed.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday morning, the 25th ult., when, notwithstanding the early hour of assembly (eleven o'clock) there was a large assembly of brethren. The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Whitehead, W.M., supported by Bros. John Latta, P.M.; J. Winsor, P.M.; J. Salter, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., M.C.; R. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.T.; R. Stedford, P.M.; Thomas Buxton, P.P.G.R.; Dr. J. McGeorge, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer; C. Hutchin, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. John Wells, P.G.D.C.; R. Carruthers, P.M. 1340; Richard Bennett, P.M. 1299; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; Henry Firth, P.G.S.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; J. B. McKenzie, P.M. 1609; and Robert Martin, jun., P.M. 1094. The retiring W.M., Bro. Whitehead, performed the installation ceremony according to ancient rite and custom, the W.M. elect, Bro. James Pendleton, S.W., being presented by Bros. R. Brown and J. Winsor. After the usual honours the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Thomas Whitehead, I.P.M.; John Brotherton, S.W.; Roger White, J.W.; John Latta, P.M., Treasurer; Charles A. Luker, Secretary; Simon Jude, S.D. (by proxy); Alfred Huther, J.D.; Lieut. John McNab, I.G.; James Procter, S.S.; Wm. McLachlan, J.S.; Thos. Salter, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., M.C.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; and P. Ball (re-elected), Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Whitehead, by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, and was suitably acknowledged. Before the lodge closed Bro. Whitehead said he had a most pleasing duty to perform. Bro. Dr. J. McGeorge, P.M., had, as they all knew, for over twelve years honourably discharged the duties of Treasurer of the Merchants Lodge, and he had great pleasure in presenting him, on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, with a memento of their esteem and gratitude for his faithful services.

The testimonial consisted of a valuable and chaste tea and coffee service, accompanied by a standard aneroid barometer and thermometer combined.

Bro. Dr. McGeorge in response thanked the brethren, and expressed his deep gratification that his services had been satisfactory to the lodge.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the members and their guests left the Exchange Station in saloon carriages

for Southport, where dinner was served in a most recherché manner by Bro. Wilkinson, of the Prince of Wales Hotel. Several brethren here joined the party, having been prevented from being present in the early part of the day, among others being Bros. Councillor Geo. Peet, P.M.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; T. Saxon, and others.

Bro. Alpass, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. Sec., in responding to the toast of "The P.G. Officers," referred to the revision of the Constitutions of the Order, and expressed a hope that all Past Masters who could possibly arrange to do so would be present at the Grand Lodge, on Friday next, to support the amendments proposed by the three largest provinces, viz., East and West Lancashire and Yorkshire, which were, he was glad to say, likely to be accepted. The first important alteration related to the initiation fee, and he did not think that would affect this province to any great extent. The second was highly important, and dealt with those brethren who were in arrears, and who had hitherto been returned. He concluded by thanking the brethren.

Other toasts were duly honoured, and a capital musical programme rendered by Bros. Child, Keith, R. N. Hobart, W. Hatton, J. Muir, and J. P. Bryan, P.G.O. After a very enjoyable evening the brethren returned by the 8.30 p.m. train.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The annual celebration of the Festival of St. John in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The members were summoned to their duties at eight o'clock in the morning, and even at that early hour there was a large attendance, those present including Bros. W. Evans, W.M.; W. H. Vevers, P.M.; A. Pedersen, P.M.; T. Dilcock, P.M.; R. P. France, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Houghton, P.M., M.C.; J. Balmer, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; A. Bucknall, W.M. 667; J. O. Rea, S.W. 1182; W. P. Vines, W.M. 1570; F. Knight, P.M. 1325; D. Jackson, P.M. 673; T. Horne, P.M. 1356; T. O. Dutton, W.M. 1182; and others. After the transaction of preliminary business, Bro. W. Evans closed his year of office in the chair by installing, in a most efficient manner, Bro. J. N. Cain as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the following brethren were appointed to the various offices in the lodge: Bros. W. Evans, I.P.M.; T. Peterson, S.W.; Isaac Turner, J.W.; R. P. France, Treas. (re-elected for the fifth time); W. Blunsum, Sec.; W. Miller, S.D.; W. R. Roberts, J.D.; E. Dow, I.G.; J. H. Pagen, S.S.; F. Kerr, J.S. (by proxy); J. Carpenter, A.S.; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O. Org.; J. L. Houghton, P.M., M.C.; and J. Malcolm was unanimously re-elected Tyler. A valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Evans, I.P.M., and at the conclusion of the business portion of the proceedings, a large number of brethren and ladies proceeded by train to Lynn, where a picnic took place.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—Another of the numerous celebrations of the Festival of St. John which occur at this season took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when the Derby Lodge held its annual installation at the Masonic Hall. Bro. J. Pendleton, W.M., took the chair, and was supported by his Past Masters, officers and brethren, both members and visitors being in strong force, among others Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; George Gordon, P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; Robert Cain, P.M.; H. Trevitt, P.M.; H. Vaughan, P.M.; R. Crispe, P.M.; C. Catrall, S.W. 203; J. J. Smith, S.W. 1035; J. Busfield, 216; R. Chatham, 1356; Ramage, 657; J. M. King, S.W. 833; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Comins, was presented by Bro. T. Chesworth, P.M., and the installation was very effectively performed by Bro. J. W. Ballard, P.M., P.P.G.P. After the usual honours the following were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Pendleton, I.P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., M.C.; John Humphries, S.W.; D. Davies, J.W.; Geo. Beeken, P.M. Treas. (re-elected); Jos. Sharples, Sec.; W. Stephenson, S.D.; D. H. Ogley, J.D.; Geo. Grieves, I.G.; Suffield, 1808, Org.; Davies and Owens, Stewards; M. Williamson was elected Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and during the proceedings a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge. A most enjoyable musical programme was given by Bros. Busfield, Ellis, Ramage, Jones, and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Swan Hotel on Wednesday evening, the 20th ult., there being present Bros. J. Baker, W.M.; J. Senior, P.G. S.D., I.P.M.; J. Mottram, S.W.; E. J. Mousley, J.W.; F. Woolley, Sec.; J. Woodbridge, S.D.; T. Rigby, J.D.; W. D. Batkin, I.G.; H. Shorn and W. P. Duncalfe, Stewards; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; A. C. Ward, S. S. Plant, A. F. Whitmore, W. W. Kenrick, and Dr. Hayes. Visitor: Bro. J. F. Cooper, P.M. 135.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. W. W. Kenrick was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., the traditional history and working tools being given by Bro. J. Senior, P.G.S.D., I.P.M. The next business was the presentation of a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. J. Senior, P.G.S.D., I.P.M., which was presented, in the absence through illness of Bro. Thos. Wood, Prov. G. Treas., P.M., by Bro. J. Baker, W.M., who said that although he was called upon very unexpectedly, it gave him great pleasure to hand the jewel to Bro. Senior, as he was sure every member of the lodge was satisfied with the way in which Bro. Senior had carried out his duties as W.M. Bro. Baker then affixed the jewel to the recipient's breast, adding that he hoped he would be long spared to wear it.

Bro. Senior in thanking the brethren said that when he entered upon his duties as W.M. he did so with a full determination to do his best for the lodge, and that he was only able to do what had been done by the kindness of his officers, and he again thanked them for the services they had rendered him. He also thanked the lodge most heartily for the jewel they had that day presented to him, and said he would ever wear it with pride in remembrance of the kindness of the Staffordshire Knot brethren.

After some other business had been transacted the lodge was closed in ancient form and perfect harmony.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Bros. Kimber, W.M.; T. D. Askew, S.W.; W.M. elect; J. E. Elverstone, I.P.M.; J. Collings, J.W.; Thomas Francis, P.M., Secretary; W. Dart, P.M., D. of C.; H. W. Smith-Parsons, S.D.; A. J. Dunn, J.D.; J. J. Bascombe, I.G.; J. J. H. Bascombe, Steward; J. W. Hillman, P.M.; G. Coldroy, H. Toomer, J. Adcock, F. J. Watson, G. Turner, H. G. Tuck, W. Gardener, A. H. Wood, A. Wightman, G. S. Hill, H. Welsted, and A. R. Jones. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Hannen, 437; W. M. Outridge, W.M. 487; W. Brumvin, W.M. 903; G. F. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G.D., 903, 1990; J. Lavery, W.M.; C. Traves, W.M. elect; J. Jackson, G. Thacker, 1428; W. D. Parkhouse, W.M.; J. Westaway, Secretary, 1776; T. Page W.M.; H. W. Townsend, P.M., acting I.P.M. 1903; J. Ridd Hayman, P.M., P.G. Reg., 1990; and P. H. Emanuel, 1069 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the previous regular lodge were read and confirmed, Bro. H. R. Trigg, P.M., was elected a joining member. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Elverstone, who installed Bro. Thomas Douglas Askew as W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being ably and impressively rendered. After the ordinary business of the lodge the sum of £7 16s. 8d. was collected in the charity box on behalf of a distressed brother.

Bro. Askew proposed, and Bro. Dart, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Elverstone for his installing the W.M., which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Elverstone thanked the brethren, and said how happy he felt at having had the opportunity of installing so dear and old a friend and brother.

The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. J. Collings, S.W.; H. W. Smith-Parsons, J.W.; J. Weeks, P.M., Treas.; T. Francis, P.M., Sec.; I. E. Elverstone, P.M., D. of C.; J. J. Bascombe, S.D.; J. J. H. Bascombe, J.D.; A. H. Wood, I.G.; G. S. Hill and F. J. Watson, Stewards; and Blackmore, Tyler. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a most recherché banquet catered by the Masonic Club, and reflecting great credit upon the committee. After justice had been done to the edibles and grace had been said,

The Worshipful Master proposed the first toast and said that it was one that commended itself to them as Masons. It was "The Queen and the Craft," and he hoped that her Majesty would be spared for many years and have a prosperous reign.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," said that they all knew Freemasonry was extending over the whole habitable parts of the globe, and that was owing a great deal to the genial influence of their beloved Grand Master.

After the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; and the Officers Present and Past of the Grand Lodge,"

The Worshipful Master said that he need not dilate much upon the next toast, namely, "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," for all the brethren knew his good qualities. He was a painstaking, hardworking brother, and the reception that the toast always received was a proof that his services were highly appreciated.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The D.P.G.M., Bro. W. Hickman, P.G.A.D.C., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." After referring to Bro. Hickman he said it was the first opportunity he had had to welcome their newly-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. R. A. Rastrick, and on behalf of himself personally and of the Carnarvon Lodge he heartily congratulated him and hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him many many years to carry out his duties. The brethren were proud that Portsmouth again was honoured by the office. He welcomed Bro. Townsend as P.G.D., and also Bro. Hayman as P.G. Reg., who, although last, was first in seniority. In referring to the Past Officers he felt glad to be able to look round and see Bro. G. F. Lancaster, and thought it a highly personal compliment his being present that evening, as he was his proposer and initiator into Masonry.

Bro. J. Ridd Hayman, P.G. Reg., said that having been called upon to respond, he readily acquiesced, as he felt it incumbent to thank the brethren for their kind reception. He felt it an honour, and was proud to hold an office in the large and important province, and that feeling was shared by the whole of the officers in the province. As for Bro. Hickman, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, his name was as familiar to the brethren as household words. He was an able Mason, and was most genial in all Masonic matters. He had lately taken unto himself a wife, and he wished him a great deal of happiness. He (Bro. Hayman) was Prov. Grand Registrar. What he had to do he did not know. When appointed to that office he asked the Prov. Grand Secretary what his duties were, and he was told a keeper of the conscience of Prov. Grand Lodge. Well, that was something to keep. He referred to the Treasurer in high terms, and to the Prov. Grand Secretary; he said there was no better in the whole of England. He (Bro. Hayman) heartily thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been proposed and responded to.

Bro. G. F. Lancaster said he could only account for his being called upon to speak by the partiality he had for the W.M. It was exceedingly pleasing for him (Bro. Lancaster) to be called upon and it afforded him great pleasure to be present, as he knew the worth and esteem of his old friend and brother who had that day been installed. He regretted the W.M.'s severance from his mother lodge at Gosport, but the Gosport brethren's loss was the Carnarvon Lodge's gain. He congratulated Bro. Askew on his attaining the highest and proudest positions to which Masons aspire.

Bro. Kimber, I.P.M., said the next toast he was sure would be well received; it was "The W.M." For him to enumerate the many good qualities of Bro. Askew would be superfluous as they were too well known. He was a good brother and a faithful Mason. During his term of office as S.W. he had shown the lodge what he could do, and there can be no doubt that he would uphold the dignity of the lodge with a credit to himself and every one concerned.

The W.M. thanked Bro. Kimber for his eulogistic terms towards him. He really thought that for the first time in his life he was modest, for he knew not what to say.

He did indeed feel proud to have had that highest honour conferred upon him as W.M. He could assure the brethren that no effort would be wanting on his part to keep up the prestige of the chair of King Solomon.

The Worshipful Master said he had the grateful duty to propose "The Health of the Installing Officer." The brethren all agreed with him that Bro. Elverstone performed the beautiful ceremony in an able manner. There were very few things Bro. Elverstone did that he did not do well, and particularly in Masonry. When he had his apron on they might well say he was a Mason from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. The way in which he had carried out the duties that afternoon was a credit to himself and to the lodge.

Bro. Elverstone, who was enthusiastically received, said he rose with a great deal of diffidence to respond after what the W.M. had said about him. But, there, he forgave him. From the bottom of his heart he thanked the W.M. and also the brethren for the wonderfully hearty manner they had given expression to the toast. The ceremony that day was a very simple one, but it was a grand one, and he was not surprised to see the enthusiasm the brethren showed on hearing it. He was grateful for being allowed the honour to do the installation whilst so many more were in the lodge who could do it better. He loved and esteemed his old friend, and was sure he would keep up the prestige of the lodge, which was one of the best in the province.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The I.P.M." congratulated him on his year of office, and referred to his hard working for the benefit of the Masonic Club that had been started.

Bro. Kimber briefly responded.

The remaining toasts were "The W.M.s. of Neighbouring Lodges," "The Past Masters of So4," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening songs were sung by Bro. G. Sylvester, J. J. Bascombe, Welsted, and P. H. Emanuel.

ASHBOURNE.—St. Oswald Lodge (No. 850).—The anniversary festival of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bro. H. Maclean, W.M.; Percy Wallis, I.P.M.; Prov. G.D.C.; P. R. Littleton, S.W.; W. Barnes, J.W.; Jno. Howell, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; A. Stubbs, P.P.G.R., D.C.; J. H. Cooke, S.D.; G. M. Huntley, J.D.; J. F. Donegani, I.G.; R. Brown, Tyler; John Hill, P.M.; W. Lytle, P.M. 787, Prov. G.A.D.C.; W. R. Holland, P.P.G.S.V.; Hall, P.M. 456; H. Brambles, P.M.; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O.; W. H. Tutt, P.P.G.O.; A. J. Waller, Sec. 802; G. M. Bond, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Maclean, after which the chair was taken by Bro. W. R. Holland, P.P.G.S.W., who then ably installed the W.M. elect, Bro. P. R. Littleton, in approved form. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bro. H. Maclean, I.P.M.; W. Barnes, S.W.; J. H. Cooke, J.W.; E. Bradley, Treas.; John Howell, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; G. M. Huntley, S.D.; J. F. Donegani, J.D.; G. M. Bond, I.G.; Percy Wallis, Prov. G.D.C., D.C.; John Hill, P.M., Steward; L. B. Twells, P.M., Almoner; and R. Brown, Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the Green Man Hotel, where a splendid banquet was provided in Mrs. Wallis' well-known style, after which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by songs from Bro. W. L. Dodd, W. H. Tutt, P. R. Littleton, G. M. Bond, and others.

PORTLAND.—Portland Lodge (No. 1037).—On Thursday, the 21st ult., a large assemblage of brethren met within the precincts of the lodge room to welcome the coming and speed the outgoing W.M.s. of the lodge. The members of the lodge present were Bro. C. P. Gee, W.M.; R. D. Thornton, I.P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. R. P. Jeffery, S.W.; G. J. T. Brady, J.W.; T. R. Charles, Chap.; T. Ratcliffe, Assist. Treas.; H. Warren, Sec.; L. Bartlett, S.D.; R. C. Bennett, J.D.; W. Smith, P.M., D. of C.; T. Fooks, Org.; J. H. Bowen, I.G.; D. W. Austin, Steward; J. Cook, Assist. Tyler; S. A. Vickery, P.P.G.J.D.; R. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.P.; A. G. Western, T. Eveleigh, W. Male, T. E. Northover, H. Foot, J. W. Board, T. Clarke, R. Score, C. J. Freeman, H. Pittis, J. C. Pettyfer, H. Cooke, J. H. Hodsdon, R. A. Ayles, S. H. Wallis, S. Jackson, A. McLean. The visitors present were Bro. T. Budden, P.M. 386, 622, P.S.G.W.; Rev. W. M. Heath, P.M. 622, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Nosworthy, P.M. 329, 814; A. Graham, P.M. 170, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Barton Morgan, I.P.M. 170, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; J. Robinson, P.M. 417, P.P.G.O.; W. W. Alcock, 285; F. Nebe, 1254; H. Gibbs, S.D. 170; H. Hill, Sec. 170; W. Smith, 170; J. E. Bennett, 170; R. Simunds, 170; J. N. V. Ryan, 170; C. Raxworthy, 420; S. R. Baskett, W.M. 1367; Major Hanley; F. W. Ogg, 1604; F. Jones, 723; E. Loving, 343; T. W. Barton, 343; C. Davidson, 168; and J. Flanagan, 421. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., wrote regretting his inability to attend, a similar letter was also received from the Right Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. Hambro. Telegrams and letters were sent by many other brethren unable to attend from pressing emergencies.

The lodge having been opened in due and ancient form Bro. C. P. Gee, P.G. Org., the W.M., gave up the chair to the Installing Master, Bro. R. D. Thornton, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., when the W.M. elect, Bro. A. G. Western, was presented for installation by W. Bro. W. Smith, P.M., D.C., P.P.G.D.C., who, in conjunction with W. Bro. S. A. Vickery, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., and T. Ratcliffe, P.P.G.P., assisted in the performance of the ceremony, which was most beautifully and impressively rendered. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. A. G. Western, then proceeded to invest his officers with their collars and jewels of office as follows: Bro. C. P. Gee, I.P.M.; G. J. T. Brady, S.W.; H. Warren, J.W.; R. Cox, P.M., Chap.; T. Ratcliffe, P.M., Treas.; L. Bartlett, Sec.; R. C. Bennett, S.D.; J. Howard Bowen, J.D.; S. A. Vickery, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Board, Org.; W. Wale, I.G.; W. R. P. Jeffery and D. W. Austin, Stewards; J. Cook, Tyler; and S. A. Vickery, P.M., Charity Steward.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Victoria Lodge Hotel, where a large number sat down to a sumptuous repast, which was presided over by the newly installed master, Bro. A. G. Western, and it may be permissible to observe that the catering of Bro. J. H. Hodsdon was carried out in his usual excellent style. The tables were profusely decorated with beautiful ferns and flowers by Mrs. Hodsdon. After dinner the

usual loyal, and patriotic, and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Bro. W. W. Alcock, J. W. Board, H. Warren, C. P. Gee, H. Hill, J. Cook, and F. W. Ogg contributed to the musical enjoyment of the evening. Bro. J. Robinson and G. J. Brady presided at the pianoforte, and there was every evidence that a pleasant time was being spent. Bro. A. G. Western is the 21st W.M. of the Portland Lodge, and though comparatively a young mason he went through the arduous duties of the day both in the lodge and at the banquet in a manner that must have assured the brethren how wisely their choice had been made, and that during the year the lodge would be maintained at the proud and prominent position it has for some years past held in the Province of Dorset.

EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).—The installation of Bro. Dr. Samuel Braithwaite as W.M. of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when there was a good muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. L. Towerson, W.M., supported by his officers and the following Past Masters: Bro. Crowther Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; James Muncaster, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Eilbeck, P.M.; E. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. (the Installing Officer); Rev. W. E. Strickland, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Montgomery, P.M. 119; G. Darlymple, P.M. 872, P.G.D.C.; T. Glessal, W.M. 872; W. Bell, P.M. 1390, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bradley, P.M.; John Dodd, P.M.; J. J. Robinson, W.M. 1989, P.P.G.T.; R. Tyson, E. Satterthwaite, E. Bromley, J. Black, A. E. Lamb, W. J. Blythe, W. Burnyeat, J. Kelley, J. Lewthwaite, G. W. Aplin, J. Fearon, W. Rowe, J. Smith, T. H. Walker, G. Wilson, G. B. Black, W. Woosman, G. Douglas, H. Ashley, J. Jackson, J.D. 872; G. Hill, 1390; J. W. Bell, H. J. Fox, J. Jackson, F. T. Allatt, J.W. 1660; C. Gowan, 1660 and 1989; J. Bewley, J.W. 1989; J. Welsh, E. Irving, J. Thorburn, and others.

Bro. Dr. Braithwaite was presented by Bro. Towerson to Bro. Clarke and duly installed in the chair; Bro. J. Muncaster delivered the addresses in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bro. R. Tyson, S.W.; J. Black, J.W.; Rev. W. E. Strickland, P.M., Chap.; E. Satterthwaite, Treas.; J. Eilbeck, Sec.; J. Lewthwaite, S.D.; W. J. Blythe, J.D.; R. Baxter, P.M., D.C.; W. Sharpe, Org.; W. Burnyeat, I.G.; J. Kelley, G. W. Aplin, G. B. Black, and T. J. Bell, Stewards; and Samuel Braithwaite, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" having been given from the many visitors the lodge was duly closed, and, at the invitation of the W.M., the brethren adjourned to Bro. Lewthwaite's, Red Lion Hotel, where an excellent spread awaited them. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The annual festival gathering of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, the 24th ult., when there was a numerous assembly of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. John Holme, concluded a prosperous year, both financially and otherwise, by installing his successor, in which ceremony he was assisted by Bro. F. Knight, P.M. Among the members and visitors were Bro. J. F. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; John Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.P.; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; T. Hatton, P.M. 203; Henry Ashmore, P.M. 823; W. Evans, W.M. 594; A. C. Morrison, P.M. 1570; J. H. Barrow, P.M. 613; W. B. Jones, P.M. 1094; T. Fozzard, P.M. 1035; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Wynn, J.W., was presented by Bro. J. W. Burgess, P.M., and F. Knight, P.M., and after the usual honours the following officers were appointed and invested: Bro. John Holme, I.P.M.; Thomas P. Chapman, S.W.; John Davis, J.W.; Thomas J. Jarman, Treas.; F. Knight, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); M. Brown, S.D.; P. Dickinson, J.D.; W. Ellis, I.G.; T. Rose, S.S.; W. White, J.S.; J. Boyle, A.S.; J. H. Bradshaw, P.M., M.C.; John Hodgson, Hon. Org. (re-appointed). At the dinner which followed the I.P.M. was presented on behalf of the lodge with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which he suitably acknowledged.

ROMFORD.—Liberty of Havering Lodge (No. 1437).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Rising Sun Hotel, on the 28th ult., when Bro. F. A. White, W.M., and W.M. elect., was, for the second time in succession installed in the Master's chair. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed the ballot was taken for Messrs. Woolf Jacobs, Emanuel Jacobs, and George B. Gilbey, and proving unanimous, Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M. 1327, and P.P.G.P. Herts, by special request took the chair, and in a most impressive and feeling manner initiated his two sons (the Messrs. Jacobs) into Freemasonry. Bro. White initiated Mr. Gilbey in his own faultless style. Bro. R. Warren, P.M., then proceeded for the second time to install Bro. White, who appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. G. H. Hill, S.W.; T. Beeson, J.W.; E. West, P.M., Treas.; H. R. Heaseman, P.M., Sec.; Rev. T. Cochrane, Chap. (by proxy); A. J. Manning, P.M. and P.P.G.J.D. Essex, D.C.; W. Burroughs, S.D.; T. Humphreys, J.D.; J. J. Parsons, I.G.; T. Davey, W. Stwd. and Page, P.M. 1076, Tyler.

Bro. Warren then finished the ceremony by giving the charge most eloquently. A letter of apology was read from Bro. Philbrick, D.P.G.M. of Essex, regretting that a previous engagement at Colchester, where he had promised to install the incoming Master of lodge 51, prevented his attendance at this lodge, and it is needless to say that his absence was much regretted by the brethren.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion, where the worthy host had ready for discussion a particularly alluring menu, and it was discussed accordingly. Among the brethren present, beside those above-named, were Bro. G. Patmore, P.M.; E. H. Sugg, P.M. 452, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; E. Ayres, W.M. 742; J. J. Cavil, W.M. 1312; J. Noyes, W.M. 1327; J. Black, P.M. 706; J. Dennis, P.M. 907, &c.; W. Vance, P.M. 1472; J. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; J. Taylor, J.W. 1817; J. Key, J.W. 742; J. Aillard, J.W. St. John and St. Paul's; J. W. Thorpe, W. Popplestone, 1536; W. Temple, 1076; and C. Jolly, 913, &c. (*Freemason*).

The first toast was that of "The Queen and the Craft," and the Worshipful Master asked the brethren to drink the toast with the éclat it deserved, especially as that was her Majesty's birthday.

The toast was drunk with a hearty fire.

"The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England, and Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been drunk, that of "The Provincial Grand Master of Essex" was honoured.

In giving the toast of "Bro. Philbrick, the D.P.G.M. of Essex, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master said he regretted exceedingly, and felt sure they all regretted, the unavoidable absence of Bro. Philbrick. Having heard Bro. Philbrick perform the installation ceremony, he could assure them that they had lost a Masonic and intellectual treat through his absence; not but that their esteemed Bro. Warren had admirably performed the duty, but the presence and working of their distinguished D.G.M. would have conferred an honour on the lodge. They were proud of their Grand Officers, and proud of the fact that one of their esteemed Past Masters, Bro. Manning, was a Provincial Grand Officer, and as he was present he should couple the toast with his name.

Bro. Manning in response felt all the responsibility of having to acknowledge such an important toast, especially as he held the distinguished position of D.C. in their lodge. He regretted to say that he had been rather unfortunate in his provincial experience, inasmuch as he had never seen the late P.G.M., Bro. Clarke having presided for him; but now they had Lord Brooke for their G.M., and he (Bro. Manning) felt that under his lordship's rule and guidance the province would become second to none in the kingdom. He asked the brethren to rally round the G.M. and Grand Officers, support the charities, and show by that that their deeds were worthy of their good works and, like the latter, sprung from their heart.

Bro. Warren then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in so doing said he felt himself inadequate to express his admiration for the many excellent qualities of Bro. White, both as a man and a Mason. Their selection of him to the chair of the lodge last month proved that he was the right man in the right place. The lodge had prospered under his rule, and if they went on as they were going they would soon have to meet in a larger room. He asked them to drink the toast in a manner worthy of such a master.

Bro. White, who was repeatedly cheered on rising to respond, said the I.P.M. had told them of his good qualities, but none of his bad ones; however, he had spoken very kindly of him, and they had by their warm reception of the toast endorsed his remarks in a very gratifying manner. As he (the W.M.) told them last year, if they elected him he should do his utmost for the success of the lodge, and he thought he might fairly say that with their help the lodge had been resuscitated and was prospering. It was becoming known and appreciated in the town of Romford, and he was proud to say that it was a privilege that day to place a Romford brother in office, who, although a young Mason, had upon occasions worked the duties of S.W. exceedingly well. He trusted to have another good year of office, and hoped when he did leave the chair to be worthy of the flattering eulogium so kindly passed upon him by the I.P.M.

"The Initiates" having been toasted, and having duly returned thanks "The Visitors" received a hearty fire.

Bro. Dennis in the course of a brilliant speech regretted that the honour of responding had not been placed in the hands of some more able and distinguished visitor. First then let him say how much he had been gratified and impressed at seeing an old Mason and Past Master initiate his own two sons into Masonry; and how grandly, how masterfully, and how eloquently had the father and the Mason recited their impressive and beautiful ritual, which once heard by an initiate under such circumstances could never be forgotten. Having been a Mason for many years he could only say that Bro. Jacobs must have been an honour to his own lodge, and must have felt great pride at initiating his own children into the Craft that he evidently loved. It was an unique proceeding, and reflected honour on all concerned. Now as to their W.M. he had told them that he (Bro. Dennis) was his father in Masonry; well, he could safely say that he was proud of his son. Only the previous evening Bro. White, who was a distinguished R.A. Mason, attended the Royal Albert chapter, of which he was a P.Z., and as they could only muster a scratch crew took the First Principal's chair at a moment's notice, and did his work splendidly. It had been his privilege to introduce Bro. White to his mother lodge, 907, and further to install him as its W.M. in due course. When he saw Bro. White installed in that lodge last year, he prophesied that they would have a good Master, and that prophesy had been believed come true. He again wished him and the lodge every prosperity, and cordially thanked them for the toast.

Bro. Cavil, Ayres, Vance, Popplestone, Gaskill, Jolly, Wells, and Carrell also responded.

"The toast of the Past Masters" followed, and Bro. West, Heaseman, Todmore, and Manning returned thanks.

"The Officers," "Masonic Press," and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by the excellent singing of Bro. Lawler and Scharteau.

ALDERSHOT.—Army and Navy Lodge (No. 1971).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. Assist.-Com. General Cook, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sartorius, S.W.; Dr. Grier, J.W.; Captain Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Major-General Reilley, S.D.; Captain Cole, J.D. (pro tem); Rev. J. Mullins, I.G.; Lapham, Bendall, Kay, Burns (Tyler), and others.

After the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed the ballot was taken for the Rev. Charles Gregson as a joining member, and for Surgeon Simpson as a candidate for initiation, which in each case proved unanimous. Dr. Simpson being in attendance was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the ceremony being performed with that neatness and precision which are the characteristics of Bro. Cook's Masonic work.

Bro. Captain Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br., then gave a detailed statement of the present financial condition and the future prospects of the lodge. In the course of his observations he congratulated the members upon the progress they were making towards shaking off the trammels of debt, and said as an old Past Master he considered they were working in the right direction. Their lodge had not been in existence 12 months, and although their financial progress had not fully realised their expectations, he hoped

they would not be in a hurry to make their lodge numerically strong; let them continue to be as careful in the future as they had been in the past, not to introduce anyone into the Order unless they were morally convinced they would prove to be a credit to the Craft. In this respect he felt they had hitherto been exceedingly fortunate, inasmuch as it was easy to perceive their initiates had been deeply impressed that Freemasonry was a great reality, that its true teachings were worthy of their attention and study, and it was very encouraging to the founders to find their initiates so zealously endeavouring to become a real working element in their lodge. He trusted they would long continue to work in a similar direction, and he was quite sure their reward would follow.

After some other business of a formal nature the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

ACTON.—The Priory Lodge of Acton (No. 1996).—The first meeting of this new and prosperous lodge (after its consecration by W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, G.S., on the 3rd of May last), was held at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, on Monday, the 2nd instant. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Roebuck, P.G.S., P.P.G.S.W. Middx., P.M. &c., he being the first W.M., assisted by Bros. Botley, S.W.; George Wright, J.W.; Botley, S.D.; Monson, jun., J.D.; Caussule, I.G.; Earl, Treas.; and Sugg, P.P.G.O. Surrey, Sec. Visitors: Bros. Col. Peters, G.S.B.; Turner, P.M. 14, P.G.S.; and W. V. Blake.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. J. R. Ward as initiate and Bros. Hodges and Cardus as joining members, who, all having been duly elected, Mr. J. R. Ward was initiated into Masonry by the W.M. The bye-laws then were approved and the lodge was closed in solemn form.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the George and Dragon Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Col. Peters, who afterwards proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who in reply complimented the officers of the lodge for their efficient working.

Bros. Turner and Blake returned thanks for "The Visitors," and the Tyler's toast closed the Masonic proceedings; but the excellent musical contributions of many of the brethren kept the company together for some time afterwards.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 16th ult. Present: Bros. A. Ferrar, W.M.; C. Weeden, S.W.; B. J. W. Lone, J.W.; Percy, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, acting Sec.; C. Lorkin, S.D.; H. M. Bleakley, J.D.; J. Manger, I.G.; also Bros. F. Brasted, A. M. Marks, J. Crawley, and others. Lodge was opened in regular form. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and the lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Marks gave satisfactory proofs of his proficiency as a F.C. and was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Marks being the candidate. Bro. Lorkin worked the Third Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. Lorkin worked the First Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Charles Weeden was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Another meeting was held on the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. Gribbell, W.M.; A. M. Marks, S.W.; Lone, J.W.; C. Lorkin, acting Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, acting Sec.; A. Ferrar, S.D.; Rhodes, J.D.; J. Manger, I.G.; also Bros. E. Payne, Langdale, and others.

The usual preliminaries were duly observed in opening the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Payne answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. Payne being the candidate. Lodge was called off to refreshment and on to labour. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Fenner worked the Second Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. M. Marks was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which the lodge was closed and adjourned.

Bro. Charles Lorkin, the Treasurer of this lodge of instruction rehearsed the ceremony of installation on Saturday, the 30th ult., that being the last meeting previous to the adjournment of the lodge for the months of July and August.

EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday evening, 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Smith, W.M.; Salter, S.W.; Lindfield, J.W.; Dean, P.M., S.D.; Chamberlayne, J.D.; Sheppard, I.G.; and Collier, P.M., Preceptor. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The First Section was worked. Bro. Sheppard having offered himself a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. It was decided that the lodge adjourn until October next, and the W.M. and officers of the mother lodge be the officers on the evening of reassembling. It was also carried unanimously that a record be placed on the minutes of the great gratification to the lodge in Bro. Dean, P.M. 417, I.P.M. and Treas. 1900, and P.G.S.D. Dorset, and Treasurer of the lodge, being elected a member of the Board of General Purposes at the Quarterly Communication in June last, Bro. Dean having been nominated by the respected Preceptor, Bro. J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366. The lodge was then closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Friday, the 15th ult., when there were present Bros. J. B. Sarjeant, W.M.; Eldridge Johnson, S.W.; A. Jones, J.W.; H. Hooper, S.D.; J. N. Bate, J.D.; J. W. Hartley, I.G.; Richard Poore, Sec.; James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, E. Bye, jun., R. W. Pooler, Chapman, and

others. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees was resumed to the Second, and Bro. Phillips, acting as candidate, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. N. Bate delivering the charge of the Degree. Lodge was duly closed down and called off. Entry drill, in which the members join with much spirit, was practised and the lodge called on. Bro. Stevens nominated Bro. Eldridge Johnson as W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

The usual weekly meeting was again held on Friday evening, the 22nd ult. Bro. Eldridge Johnson presided as W.M.; Bros. Alfred Jones officiated as S.W.; J. N. Bate, J.W.; H. Stokes, S.D.; J. B. Sarjeant, J.D.; G. H. Chapman, I.G.; Richard Poore, Sec.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor. There were also present Bros. J. Wilmot, R. W. Pooler, and others. The First Section having been worked by the brethren, the ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed for the first time by Bro. Johnson, who received the thanks of the lodge for the proficiency he displayed. Bro. Bate delivered the charge in good style, and the Preceptor then lectured on the first tracing board. Lodge was called off for entry drill and called on. Bro. Chapman was elected a member. Bro. James Stevens having been elected W.M. and installing Master for the rehearsal of the installation ceremony this (Friday) evening, lodge was closed and adjourned.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Fountain's Abbey Hotel, 111, Pracee-street, Paddington, under the presidency of Bro. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, W.M. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the First and Second Sections of the Third Lecture were worked by Bro. G. Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor.

After the lodge was closed, a meeting of the benevolent society attached to the lodge of instruction took place, when the Secretary read the bye-laws agreed upon by a committee elected for the purpose, the officers of the society being Bros. George Read, P.M. 511, President; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, Vice-President; H. E. Dehane, W.M. 1543, Secretary and Treasurer; and the following Committee: Bros. A. Hardy, 201; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425; J. C. Rhind, J.D. 1543; C. R. Wickens, J.D. 436; and Jubal Webb, S.D. 55. This society commenced at the beginning of April this year, and three of its members have already become life subscribers of Masonic Institutions, one making choice of the Girls' and the other two the Boys' School.

The lodge meets weekly (Mondays) all the year round, and offers a favourable opportunity at the present time when so many lodges of instruction have adjourned for the summer, for brethren to attend, and who are cordially invited to do so. Business commences at 8 p.m.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—At the meeting of this lodge, held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, there were present Bros. H. Marks, W.M.; B. Franks, S.W.; Oxley, J.W.; Stewart, S.D.; Hubbert, J.D.; Eastland, I.G.; D. Moss, S.D. 1275, Preceptor; Forss, Turbefeild, and others. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then worked, Bro. Eastland acting as candidate, and Bro. Forss working the First, Second, and Third Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Turbefeild, 1227, was unanimously accepted as a member of this lodge, and Bro. Franks was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting. The lodge was then closed and adjourned till the 3rd of September next.

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SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Chapter (No. 80).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, on Tuesday, the 19th ult. The chapter was opened by the three Principals, E. Comps. Turnbull, Z.; Tillman, H.; and Munro, J. There were also on the dais a good attendance of companions from the various chapters. A ballot was taken for Bros. H. Crisp, H. Pinkney, and Wrightson, all of whom were unanimously elected. Bro. H. Crisp being in attendance, he was duly exalted to the Degree of a R.A. companion by E. Comp. Turnbull, and the Second and Third Lectures were given in a very impressive manner by the Second and Third Principals. The First Principal then expressed great sympathy with the bereaved parents in the recent calamity at Sunderland, which was heartily supported by all present, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The chapter being closed the brethren retired to the banquetting chamber, where an excellent supper was provided for the companions and visitors. E. Comp. Turnbull was in the chair, and Bro. C. McNamara, P.S. 97, was in the vice-chair. A very agreeable evening was spent, the companions refraining from the usual harmony owing to the feeling on the matter above referred to.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Comps. Raymond Thrupp, P.G.H. Middx., I.P.Z., in the chair; Cama, P.P.G.S.B., P.Z., acting H.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., J.; S. Saunders, P.S.; Hosken, 1st Assist. P.S.; and others. Comps. Clark and Dunkley were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the sum of five guineas was voted to Ex. Comp. Cama, which sum had been placed upon his list by the Treasurer of the chapter as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys subject to its confirmation by the chapter. Letters of apology were read from Comp. W. Taylor, W. H. Saunders, W. Tomlinson, M.P., and others. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Bro. G. C. Morant, Lodge 1287, for exaltation, and for Comp. G. J. Dunkley, 65, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. In consequence of a private engagement the former had written apologising for absence. Previously to the chapter being closed a vote of condolence was passed and directed to be sent to Comp. W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas., who has recently lost his wife after a long and painful illness. At the banquet which followed a few toasts were given and heartily honoured.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Chapter (No. 1086).—There was an unusually large gathering of the members of this chapter at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Friday week. The M.E.Z., Comp. John Wells, P.G.D. of C., took his place, supported by Comps. J. Savage, H.; John Lunt, P.Z., J.; Joseph Ellis, P.Z.; and others, and among the visitors were Comps. J. Houlding, P.Z. 823, P.P.G.S.N.; J. P. Bryan, S.E. 203; Joseph Balmer, P.Z. 580; and W. Fisher, H. 580. Comp. John Lunt very impressively performed the installation of Principals for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed. The following are the new officers: Comps. J. Savage, M.E.Z.; J. Lunt, P.Z., H.; J. D. Reader, J.; G. J. Townsend, P.Z., Treas. (re-elected); M. Pearson, S.E.; Joseph Croxton, S.N.; and William Wilkinson, P.S.

At the dinner which succeeded the business the M.E.Z. presented to Comp. John Wells, I.P.Z., P.G.D. of C., on behalf of the chapter, a beautiful "Tantalus" in oak, with rich silver mountings. Comp. Wells returned thanks for the kind consideration the members had invariably extended to him. The chapter then broke up for the summer vacation of three months.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Chapter (No. 1326).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 21st ult., Ex. Comp. J. Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771, acting M.E.Z., in the absence of M.E. Comp. John Carther Woodrow. There were also present Ex. Comps. C. W. Fox, H.; John Hammond, P.Z., J.; W. Hammond, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex, S.E.; Edward Hopwood, P.Z., acting S.N.; H. J. Lardner, M.E.Z. 1823, acting P.S.; Comps. W. C. Davey and T. Errington, Assistant Sojourners; Ex. Comps. J. H. Cusson, H. 1615, acting Org.; T. T. Briggs, P.Z. 177; and others, Comp. Gilbert attending as Janitor. The chapter having been opened and the minutes of previous convocation confirmed, Ex. Comp. Briggs was elected a joining member, and ballot was taken for three candidates for exaltation, which were found clear. Bro. W. F. Webb being in attendance was duly exalted with full musical ceremony, and the explanations from the Principals were ably delivered by E. Comp. Casson, as J.; Briggs, as H.; and James Stevens, as M.E.Z. At the conclusion of the ceremony the thanks of the chapter were accorded to Comps. Stevens, Lardner, and Casson for attendance and assistance, and after some other routine business the chapter was closed.

Subsequently the members of the chapter and their visitors partook of an excellent cold collation, and under the presidency of Comp. Stevens enjoyed a social hour or two before separation.

Mark Masoury.

ALDERSHOT.—Military Lodge (No. 54).—This lodge met at the Masonic Hall on the 22nd ult. Present: Bros. Captain Croisdale, W.M.; Eve, P.M., Treas.; Hacker, P.M., Sec.; Askham, S.W.; Stone, J.W.; Harrison, M.O.; Gee, S.O.; Taylor, S.D.; Adnett, Org.; Burns, Tyler; Kirchhoffer, I.P.M.; and several others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Bendall, 706, and Taylor, 1331, were then balloted for as candidates for advancement and approved, and being in attendance were advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., Bro. Captain Croisdale, the ceremony being carried out in the impressive and masterly style for which this lodge has been long distinguished. After the transaction of other formal business the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The annual installation in connection with this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on the 21st ult. Bro. G. W. Thompson, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge in the usual manner. The visitors present were Bros. J. G. McKay, P.M. 191, P.G.D.; and Leech, 60. The installing Master was J. H. Banks, P.M. 151, W.M. 60, P.G.I.W., and G.I.G. of England. Bro. J. W. Robinson having been installed W.M. for the ensuing year, invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. W. Thompson, I.P.M. and D.C.; T. Weatherstone, S.W.; J. H. Rowen, J.W.; Joseph Holmes, M.O.; J. O. Scott, S.O.; J. Abbott, J.O.; J. Cuthbertson, Reg. of M.; F. Beeby, Chaplain; J. Nicholson, Treasurer; J. Dickinson, Secretary; J. Hadfield, S.D.; P. Wedgwood, J.D.; J. Smith, Organist; J. C. Nicholson and G. Scott, Stewards; J. Hodgson, I.G.; and J. Messenger, Tyler. The proceedings terminated with a banquet in the Freemasons' Hall, when the usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were duly honoured.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—On Tuesday, the 19th ult., the installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. Penfold, W.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Bros. T. Cooper and H. Rule of Craft Lodge, United Military, were advanced. Bro. H. Shaw, S.W. and W.M. elect, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, was then with the usual ceremonies installed in the chair of A., and saluted in due form; the impressive ritual being eloquently rendered by the installing officer, Bro. Penfold. The following officers were invested by the W.M. to serve during the ensuing 12 months: Bros. the Rev. C. Solbe, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Kent, S.W.; T. Holleyman, P.G. Std. Kent, J.W.; D. C. Capon, P.P.G. Std., Kent, M.O.; G. Spinks, S.O.; T. D. Hayes, P.P.G. Sd. Br. Kent, J.O.; H. Pryce, P.P.G.R. Mks. Kent, Treas.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G. Assist. Sec. Kent, Sec.; E. Palmer, P.P.G.O. Kent, R. of Mks.; Rev. C. O'Reilly, M.A., Chap.; W. Moulds, P.P.G.I.G., S.D.; T. Ovenden, J.D.; J. Bilton, I.G.; J. Whitehead, D.C.; J. Purnell, Assist. D.C.; H. Popplestone, W. Std.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Among the brethren present, besides those above mentioned, were Bros. D. Dewar, Assist. Grand Sec. England; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent; W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.O. Kent; Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., W.M. 44, and P.P.G.I.G. Kent; Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.M. 44, and P.P.G.O. Kent; Dr. C. H. Y. Godwin, S.W. 44; J. Gieseman-Chillingworth, W.M. 309; E. West, J.W. 173; J. Aillud, and C. Jolly (Freemason).

At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Weston proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Penfold, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of installing Officer.

Bro. Sweeny seconded, and said it had been one of the most delightful treats he had ever heard in Mark Masonry. He felt sure, had their esteemed P.C.M. been present, he would have expressed his admiration in no measured terms.

Bro. Penfold said that he was only in his infancy as far as Mark installation was concerned. He had been stimulated, however, by witnessing the grand manner in which Bro. Dewar had a short time back installed Bro. Captain Sculley into the chair of the Florence Nightingale Mark Lodge. If he had done the work to their satisfaction that was his reward.

The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Penfold with the jewel of his office of the usual value, and trusted that he might live long to wear it.

Bro. Penfold said he valued the jewel chiefly because he had he hoped earned it in the lodge. Some few months ago he exercised his mind a great deal as to whether he should accept a jewel from the lodge or not, because of the rather low state of the funds; but then, he thought, they might carry economy too far and defeat the principal object in view, because the very fact of receiving a jewel at the end of a W.M.'s year of office had, he believed, a great stimulus in it. It also gave prestige to a P.M. when he visited other lodges; so, as the lodge had prospered and the funds were in a sound condition, he had thought it better to accept the jewel, for which he heartily thanked them, and would always wear it with pride and pleasure.

The Worshipful Master then rose and said he had another pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present Bro. Penfold with a handsome jewel representing the office Bro. Penfold held as P.P.G.W. of Kent, and which had been subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge as a testimony to the great kindness, courtesy, and geniality evinced to them by Bro. Penfold during his year of office. It was a mark of pure affection on their part, and with it went the heartfelt wishes of every "Excelsior" for Bro. Penfold's long life, success, and happiness.

Bro. Penfold, who was greeted with several rounds of applause on rising to respond, said he could not say that he was altogether taken by surprise at the handsome and valuable present made him, because he had heard of it inadvertently; but what did surprise him was to know what he had done to deserve it more than any other Past Master. There was, however, one thing that pleased him in the jewel, and that was that it showed him that he had gained the esteem of his fellow men and brother Masons, especially of the Excelsior Lodge. There might be, and he believed there were, stoics in the world; but he for one did not envy the man who professed contempt for the good opinion of his fellow creatures. To him the presentation was a matter of satisfaction and pleasure, and he felt it deeply. It proved to him that he had "marked well," and he could only thank them most heartily for their handsome present.

The revision of the bye-laws was then proceeded with, the principal alterations being the changing of the date of meeting from the third Tuesdays quarterly to the third Fridays bi-monthly. These alterations being agreed to the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, where a superbly-appointed banquet awaited them.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "Lord Henniker, G.M.M. of England," having been duly honoured,

The Worshipful Master in proposing that of "The Grand Officers" said they had one of the most energetic and esteemed Grand Officers present in the person of Bro. Dewar, who never failed the Excelsior Lodge in the time of need. He (the W.M.) was exceedingly sorry that a very great omission was made in the lodge; they had forgotten to pay Bro. Dewar the honours due to his position. That omission they would however now remedy, and he asked them to rise and pay grand honours to Bro. Dewar as representing Grand Lodge.

Bro. Dewar having been saluted in due form, said it was once more his annual duty to thank the lodge for their kind reception of him, and for the honour paid the officers of Grand Lodge in his person. He could honestly assure them that they never had a more energetic Grand Master than they had now. Lord Henniker was most anxious for the welfare and progress of Mark Masonry, and spent any amount of time, and undertook any amount of difficult and arduous labour, to see that the work of Grand Lodge went on well and satisfactorily. For himself, he always experienced a vast amount of pleasure at the installation meetings of the Excelsior Lodge, and could never forget the consecration of it in 1873, when 42 candidates were advanced en masse. He had consecrated a lodge at Norwich when 28 were advanced at once, and on another occasion had seen 19 advanced in the presence of the Grand Master, but neither of the latter came up to the 42 advanced at the consecration of the Excelsior Lodge. He congratulated them upon their prosperity, and could safely say that in the whole of his experience never had he seen better working than had been done by Bro. Penfold in the installation of his successor that afternoon. His (Bro. Penfold's) kind and cordial manner had he felt sure endeared him to the brethren, and therefore he (Bro. Dewar) was not surprised at the handsome and gratifying testimonial they had presented Bro. Penfold with. His (Bro. Dewar's) visits were of necessity very brief, and the time had nearly arrived for him to depart, but before going he must thank the W.M., Bro. Shaw, the Past Masters, and brethren for their cordial reception of the toast and their continued kindness to himself.

"The Health of Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Provincial Grand Master of Kent," was drunk with honours, and universal regret was expressed at his absence.

"The toast of 'The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past,'" was responded to by Bros. Hollyman and Hayes severally.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Penfold in eloquent and felicitous terms. He was pleased to have installed Bro. Shaw, because he was as they all knew a good and worthy Mason, and would do honour to the chair. Bro. Shaw had told them that he meant to do the work well, and if he said so he meant it. They all knew that there was a large amount of business to do for the lodge, as well as the ceremonial work, and the happiness of the brethren was promulgated by the assiduity displayed by the W.M. in managing the concerns of the lodge. Bro. Shaw was a good business man in private, and would he knew make a good business man in the lodge. He trusted that he might have a good year of office, and every success he could wish himself.

Bro. Shaw, who was warmly received, said he fully appreciated the kindness of the brethren and the advice of Bro.

Penfold. He should endeavour to do his duty, that at the end of his term of office they would say he had tried at least, if he had not succeeded, although it was a very difficult thing to follow such a W.M. as Bro. Penfold.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bros. Penfold, Coupland, and Weston severally responded.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" having been responded to by Bro. Penfold, that of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Sculley and Gieseman-Chillingworth.

Bro. Coupland then announced that he intended to stand Steward for the "Mark Benevolent Fund" in July next, and made an appeal to the pockets of the brethren with such effect that the sum of £35 was at once subscribed; Bro. Sculley further promising to assist from the Florence Nightingale Lodge.

Bro. Chillingworth said the largest amount yet subscribed to the fund was £60 subscribed by a lodge in Lancashire. Ten to 15 guineas was a fair average at present. He intended to have stood Steward himself, and spoke to Bro. Penfold about it, so that he might fairly claim the honour of starting the present subscription.

The other toasts were "The Advances," "The Officers," "The Masonic Press," "The Host, Bro. Capon," and the Tyler's toast. The harmony was excellent, and the whole affair both memorable and enjoyable.



Bro. Alexander Henderson (husband of Miss Lydia Thompson) has taken the Criterion, and when the structural alterations are completed will re-open it about October with a new play and a strong company.

After a tour in the provinces, Mons. Marius and Miss St. John will return to London, and at the Avenue play the principal characters in the opera "La Princess aux Canaries," which has not yet been seen in London.

On Monday evening Bro. Bancroft entertains Bro. Henry Irving at supper at the Garrick Club. The committee of the club have lent the dining room specially for the occasion. We understand that the guests will be strictly confined to actors.

We are requested to state that Mr. Gilbert Farquhar has not retired from the stage as has been rumoured by some contemporaries. His temporary withdrawal has been occasioned by illness. Mr. Farquhar will re-appear on the stage at Margate next week.

At the Globe "Lady Clare" has been withdrawn and another company is now occupying the theatre for the summer season. "The Flowers of the Forest" is the title of the present piece, in which Mr. Charles Kelly and Miss Harriet Jay are appearing, but not with much advantage. Miss Ada Cavendish is about going on a tour.

"Pluck" has been reproduced, this time at the Adelphi; but it is hardly the drama for this home of melodrama. It cannot be placed on a level with "Storm Driven" or "Taken from Life," the two recent plays at this house. There are some exciting scenic effects, but the dialogue is not very concise; still as a sensational piece "Pluck" should be seen.

Bro. J. L. Toole closed his theatre on Wednesday, to testify his admiration of his friend Bro. Henry Irving, who was entertained at a banquet at St. James's Hall, when over a thousand persons were present. The Lord Chief Justice of England occupied the chair. The members of the Masonic fraternity present can only be called legion.

"The Theatre" magazine, under its new management, has completed its first volume, and is even more interesting than any of its predecessors. It makes a handsome and handy book when bound. The dialogue is interesting, and the records of new pieces, whether successes or failures, are valuable, and will become more so as time rolls on. The portraits, all taken specially for the journal, are alone worth the money. Amongst them are Bro. Bancroft and other actors brethren: Mr. Burnand, Mr. Terriss, Mrs. Stirling, and Mrs. Kendal. We believe its circulation has increased; but we know what expense there is attached to publishing such a work that we hope it may considerably enlarge, and keep up to the standard of efficiency and usefulness it has gained this year under Mr. Clement Scott's judicious management. We do not think its existence is sufficiently known by the public at large. It is therefore for those who find it entertaining to introduce it to their friends.

One of the most enjoyable and amusing spectacles just now in London is the burlesque "Silver Guilt" at the Strand. It is a travesty of "The Silver King," now being played so successfully at the Princess's Theatre. The Strand was so long closely associated with pure burlesque, as distinguished from music hall songs and break-downs, that it is quite refreshing to see its stage once more representing this popular form of amusement. "Silver Guilt" is from the pen of Mr. Warham. No one however should see the burlesque until they have seen the drama it takes off with so much good humour and cleverness. Mr. Warham having made such an undoubted success, will do well to turn his talents for writing to other dramas. There is nothing vicious nor unpleasant in his burlesque. Mr. Wilson Barrett, Miss Eastlake, and other members of the Princess's company, with the authors of "The Silver King"—Messrs. Herman and Jones, have been to the Strand, and joined as heartily in the laughter as the rest of the audience. From beginning to end good humour prevails, and Messrs. Herman and Jones, rather than being annoyed at the take off on their piece, must feel flattered at the notoriety it brings their drama into. With good taste two or three weak points in "The Silver King" are shown up. "Silver Guilt" is one of the triumphs of burlesque, and is one of the brightest and funniest productions of recent years. Mr. Warham has not confined himself to "The

Silver King" "in toto," but brings in parts of "The Romany Rye" and "The Lights of London," Bro. Sims's two dramas. Mr. Edward Righton, the chief performer, is soon discernible as burlesquing Bro. Wilson Barrett as Wilfrid Denvers. In company with Miss Laura Linden, the heroine, who takes off Miss Eastlake, he dances a capital jig, so well executed as to demand an instant repetition. Miss Linden might easily be mistaken for Miss Eastlake, so well does she imitate her; she must have studied Miss Eastlake very closely in dress, manner, and voice. Her performance is marvellous. It is somewhat remarkable that this lady's sister, Miss Marie Linden, also is burlesquing Mrs. Bernard Beere at Bro. Toole's theatre, in "Stage Dora," Mr. Burnand's travesty of "Fedora" at the Haymarket. She emphasises with speech and action Miss Eastlake in "The Lights of London." Some of our readers will remember Miss Eastlake preventing the police coming near her husband, by placing herself against the door. Miss Linden mimics this with precision and says:

Against a door I always rest
It is an attitude that suits me best.

Mr. Edward Righton we thought was perhaps most laughable in the second act, the chloroforming scene. In the drama the drunken man the moment he comes inside the door is seized and the handkerchief held to his nose to render him insensible. In the burlesque he is allowed to run all about the room amongst a number of people who make a feint of catching him, and he himself walks up to a man holding a chloroformed handkerchief in his hand and puts his nose to it. When he comes to, another amusing scene occurs. He finds the body of Geoffrey Ware in the room and takes his hand as in the original, but instead of exclaiming "What! No pulse, heart not beating! Dead! A pistol discharged! What's this? Blood! a wound! then I'm his murderer! I have done it, and must fly," Mr. Righton says, taking Ware's hand, "Pulse like a steam engine; heart beating a hundred to the minute, no wound, no blood, a pistol not discharged; then am I a murderer. I've done nothing so I must fly." This is ludicrous in the extreme. In another scene represents Bro. Wilson Barrett in the familiar picture poster on the street boardings, as the benevolent old gentleman. In a moment he is transformed into that comfortable old gentleman who also on posters represents the Richmond Gem cigarettes. He here sings a capital topical song, describing what, as a poster, he hears people say as they pass his hoarding. Of course Mr. Gladstone and Lord Randolph Churchill come in for some satire. This sort of good humoured fun is carried throughout the piece. Though there are several scenes, the curtain never drops. A clever method is adopted in changing the scenes. The chorus is numerous and efficient, and though the dresses are necessarily bright, the identity of the characters which they are supposed to parody is never lost sight of. Miss Edith Bruce caricatures the "Spider," Miss Hastings faithfully portrays the "swell" burglar; Bro. Robert Brough is particularly humorous and clever in his parody of Old Jacques. We think Bro. Brough has not appeared lately to so much advantage as he is doing at present. His constant mention of dear "morster" is very funny, the audience cheering him vociferously in finding the honest old servant transformed into a veteran thief. He takes off Mr. George Barrett's "Jaikes" splendidly, and sings a capital song "Never mind." All the other characters are well represented. Mr. Max Schroeter's music is bright and catching. Mr. Bruce Smith's clever stage management calls forth an enthusiastic reception before the curtain, and the whole burlesque may be said to be a genuine success, and likely to have a long run. So closely is the style of the original followed that it is hard to believe the Princess's company is not before one. In this burlesque there is a decided plot, every point of the original is caricatured in the most comical way, the dialogue sparkles with wit, and the satire is throughout goodnatured. "Vice Versa" precedes "Silver Guilt." It is a dramatic sketch by Mr. E. Rose on Mr. Anstey's book of the same name which lately has gained so much notoriety. The book should be read before the "sketch" is seen. This, too, makes up a strong programme for the "Strand," which we hope may not require alteration for a long time yet. Bro. Warren Wright is the indefatigable manager. He is certainly to be congratulated upon his achievement since his return from managing a company through the United States. We shall hope to keep him in London as a manager.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

COPE.—On the 2nd inst., at Douro-place, Kensington, the wife of A. S. Cope, of a daughter.

PLATT.—On the 30th ult., at Wetherby, Yorkshire, the wife of the Rev. T. H. P. Platt, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BETTISON—BATTEN.—On the 3rd inst., at St. Agnes, Cornwall, Sidney Bettison, of London, formerly of Truro, to Sarah J. Batten, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Batten, St. Agnes.

WALTERS—STEWART.—On the 1st inst., by licence, at St. Mary's Church, West Kensington, by the Rev. John Macnaughton, A.M., Vicar, Bro. Tristram Frederick Edwin Walters (1326), 22, Commerce-terrace, Greyhound-road, West Kensington, S.W., eldest son of Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 73, 871, 1309, &c., late R.N., late of New Cross and Leicester, grandson of the late Bro. Tristram Walters, P.M. 65 I.C., to Elizabeth, widow of J. J. Stewart, 35, High-street, Putney, eldest and only surviving daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Diss, Clerkenwell.

WRIGHT—POND.—On the 1st inst., at Christ's Church, Stratford, E., Joseph Wright, to Clara, youngest daughter of James Pond, of Stratford.

DEATHS.

ABBOTT.—On the 21st ult., in the 79th year of his age, George Abbott, Esq., 27, Lupus-street, St. George's-square, Pimlico.

COOK.—On the 3rd inst., at Bird-in-Bush-road, Peckham, J. Cook, late of H.M. Customs, aged 80.



The Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, meeting at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, has adjourned till Monday, the 3rd September next.

Lord Thurlow presided at the 74th anniversary of the Artists' Benevolent Fund, held on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern. Over £500 was announced in subscriptions in the course of the evening.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Jersey gave a dinner party on Wednesday evening at their house in Great Stanhope-street, among the guests being Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Kintore.

Bro. General Brownrigg presided at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey at Walton-on-Thames, on the 28th ult., the Deputy Grand Master, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., being also present.

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. G.M.M.M. Cheshire, was entertained at a grand banquet on Wednesday, at the Knutsford Town Hall, in recognition of his services as a parliamentary representative of Mid-Cheshire during a period of 25 years.

The funeral of the late Mr. Spottiswoode took place in Westminster Abbey on Thursday at noon. A guard of 100 men was furnished by the 2nd London Volunteers, in which corps Mr. Spottiswoode was formerly a captain.

A dinner was given at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday evening, in aid of the funds of the Princess Mary Village Homes. The Duke of Cambridge presided, and among the principal guests were Bros. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex; Baron H. de Worms, M.P.; Sir T. Brassey, M.P.; Sir A. M. Bass, M.P.; Alderman Fowler, M.P.; and Gardner, M.P.

In the first number of the new volume of the *Pictorial World*, published July 7th, a story by D. Christie Murray is commenced. It is entitled "The way of the World," and promises to be as interesting as "Hearts," "Joseph's Coat," "Coals of Fire," "Life's Atonement," and "Val Strange," by the same author. The new story is illustrated by Mr. Hal Ludlow.

A conversazione was held on Wednesday evening in connection with the International Fisheries Exhibition in the courts and galleries of the South Kensington Museum. Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe and Lady Owen received the visitors in the early part of the evening, and later, as the arrivals increased, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Birkbeck, M.P., and Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.S. Warden, took up their position in the first series of concerts.

We have great pleasure in announcing that, in addition to the sum of £73 17s. announced at the Boys' School Festival as having been contributed on behalf of Oxfordshire by three of its lodges, namely, No. 340, 357, and 478, all of Oxford city, a further sum of £11 5s. has been handed in, by the hands of Bro. R. T. Hodge, W.M. and Steward, from the Thames Lodge, No. 1895, Henley-on-Thames. This lodge was consecrated less than two years since, and it is, therefore, the more gratifying to find it even at this early date taking part as a contributing lodge at one of these anniversary gatherings.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. the Duke of Marlborough, who expired very suddenly on Thursday, of cardiac syncope, at his residence, 29 Berkeley-square. His grace was born in 1822 and will be best remembered in public life as having been Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in succession to the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, during the closing years of the late Earl of Beaconsfield's administration. The Duke—then Marquis of Blandford—was initiated into Freemasonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1843, but had never taken an active part in the proceedings of the Craft.

As will be seen by a notice elsewhere a special Grand Lodge is to be held at York next Wednesday week, when the Prince of Wales will lay the foundation-stone of the new Institute for Art, Science, and Literature. The brethren are to appear in black coats, trousers, and ties, and in full Masonic clothing. The Grand Lodge will be opened at a quarter-past ten in the morning. It is particularly requested that all Grand Officers who intend to be present will signify such intention to the Grand Secretary on or before Thursday next. The Grand Lodge will be opened at the Guildhall.

A very largely attended meeting of the members of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee, under the presidency of Bro. J. Pemberton, chairman, was held on Friday, the 20th ult., at the building in Hope-street, Liverpool. The chief business was the election of House Steward, and Bro. James Casey, of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, was elected to that position out of 25 candidates who had sent in applications. It was unanimously resolved that a subscription portrait in oil of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, should be obtained for the purpose of being hung up in the lodge room of the Masonic Hall, which has recently been decorated with great taste, making it one of the most artistic lodge rooms in the provinces. The proposition was received with acclamation, and it seems certain that a sufficient sum will be raised amongst the brethren in Liverpool and throughout the province to secure a portrait which will at once do honour to one of the most popular amongst provincial grand masters, and a credit to the Craft in a division which is numerically the strongest under the control of the Grand Lodge. Bro. H. A. Tobias, the treasurer of the fund, received a considerable amount in subscriptions before the brethren separated.

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The rumour is again current that Bro. Henry Irving is about to be knighted.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson has contributed £500 to the Egyptian Exploration Fund, of which he is president.

The installation of Bro. Dr. Samuel Braithwaite as W.M. of the Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267, at Egremont, took place on the 26th ult.

For the second consecutive time, Bro. F. A. White was installed into the Master's chair of the Liberty of Haverling Lodge, No. 1437, on the 28th ult.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending June the 23rd, was 884.

A Postage and Inland Revenue Stamp of the value of 2s. 6d., available for postage, telegraph, and Inland Revenue purposes, is now being issued, and will shortly be obtainable from all postmasters, &c.

Bro. Lord Wolseley was entertained at dinner on Saturday evening in Dublin, and was presented with a service of plate and an address. The Lord-Lieutenant, Chief Justice Morris, Mr. Gibson, M.P., and Mr. Plunket, M.P., were amongst the speakers.

Prospects of the grouse season in Cumberland are reported to be exceptionally satisfactory. The numbers of young birds on Skiddaw and Caldbeck Fells are much above the average, and scarcely any disease has been noticed. Ground game is also plentiful in the county.

The Rule Committee of Judges have completed the revision of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which will be signed in the course of a few days, and immediately afterwards laid on the table of each House of Parliament. They will not take effect before October 24th.

Mr. Bright has consented to deliver the annual address and present the prizes at the annual prize festival of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The chair will be taken by the Duke of Westminster.

The address which is being signed by Members of Parliament and others, and which will be handed to the Malagasy Envoys previous to their return home, is not addressed to themselves, but to the Queen of Madagascar. It is entirely non-political in character, and avoids any reference to controversial matters.

A conference on hospital administration which has been organised by a special committee of the Social Science Association, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, at the house of the Society of Arts, and was attended by representatives from all parts of the kingdom, the attendance of governors of all hospitals having been specially invited.

The annual meeting of the members of the Anglo-Jewish Association took place on Monday, at 117, Gower-street, Bro. Baron Henry de Worms presiding. The institution is in connection with the Société Israélite Universelle, and one chief feature of the report is the statement that the foremost result of their labours during the past year is the fact that the persecution of the Jews had undergone a marked diminution.

Bro. Sir Frederick Fowke, Bart., who has been chairman and vice-chairman of the County Quarter Sessions, Leicester, resigned on Monday last, the reason he assigned being that he thought the office should be filled by a younger man. The resignation was accepted with much regret, and a complimentary resolution was passed by the Court. Sir Henry Halford was elected to the vacancy, Major Mowbray being appointed senior and Mr. Hussey Packe junior vice-chairman.

It will be learned with very general pleasure that Captain Shaw has completely recovered from the effects of the accident which befell him at the fire on Saturday last. On Wednesday he was able to visit Mr. Port, in King's College Hospital. Sir Henry Ponsonby telegraphed on Monday evening from Windsor, expressing her Majesty's regret at the news of Captain Shaw's fall, and her desire to be informed how he was going on. A satisfactory reply was immediately and gratefully returned.

We hear Messrs. Spiers and Pond have not only purchased the proposed building lease of the old Cock Tavern proper, in Fleet-street, lately sold by auction, but have taken on an 80 years' building lease the vacant land between their first purchase and Mr. Attenborough's new buildings, upon a portion of which the publishing and printing offices of the *Freemason* until recently stood, having an area of about 2100 square feet. We believe it is the intention of Messrs. Spiers and Pond to erect a very handsome restaurant on the entire site, and that Mr. Verity will be employed as their architect.

The *Daily News* says: Private advices by cable received within the last few days state that crop prospects throughout Manitoba and the Canadian North-West are of the most satisfactory character. The area under cultivation is much larger than in any previous year, and the yield promises to be exceptionally good. In Ontario the agricultural outlook has slightly improved, but the damage done to the autumn wheat has proved irremediable. In this province, however, as well as in Quebec, the hay and fruit crops bid fair to be excellent; there will also be a large output of dairy produce.

Bro. Lord Shaftesbury was a few days ago presented at the annual meeting of the Watercress and Flower Girls' Mission with a timepiece purchased by subscriptions raised by the flower women in front of the Royal Exchange in recognition of the benefits that had been derived since he established the Emily Loan Fund. Sir Edmund Henderson was also the recipient of an illuminated address from the flower sellers of Islington, as a recognition of the concessions he made in their favour on the occasion of the late police prosecutions in their district. Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, P.G.W., Alderman Sir R. Carden, M.P., and the Bishop of Bedford took part in the proceedings.

A delicious cooling drink is supplied in *Rose's Lime Juice Cordial*, with water or blended with spirits. It is highly medicinal, assisting digestion. Recommended by the *Lancet*. It is entirely free of alcohol. Purchasers should order *Rose's Cordial*. Wholesale Stores, 11, Curtain Road, London, and Leith, N.B.—[ADVT.]

Bro. A. G. Western was installed W.M. of the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, on the 21st ult.

The Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 226, Woolwich, held its installation meeting on the 19th ult., when Bro. H. Shaw, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, was inducted into the chair of A.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice are expected to remain at Windsor Castle till about the 17th inst., when the Court will probably remove to Osborne.

The betrothal of the Princess Victoria, the eldest daughter of the Grand Duke of Hesse, to Prince Louis of Battenburg, is officially announced.

The Lyceum Theatre Company have arranged to sail for New York in the Anchor Line steamer City of Rome, leaving Liverpool on the 10th of October.

Bro. George Washington Moore has returned from America, and made his appearance at St. James's Hall on Monday last.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland is announced to be held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the banner of Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, Maryport.

A special matinee will be given at the Adelphi Theatre for the benefit of the Royal College of Music on the 21st inst. A "grand concert" and "a new three-act play" are the substantial items of the bill.

By command of the Queen the Institute of Painters in Water-Colours is permitted to assume the title of "Royal," and is now to be styled the "Royal Institute of Painters in Water-Colours."

The Prince and Princess of Wales have fixed Friday afternoon, the 20th inst., for the ceremony of opening the new orphan homes at Swanley in connection with the Homes for Little Boys.

We are informed that in consequence of Bro. Major Campbell, the City Marshal for London, having been injured by a fall on the evening of Saturday last, he is prevented from attending to his duties at the Mansion House.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson occupied the chair at a general meeting of the Egypt Exploration Fund held on Tuesday afternoon, at the Royal Institution, Albemarle-street. The object of the gathering was to hear M. Naville's discourse on his excavations at Pithom-Succhoth.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has communicated to the Right Hon. J. G. Goschen the result of his motion for a grant of £1000 in aid of the Society of University Teaching, and has mentioned that he will renew his motion for £1000 a year for five years.

In the examination just held by the Civil Service Commissioners for student interpreterships at Constantinople, the pupils of Dr. J. Klein, the Director of the Civil Service Institute, 110, Cannon-street, gained all the vacant posts except one.—*Broad Arrow*.

On Wednesday night, a banquet in honour of Bro. Henry Irving, in view of his approaching visit to America, was given in St. James's Hall. Lord Chief Justice Coleridge presided, and after the loyal toasts gave "The President of the United States." Wednesday being Independence Day. In proposing the toast of the evening, Lord Coleridge not only congratulated their guest on having done so much for the elevation of the English stage, but referred to Miss Terry as having contributed to some of Bro. Irving's brightest triumphs. The other speakers were Lord Houghton, Mr. J. Russell Lowell, Professor Tyndall, Mr. Alma-Tadema, R.A., and Bro. J. L. Toole.

On Tuesday morning some commotion was caused at Old Swan Pier, London-bridge, by the arrival of a small open boat of foreign build, which evidently from its seaworn condition, had made a long sea voyage. The boat in question was the Neptune, belonging to Norway, 24 feet long, 5½ feet beam, and 2 feet deep, and in this small cockle-boat the captain and sole occupant, William Johnson, a native of Christiansand, and 46 years of age, had made an ocean voyage of about 1,000 miles. The Neptune left Drontheim, in Norway, on the 1st June, and coasted along the land for about 400 miles to Stavanger, where she took in water, &c., and after one day's stay, to enable her master to take a rest, she left on the 17th June. With a fair wind and smooth sea she could manage to log seven knots an hour. She made the English coast on the 25th June, a seven days' passage from Stavanger, her first land fall being Flamborough Head.

The brethren of the lodge of Fortitude, No. 281, Lancaster, celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, on the 27th ult., by dining together at the pleasant watering place of Grange, on the northern shore of Morecombe Bay. Unfortunately the afternoon turned out very wet, which militated against a large gathering; but about 25 brethren assembled at five o'clock at the Grange Hotel, and sat down to a first-rate spread under the chairmanship of the respected W.M. of the lodge, Bro. B. Gregson, Bros. Bayley, S.W., and R. Stanton, J.W., occupying the vice-chairs. On the removal of the cloth and dessert having been placed on the table, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The post prandial proceedings were brought to a close about eight o'clock, when the brethren separated to enjoy themselves after their several inclinations till half-past nine, at which hour the train for the return journey was due.

KNOWLES'S "SPECIAL" FIRE, GARDEN, AND CONSERVATORY ENGINES.—In the notice we gave a few weeks since of this excellent speciality of Mr. George Knowles, of 72, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., and 54 and 55, Blackfriars-road, S.E., we spoke of his fire engine as being, "when fitted with the necessary hose," equally serviceable for "garden and conservatory purposes." For "hose" read "rose," and our statement will be accurate. The engine has a "hose" permanently attached, so that in case of necessity it may be used at a moment's notice in extinguishing fire in its earliest stage; but, as will be easily understood, a "rose" must be placed at the end of the "hose" in order to make it available for "garden and conservatory purpose." The reader will perceive this the more readily if he will be at the pains of consulting the illustration in our advertisement columns. We would also add that the engine is portable; even a servant girl of moderate strength will find no difficulty in carrying it—in a perfect state of readiness for use—to any part of the building where it might be required.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS,
For the Week ending Saturday, July 14, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 7.

General Committee Boy's School at 4.
Lodge 1567, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1929, Mozart, Harewood House, High-st., Croydon.
Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, at 5 p.m.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, JULY 9.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton-ct.
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.
" 1861, Claremont, School Room, Esher, Surrey.
" 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
Chap. 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
Mark 239, Royal Naval, Sa, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 10.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly-Bush Tav., Hampstead.
Supreme Council 33°, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11.

General Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Inst., at 4.
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound H., Richmond.
" 1629, United, F.M.H.
Mark Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
Supreme Council 33°, 33, Golden-sq., W.
Rose Croix, 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st.,
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 619, Beadon, Mason's Hall Tav., Basinghall-st.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 13.

Mark 198, Croydon, 105, High-st., Croydon.
Rose Croix 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 14.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.
" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-
CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,**
For the Week ending Saturday, July 14, 1883.

MONDAY, JULY 9.

Lodge 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
" 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
" 1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.
" 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
Red Cross Conclave 55, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 323, Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport.
" 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
" 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.
Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Antient Union L of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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