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THE York "Grand Assembly" took place on the 18th inst., under circumstances of great "eclat," leaving a pleasing and gracious remembrance alike for the public and the Order. The day was propitious, the attendance of Freemasons very large, the crowds enthusiastic, and our royal GRAND MASTER received a most loyal and hearty welcome, alike from the serried ranks of his brethren, as from the assembled myriads who thronged the streets of old York. We congratulate all concerned on a truly "alba dies" for Freemasonry in that venerable city, and we refer our many readers to our special report on the next page.

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WE call attention to a correspondence elsewhere in respect of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England. It seems that the Grand Mark Lodge of England has appointed a Prov. Grand Mark Master for Montreal and chartered two lodges there. Up to the present the Grand Mark Lodge of England and the Grand Chapter of Quebec have been on terms of intercommunion, and amity, and recognition, and have exchanged representatives. In Canada as in America the Mark Degree is under the Grand Chapter, whereas with us the Mark Degree is an independent degree, and has a Grand Lodge of its own. How far the mutual recognition of the two governing bodies, the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Lodge of England, prevents the Grand Mark Lodge of England issuing warrants for Mark Lodges in Canada is a question which has two sides to it. Undoubtedly the Mark Grand Lodge, if it be a legal body, which it is now admitted to be, can issue warrants for Mark Lodges where there is not a Mark Grand Lodge, and where the English Grand Lodge goes, unless indeed "estopped" by special concordat with co-ordinate jurisdictions. We must say that we think our esteemed Bro. GRAHAM has been very premature in his movements, since, without awaiting any explanation apparently from Bro. PORTAL, to whom he had written on May 3rd, at least no reply is set out, on June 23rd he repeats his complaint to Bro. Lord HENNIKER, and promulgates distinct non-intercourse with, and a quasi excommunication of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. A good deal must turn on the original terms of recognition. If the Grand Mark Lodge of England recognized the Grand Chapter of Quebec as legally the directing power of the Mark Lodges in Montreal according to the system in vogue, then it is no doubt a "Strongish Order" in 1883 without a word of warning to issue warrants for Mark Lodges, and appoint a Provincial Grand Mark Master. But if the Grand Mark Lodge of England only recognized the Grand Chapter of Quebec as a friendly body "salvo jure," then it did not waive its original and indefeasible right as arising out of its position as a Grand Mark Lodge to issue Mark warrants. Strictly speaking the "Mark" has nothing to do with the "Royal Arch," in our opinion, and we have always regretted the system in America and Canada, preferring our own simpler and more straightforward arrangement in England, which keeps the three degrees and the R.A. as one great system, leaving the Mark Degree a separate grade altogether, and outside of Craft Masonry proper.

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ON one point our friends in Quebec do not seem to be correct in their facts. If our information be correct, which we doubt not, a Mark Lodge was warranted in the district before the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. It is, we apprehend, necessary to read within the lines, that this question of the Mark jurisdiction is mixed up with the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter jurisdiction questions. The contention of the Grand Mark Lodge will no doubt be, that where the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England can go, there they can go too, "pari passu." But we feel sure, if the authorities of the Mark Grand Lodge are convinced they have departed from an honourable agreement, or that they have done what is inexpedient and untenable, they will gladly retrace their steps. But the whole question is a very difficult one for many reasons, patent and latent.

THERE is a very serious point, as connected with the legal position and status of the Quebec Grand Lodge, which must be faced, however unpalatable it may be to our good brethren there to do so. *Are they legal as before the law?* If they be not, if they are not exempt from the penalties of prohibition as affecting a secret society, they cannot exist as a lawful Masonic jurisdiction, and cease to have any claim as such over their own members, or any standpoint in respect of other bodies. If they are illegal by the laws of the land they cannot meet lawfully as Freemasons, and are illicit secret associations. We are assuming that the explanation and representation of the Quebec statutes are correct, as lately given in our columns, and if they be correct, the Quebec Masons must obtain, as the Grand Lodge of Canada did, legislative recognition, and, as the Grand Lodge of Canada did, a retrospective legalization. For it is quite clear that until the Grand Lodge of Canada obtained that recognition and retrospective legalization it was also illegal by the statutes. The only actually legal bodies up to that date, according to the statute of 1836, were the lodges holding their warrants from the Grand Lodges in Great Britain. We commend this very serious fact, (assuming it to be a fact), to the serious notice of Bro. GRAHAM and the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. For such an actuality must seriously affect their position "quoad" other Grand Bodies. As, if they are meeting contrary to the law of the land, and in defiance of the law of the land, and bring upon themselves the penalties of secret associations, baneful to the State, they cannot be held to be by law-abiding Freemasons, whose great canon ever is "obedience to the law of the land wherever they may be," otherwise than an unlawful association without any power of jurisdiction, vitality, or perpetuation. We earnestly recommend our Quebec brethren to seek to obtain a *legal sanction at once*.

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THE Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, as was to be expected, put its foot on a proposal of purchase of land at £4000 an acre. The meeting was not fully attended; but it was unanimous. It became clear as the discussion progressed that practical men considered the price out of all proportion to the value of the land itself, or even to the School, and preferred to take the chance of what is threatened, sale by auction, and what that would produce. At present, therefore, the question is at an end. We, however, think the best thanks of the Subscribers are due to the House Committee for so promptly making known to them the offer of Mr. WHITING, through Bro. Lieut.-Colonel CREATON.

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THE question raised last week indirectly by Bro. JAMES STEVENS is one which we would urge him to let rest. He has expressed his opinions there- anent very fully and clearly; but we feel sure that on one point he seriously misinterprets the feelings of his brethren generally. As long as it was a mere question of putting into activity an alleged dormant resolution or body, Masonic zeal and enthusiasm went with him. But the moment it was plain his suggestions, if logically carried out, must lead to one system and one system only; must shut up all lodges of instruction; must sweep away innocent and cherished local peculiarities, which have been always permitted, it was equally clear that a very large majority of working W.Ms. and P.Ms. would resent any such unwise interference with that wise toleration which has been unceasingly shown by Grand Lodge on this very question. As we have always said, the difficulties are intense, and would only be realized the moment we sought to lift the veil which Time and deliberate non-interference have cast over our cherished Masonic usages, customs, and ceremonial. Giving Bro. STEVENS every credit for sincere opinions and good intentions, we invite him, for the sake of peace and rest, to leave the matter where it is. As far as possible we do keep to the "same usages and customs" in matters non-essential as we do in all things essential; but it is a very serious thing to interfere with the old and cherished system of lodges, in which there is nothing wrong, and which have been handed down by faithful brethren as evidences of older working and a local Masonry. Uniformity is a good thing; but if to attain it we sacrifice the lawful independence of lodges in matters utterly unimportant, we pave the way for ceaseless heartburnings and grave discontents.

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WE are given to understand, on unquestionable authority, that it is a complete error to assume, as in our last *Freemason* the view is apparently entertained, that the charge on Past Grand Officers at York was made, or approved of, by the Masonic Committee. It is an "Institutional," not a Masonic, payment, asked to assist to recoup the Institution for the expenses. No blame, therefore, attaches, or can attach, to our good brethren at York in the matter. How far it is consistent with the dignity of Grand Lodge that a portion of its members should pay for their legal attendance, is another matter. But as our brethren in York have had nothing to do with imposing the charge, we think it right to say so.

## THE M.W. GRAND MASTER AT YORK.

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF THE YORK INSTITUTE.

The ancient city of York so celebrated in the annals of Freemasonry has just added another link to its long chain of Masonic history. On Wednesday last the M.W.G.M. performed a ceremony which was perhaps more imposing than any that have ever graced the City of York. Early in the morning the streets were alive, for a holiday was kept and thousands of visitors were present to share whatever offered in the way of amusement and excitement. Flags and decorations of all kinds met the eye on every side with effects more than usually pleasing. The streets of York are peculiarly adapted to the best form of decoration, being narrow and winding, the houses having an air of antique ruggedness, and almost at every corner stands out a church or building whose historic associations or architectural beauties add to the picturesqueness of the scene. Long before ten o'clock the streets were lined and the crowd behind the barriers was very great.

It was half-past ten o'clock when his Royal Highness entered an open carriage in company with his host, Sir George Wombwell, the Marquis of Hamilton, and his equerry Colonel Ellis. A pair of splendid light bays, purchased by Sir George for the occasion, drew the party at a moderate pace in the direction of the Guildhall. Within a few minutes the Guildhall was reached, and the Grand Master took his seat on the throne and the Special Grand Lodge was opened. Meanwhile at the Assembly Rooms in Blake-street the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, had called a Special Provincial Grand Lodge, which, in his lordship's temporary absence at the Grand Lodge, was presided over by Bro. Dr. Bell, Deputy Prov. G.M. After opening the lodge Bro. Bell addressed the brethren, calling attention to the interesting event which had called them together, and noticing briefly the occasions on which the Masons of York had been honoured with Royal and distinguished visitors. Both lodges being closed a procession was formed in the following order:

Two Tylers with drawn swords.

Visiting brethren.

Lodges in North and East Yorkshire, according to their numbers, juniors walking first, viz.:

1991, Agricola, York.	660, Camalodunum, Malton.
1848, Ferrum, Middlesborough.	643, Royal, Filey.
1760, Leopold, Scarborough.	630, St. Cuthbert, Howden.
1618, Handyside, Saltburn.	602, North York, Middlesborough.
1611, Eboracum, York.	566, St. Germain, Selby.
1605, De la Poie, Hull.	561, Zetland, Guisborough.
1511, Alexandra, Hornsea.	543, Cleveland, Stokesley.
1416, Falcon, Thirsk.	312, Lion, Whitby.
1337, Anchor, Northallerton.	294, Constitutional, Beverley.
1248, Denison, Scarborough.	250, Minerva, Hull.
1244, Marwood, Redcar.	236, York, York.
1040, Sykes, Driffield.	200, Old Globe, Scarborough.
1010, Kingston, Hull.	123, Lennox, Richmond.
734, Londesborough, Bridlington.	57, Humber, Hull.

Provincial Grand Officers of other Provinces.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

Provincial Grand Tyler.

Provincial Grand Steward.

Banner of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Provincial Grand Steward.

Past Provincial Grand Assistant Pursuivants.

Provincial Grand Assistant Pursuivant, Bro. J. Fairburn.

Past Provincial Grand Pursuivants.

Provincial Grand Pursuivant, Bro. J. S. Wilson.

Past Provincial Grand Organists.

Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. G. D. Storry.

Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearers.

Past Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Bro. R. H. Peacock.

Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies.

Past Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. M. S. Y. Collingwood.

Past Provincial Grand Superintendents of Works.

Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. W. Holder.

Past Provincial Grand Deacons.

The Provincial Grand Deacon, Bro. Haberland.

Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. M. C. Peck.

Past Provincial Grand Registrars.

Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. C. Waistell.

Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. R. W. Hollon.

Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. Booth.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. Chillman.

Past Provincial Grand Warden, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sadler.

The Provincial Grand Warden, Bro. Major W. H. Marwood.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D.

Provincial Grand Steward.

Banner of the Provincial Grand Master.

Provincial Grand Steward.

Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland.

Two Provincial Grand Stewards.

GRAND LODGE.

The Architect, Bro. W. G. Penty, with the Plans.

Grand Steward.

Cornucopia with Corn, borne by the Master of the Lion Lodge.

Grand Steward.

Two Ewers with Wine and Oil, borne by the Masters of the Constitutional and Minerva Lodges.

Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Bro. William Stevens.

Grand Pursuivant.

Assistant Grand Secretary.

Grand Organist.

Trowel, borne by a Past Master of the York Lodge, Bro. Jas. Todd, No. 236.

Mallet, borne by a Past Master of the Eboracum Lodge, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, No. 1611.

Past Grand Standard Bearer.

Past Grand Sword Bearers, Bro. R. W. Hollon and J. Messent.

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp.

Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. T. D. Bolton.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) P.G.W.

Grand Superintendent of Works, bearing a Plate with the Inscription for the Memorial Stone.

Past Grand Deacons: Bro. F. P. Morrell, Lieut.-Col. Somerville H. Burney, Frank Richardson, Major J. Penrice, and Thomas Fenn.

Acting Grand Secretary, with the Book of Constitutions, Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.

Past Grand Registrars.

Grand Registrar bearing the Great Seal.

Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, bearing a Phial containing the coins to be deposited in the Stone.

Past Grand Chaplains: Bro. the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Dean of York; the Rev. H. Adair Picard, and the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D.

Past Provincial Grand Masters.

Provincial Grand Masters: Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., West Yorkshire; Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Lancashire (E. Div.); and C. E. Egan, South Africa (E. Div.)

Visitors of Distinction.

The Corinthian Light, borne by the Master of the Eboracum Lodge, Bro. M. Millington.

The Column of the Junior Grand Warden, borne by the Master of the York Lodge, Bro. G. Kirby.

The Junior Grand Warden, Bro. the Right Hon. Col. F. A. Stanley, M.P.

The Junior Grand Warden with the Plumb Rule.

Grand Standard Bearer, Bro. Edgar Bowyer.

Grand Steward, with the banner of Grand Lodge.

The Doric Light, borne by the Master of the Old Globe Lodge.

The Column of the Senior Grand Warden, borne by the Master of the Lennox Lodge, Earl of Milltown.

The Senior Grand Warden, with the Level.

Junior Grand Deacons, Bro. F. Green and F. H. Devonshire.

Grand Steward.

The Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. Oswell Thompson, bearing the Sacred Law on a cushion.

Grand Steward.

The Acting Deputy Grand Master, with the Square, Lord Zetland.

The Ionic Light, borne by the Master of the Humber Lodge.

Grand Standard Bearer, Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. C. Foster Gough, LL.D., with the Banner of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Peters.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Senior Grand Deacons, Bro. T. C. Few and Ralph Gooding.

Two Grand Stewards.

Grand Tyler.

Upon reaching the entrance to the castellated walls of the enclosure in Clifford-street, the Tylers halted, while the brethren divided and formed an avenue facing inwards, between whom passed the Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Sword Bearer and followed by the Grand Officers, who took their places on and at the back of the raised dais at the northern end of the enclosure. It was a gay scene that was witnessed within the wooden walls of this mock castle between the hours of eleven and twelve that day. Five thousand favoured ladies and gentlemen occupied seats in the blocks and galleries. The Masons and public divided possession of the space at the base of the figure. A white canvass awning was stretched over the enclosure, which terminated at the north with a dais raised four or five feet from the ground. Crimson cloth covered this structure, and flowers and plants gave to the front a pleasantly picturesque appearance. The tripod, whose arms of blue and twisted white supported the granite memorial stone, rose above the dais a little on the right, just beyond a broad flight of steps. As His Royal Highness mounted these steps the people rose to their feet, and the band at the rear of the building struck the notes of the National Anthem. By a few minutes after eleven o'clock everything was ready for the opening ceremony. The brethren had been marshalled into their places, and the Grand Officers had taken their places to the right and left of the Prince.

From among this brilliant assembly stepped the Sheriff of York, Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, P.M., who briefly requested the Grand Master to lay the memorial stone of the Institute.

In lending his influence, said the SHERIFF, to a new Institute for the cultivation of science, art, and literature in that city his Royal Highness was, the Committee thought, doing that which would greatly assist in the promotion of the welfare of the country. All present were pleased to know that the country had in past times occupied a high position among nations; and with the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe upon such institutions as that in whose interest they were met, the future of the nation would be made more glorious than it had been in the past. Many of the Prince's Royal ancestors had taken part in imposing ceremonies within the walls of that ancient city, but none had had more pleasant recollections than would attend that in which his Royal Highness was taking part on that occasion. York, in the past, had been second to no other portion of the kingdom in its loyalty to the Throne; and as Sheriff of the city he was pleased to say that the loyal feeling now possessed by it would outshine that which had distinguished it in the past.

As soon as the applause which greeted the Sheriff's words had died away,

The GRAND MASTER rose to address the assemblage. Men and brethren, said his Royal Highness, assembled to behold this ceremony, be it known unto you that we, being lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, are engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered. But these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They have been entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times; and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order, ready to promote our laws and further our interests. (Applause.) We are here assembled in the presence of you all to erect this building to the honour and glory of the Most High, and which we pray God may prosper as it seems good to Him. As the first duty of Masons, in any undertaking, is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The Prince having ceased, the upper stone of granite was carefully raised and the lower stone properly adjusted. The Grand Chaplain (the Rev. H. G. Morse) then obeyed the Grand Master's call to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon the undertaking of the day. The prayer offered, another officer stepped to the front of the dais, and, raising his hand, gave the signal for brethren to sing a Masonic Anthem, after which Captain N. G. Philips, acting as Grand Secretary, in the regretted absence of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, read aloud the inscription on the memorial-stone; and the Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, deposited in the lower stone a phial containing coins. The Grand Secretary also fixed a brass plate, with an inscription relating to the ceremony, over the aperture. Cement was then spread over the upper face of the lower stone, and was adjusted with a trowel by the Grand Master. At a signal from the architect, Bro. W. G. Penty, the upper granite was lowered with three distinct stops.

Thereupon the Grand Master, proved with plumb and rule, with level and with square, the true position of the stone, receiving the implements from the Junior Grand Warden, Colonel the Right Hon. F. L. Stanley; the Grand Senior Warden, the Earl of Milltown, and the Deputy Grand Master. The cornucopia and the golden ewers of wine and oil were next handed to the Grand Master, who strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stone, with the usual Masonic declarations of Plenty, Joy, and Peace.

The stone was laid.

The Grand Master then examined the plans of the building, and presented them to the architect, whom he enjoined to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work, whose plans were now entrusted to him.

And here came in one of the prettiest details of the ceremony. A number of children—little girls in light dresses and little boys in dark suits—trooped one after the other up the steps, and with a bow or a curtsy to his Royal Highness, laid purses of money upon the newly-laid memorial stone. Each played his or her part to perfection, from the oldest down to the tiny creature who had to be helped up the steps, and who gazed about her with evident curiosity and in admiration of the brilliant regalia which the Prince wore. One or two, more ambitious than the rest, or acting upon rehearsed instructions, sought to play the young courtier. But to walk backwards along an unfamiliar surface, with the knowledge that a flight of stairs is in the rear and a Prince of Royal blood in front, is a feat which most will have yet to learn to accomplish with ease. A kindly steward saved the equilibrium of several who attempted the performance, and only one—a little fellow in court costume—was at all successful. The spectators were evidently not the only persons tickled by this courtly conduct upon the part of such young citizens, for the Prince joined heartily in the laughter which constantly broke upon the formality of the scene.

The Lord Mayor of York, Bro. Ald. THOS. VAREY, then addressed the Prince. In the name of the citizens of York he respectfully tendered his thanks for his Royal Highness's condescension in associating himself with them on that occasion, and for laying the memorial stone of the Art and Science Institute. The visit of the heir-apparent had been looked forward to with the most pleasurable anticipation by the citizens, both collectively and individually; and he, therefore, begged to tender to his Royal Highness an expression of their loyal and devoted affection.

The PRINCE OF WALES in replying said: My Lord Mayor of York and brethren, I feel grateful for your kind words. I can assure you that it has been a great pleasure that I have laid the memorial stone of your Institute to-day. I am glad to think that I have been able to do so with Masonic honours—(applause)—and with so large an assemblage of the brethren present. (Applause.) Most sincerely do I hope that this Institute will flourish and be a boon in every way to the inhabitants of this great city. I thank you once more for the kind welcome given me to-day. (Loud applause.)

This completed one of the most imposing ceremonies that York and modern times has beheld. Ceremony and audience alike were brilliant. Among those who adorned the dais by their presence was Lord Houghton, the High Sheriff (Mr. Walter Morrison), Lord Egerton, of Tatton, Lord Moreton, M.P., Sir George Wombwell, Mr. Creyke, M.P. Besides Masons and corporate officials, there was in the body of the enclosure a large and influential deputation from the Yorkshire Union of Mechanics' Institutes. This deputation consisted of Sir Edward Baines, the Union's President; Messrs. E. Yewdall and H. Wardman, hon. secs.; Rev. H. Heaton, Leeds; Mr. T. Dawson, President of the Leeds Mechanics' Institute; Mr. J. Hanson, Vice-President of the Bradford Institute; Mr. J. W. Davis, President of the Halifax Philosophical Society; Mr. T. Lister, of Barnsley; Mr. J. Holmes, of Roundhay, Leeds; Mr. W. Briggs and Mr. H. Oxley, of Wakefield; Mr. S. P. Unwin; and Mr. Frank Curzon, organising secretary. The Prince entered his carriage at the door of the enclosure, and was driven rapidly to the Yorkshire Club, while the Grand Lodge returned to the Guildhall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Assembly Rooms.

At 20 minutes past 12 his Royal Highness drove to the station, accompanied by the Marquis of Hamilton, Sir George Wombwell, and his equerry (Col. Ellis). A great and enthusiastic crowd awaited them along the route over Lendal Bridge, and at the station, where a guard of honour, consisting of a troop of the 5th Dragoon Guards had been drawn up. A special Great Northern train, in charge of Mr. Cockshott, superintendent of the Charing Cross Railway Station, was in waiting, and half an hour after noon his Royal Highness quitted the city, the Marquis of Hamilton and Col. Ellis accompanying him. During the entire day the streets were crowded with sight-seers, and at night there were illuminations.

Immediately after the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone the Lord Mayor (Alderman Thos. Varey) entertained about 80 of his brother Masons to a recherche repast in the State Room of the Mansion House, the guests including the following members of the Craft:

Members of Grand Lodge—Bros. Lord Milltown, S.G.W.; J. D. Allcroft, G. Treas.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D. of C.; Rev. H. G. Morse and Rev. W. O. Thompson, G. Chaps.; F. W. Lew and R. Gooding, G.S. Deacons; F. Green and T. H. Devonshire, G.J. Deacons; Lieut.-Col. J. Peters, G. Swd. Br.; T. D. Bolton, D.G.D.C.; R. H. Thrupp, Assist. G.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. A. C. F. Gough, G. Swd. Br.; E. Bowyer, G. Sid. Br.; W. G. Cusins, G. Org.; and W. Stephens, Assist. G. Purs.

Provincial Grand Lodge—The Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M.; Dr. Bell, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Col. Sadler, P.G.S.W.; Major Marwood, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. Booth and Rev. W. Chilman, Chaps.; R. W. Hutton, Treas.; C. Waistell, Reg.; M. C. Peck, Sec.; M. Haberland, J.D.; W. Holder, Supt. of Works; M. T. Collingwood, D.C.; R. H. Peacock, A.D.C.; J. R. Ansell, Swd. Br.; G. D. Storry, Org.; J. S. Wilson, Purs.; and J. Fairburn, Assist. Purs.

Provincial Committee—T. B. Whytehead, J. Todd, J. S. Cumberland, G. Kirby, M. Millington, E. J. de Salis, and Major McGachen.

Corporation—The Sheriff, the Town Clerk, Ald. Terry, Ald. Sir James Meek, Ald. A. Walker, Ald. W. Varey, Councillor Balmford, Councillor Gainforth, and Councillor Rawling.

Visitors and miscellaneous.—R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., Durham; Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett; Sir C. Legard, Bart., Sir G. Elliot, Bart., Prov. G.M. South Wales; W. Lawton, Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. W. Yorks.; H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks.; B. J. Thompson, Prov. G. Sec. Northumberland; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. E. Lancashire; W. W. Morgan, W. G. Penty, Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., Walter Reynolds, J. W. Woodall, J. J. Leeman, The Dean of York, J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. R. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; the W.Ms. of lodges 123, 200, 294, 566, 643, 660, 734, 1010, 1244, 1248, 1416, 1618, and 1991, and the 5th Dragoon Guards Lodge; Capt. Rufford, 5th Dragoon Guards; T. Fenn, A. Buckle, J. T. Selter, O. G. Fadel, Mark Gooke, G. Simpson, J. Blenkin, Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Burney, F. P. Morrell, and W. Lake (Freemason.)

The LORD MAYOR, who presided, proposed "The Queen and the Craft," the patroness of their Order, the mother of their Grand Master, and the most glorious Sovereign who had ever ruled over this realm. (Applause.)

The LORD MAYOR proposed "His Royal Highness the Grand Master," and said he anticipated that, alike with himself, they felt proud to have that day participated in a ceremony presided over by the illustrious prince who honoured them by taking the place of their ruler. (Applause.) He was no less beloved and honoured than he was genial; and coming amongst them, as he had done, and taking part in the ceremonies of that day, he had shown his respect and love for this ancient Craft. (Applause.) Descended from Masons, he had proved himself a true brother of their Royal Order, and he (the Lord Mayor) knew of no toast that that assembly should receive with greater enthusiasm than that of the Grand Master of English Freemasons, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Cheers.)

The LORD MAYOR next proposed "The Pro Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of England." His Lordship said he rose to propose an important toast. It was a matter of sincere regret to him that Lord Carnarvon was not able to be present with them at that moment. (Hear.)

They, Masons, knew him and his services to their Order, and how desirous he was to forward their interests. (Applause.) The Grand Lodge of England must be coupled with his name, for he was closely identified with that influential body. (Applause.) They were standing on classic ground, for in that very room, in 1841, the Duke of Sussex held a Grand Lodge, and the traditions of York couple the name of the city intimately with Freemasonry from the earliest ages. (Applause.)

Lord MILLTOWN said that in the absence of the Pro Grand Master of England, he had the honour to return thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been received. It had been a source of very great pleasure to him to revisit that ancient city—(applause)—and to view once again the glories of the glorious minster, with all its architectural beauties, and it was especially a pleasure to recognise the generous hospitality with which the Chief Magistrate had assisted at their ceremonial. (Applause.)

Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire." He said the ceremonies of that day had been performed in a way that would convince them all that Yorkshire Masons thoroughly knew their work. It was a privilege and pleasure to announce to the brethren present that before his Royal Highness left the building, he charged him (the speaker) to convey to the Committee his full appreciation of the manner in which those ceremonies had been performed that day. (Applause.)

The Earl of ZETLAND acknowledged the toast, and remarked that they were much indebted to the Grand Master for his presence amongst them that day, and for the valuable aid his Royal Highness had rendered to the objects of Freemasonry. (Applause.) He felt that the success of the day's proceedings was mainly due to those brethren who had devoted their time and energy to promoting schemes for carrying out the arrangements; also to the great kindness and hospitality of the Lord Mayor, who had granted them the use of the Guildhall, and had in every way facilitated the proceedings of that day. (Applause.)

Sir HENRY EDWARDS proposed "The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor," and said that any of the brethren present would feel it an honour to propose that toast. His lordship was well known in the city and neighbourhood, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. (Applause.)

The LORD MAYOR, in responding, said it had been both a privilege and a pleasure to him to meet them there. (Applause.) Although perhaps the youngest Mason in the room—for he was only made a Master Mason the day before yesterday—(laughter)—in the Eboracum Lodge—yet he gave way to no brother in his anxiety to forward the prosperity of the Craft—(applause)—and he trusted that the gathering of that day was not the last in which he might be spared to take part in that loyal city. (Applause.)

Bro. Dr. BELL proposed "The Visitors," and thanked all those Masons who had honoured York with their presence at that day's ceremonial. It was a memorable occasion, because such an one might not occur again in the whole course of their lives.

Bro. Colonel LE GENDRE N. STARKIE returned thanks on behalf of the visitors, and said they all knew as citizens of the world that the hospitality of York was proverbial. (Hear.) They had seen it that day. (Applause.) They knew as Masons that hospitality was one of the precepts of their Order, and they had witnessed an instance of it that day.

Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, Chairman of the Provincial Committee, proposed, "All poor and distressed Masons," and the toast having been suitably received the proceedings terminated. Thrush's quadrille band was stationed in the orchestra, and between the toasts played selections of music appropriate to the occasion.

Many expressions of regret were heard at the absence through indisposition of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, whose presence on these occasions is so familiar and welcome. It only remains to be said that the arrangements throughout were absolutely perfect, not a hitch occurred of any kind, and the brethren who undertook and carried the work through so well are deserving of the highest praise, not only from those more immediately interested, but from the numerous visitors whose comforts were studied and wants anticipated in every respect.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Chairman of the Provincial Committee, was as ever, the indefatigable organiser of the local arrangements, and he was ably seconded by Bros. M. C. Peck, Provincial Grand Secretary, J. S. Cumberland, J. Todd, and others.

Appended is a list of Present and Past Prov. Officers of this and other provinces who took part in the proceedings, in addition to those given above: Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.P.G.S.W., 123; George Newton, P.P.D.C., 1019; H. O. Piercy, P.P.G.W., 1040; J. W. Cameron, P.P.G.S.W., 764; W. H. Falkingbridge, P.P.G.S.W., 312; W. Fraser, P.P.G.D., 1760 and 200; J. Teale, P.P.G.D., 123; J. S. Walton, P.P.G.S.B.; T. M. Humphries, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., 539; J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.S.W., 200; C. T. Ganderton, P.J.W., 57; Rev. Canon Camidge, P.P.G.C., 1416; J. E. M. Young, P.P.G.D.; M. Haberland, P.G.J.D.; J. Trotter, P.G.J.W.; R. M. Cooke, P.P.G.S. of Wks., 543; Rev. H. Blane, P.P.G.C.; G. Ayre, P.P.G.D., 1416; J. S. Moss, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Bennett, P.P.G.J.W., 1244; F. H. Corder, P.P.G.D., 1664; J. Camidge, P.P.G.O.; A. Buckle, P.P.G.D., 236; J. Todd, P.P.G.R., 236; W. H. Cooper, P.P.G.R. 602; W. C. Lukis, P.P.G.C. W. Yorks, 837; A. Dyson, P.P.G.S. of Wks., 1244; F. Fernside, P.P.G.D., 974; C. Wiltman, P.P.G.O., 602; H. Balderson, P.P.G.D., 1757; J. Allen, P.P.G.J.D., 1324; C. R. Farmer, P.G.J.D., 422; W. A. Field, P.G.J.D., 1282; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec. Durham; C. Macnamara, P.G. Steward Durham; R. Huntley, P.P.G.D.C., 250; C. Palliser, P.P.G.S. of Works, 1337; W. H. Sissons, P.P.G.J.W. Lincolnshire, 1447; C. M. Hartley, P.P.G.S. of Works, 243; Rev. H. J. Longson, P.G.C. W. Yorks, 265; W. Bell, P.P.G.D.C., 1557; J. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C., 204; J. W. Cameron, P.P.G.S.W. Durham; F. W. Thorp, P.P.G.S.D., 1010; W. B. Richardson, P.P.G.S.W., 200; G. H. Walshaw, P.P.G.D.C., 250; G. Stillman, P.P.G.J.D., 1121; J. S. Wilson, P.G.S. of Works, 685; S. Luckley, P.P.G.O., 296; W. F. Harrison, P.P.G.A.P., 561; J. Little, P.P.G.R., 509; C. E. Mayo, P.P.G.C., 869; T. B. Nicholls, P.P.G.C. Northumberland, 1863; J. S. Moss, P.P.S.B. 312; Rev. W. Valentine, P.P.G.W. 236; W. W. Widdop, P.P.G.W. 275; S. Hayes, P.S.G.W. West York, 139; W. Hall, P.G.P. 910; F. M. Tindall, P.P.G.S.B. 1239; F. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C. 139; J. E. Mackay, P.P.G.D. 1379; T. D. Wing, P.S.W. 57; A. Fraser, P.P.G.S.B. 200; T. Grime, P.P.G.A.D.C. East Lancashire; J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.J.W. 1611; T. Roberts, P.G.D.; F. N. Marwood, P.P.G.S. of W. 312; A. Farmer, P.P.G.D.C. 111; H. France, P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire; M. Kemp, P.P.S.G.D. 57; W. Rawling, P.P.G.O. 566; W. Delaney, P.G.D. 242; R. Boulton, P.G. Treas. Durham, 111; Rev. W. Booth, P.G.C. 630; W. Smithson, P.P.G.D. West Yorkshire, 1001 and 1211; Rev. C. D. Trotter, P.P.G.C. 940; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. Girls; G. Balmford, P.P.G.O. 236 and 1611; C. F. Bonner, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Reynolds, P.P.G.D.C. 250; W. Quickfall, P.P.G.O., 1884; W. Tesceyman, P.P.G.S. of Works, 57; T. Marshall, P.P.G.D.C., 294; J. W. Taylor, M.D., P.P.G.S.W., 200; J. B. Nicholls, P.G.D., 660; M. W. Clarke, P.P.G.D., 57; A. W. Ansell, P.P.G.S. of Works, 57; B. Moon, P.P.G.P. 1391; J. H. Lawson, P.P.G.S.D., 1235; J. Monks, P.P.G.S.W., 124; J. V. Andrews, P.G.W., 312; G. Wilson, P.P.G.D., 57; W. Sheard, P.P.G.P. W. Yorks; W. B. Jackson, P.P.G.J.W., 643; Rev. H. S. Puxley, P.P.G.C., 1002; H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks, 302; G. F. Crowe, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks, 1211; R. Williamson, P.G.S., 521; J. N. Pickering, P.P.G.O., 1221; T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.D.C., 1611; C. Legard, P.G.S.W.; H. Pawson, P.P.G.D. W. Yorks; J. Jones, P.P.G.S. of Works, 442; J. Clarke, P.P.G.C.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, 131 (Freemason).

The following Past Masters of lodges were present: Bros. W. Santon, 1040; F. Rawling, 236; J. Marshall, 393; J. A. Thornton, 1019; H. Whaley, 1670; W. Wilson, 660; J. Winfindale, 643; M. Walmsley, 1337; J. Wheldon, 1337; A. Balmforth, 779; H. W. Wrigley, 149; J. Sowray, 660; J. Johnson Field, 643; J. Sutcliffe, 1283; M. Scott, 566; J. A. Barstow, 236; J. R. Dippie, 200; H. J. Watson, 602; C. Wilkinson, 1235; W. P. Shee, 120; J. W. James, 957; J. Dodd, 1390; R. Gifford, 570; W. Budd, 643; F. Creaser, 734; J. Hemingbrough, 1482; R. Radford, 1779; J. Laughton, 422; C. F. Liversidge, 422; W. Temple, 344; J. Rhodes, 1248; W. Milner, 734; T. J. Wilkinson, 1416; G. Taylor, 1618; J. Fidler, 602; R. W. Gibbs, 602; D. W. Dixon, 1618; J. Swann, 1902; J. W. Smith, 123; A. Arnold, 1121; W. Nicholl, 317; R. Beavers, 57; H. Shaw, 521; G. Perkin, 380; W. H. Steward, 380; W. Peacock, 200; F. Thornton, 312; R. Leason, 1393; G. C. Lee, 1230; E. Balchin, 250; T. C. Lazenby, 297; J. Wyld, 1121; T. Nicholson, 291; A. J. Green; A. Haffner; J. M. Meek, 1379; and S. Reed, 312.

The following Worshipful Masters of lodges also attended, viz.:—Bros. W. Gill, 602; R. Bell, 1416; C. Holloway, 472; E. Linck, 974; G. Housham, 422; A. Temples, 344; R. Wood, 1482; T. Dickinson, 1618; A. Parkinson, 1248; W. Stead, 1337; J. A. Thompson, 240; A. Winterbottom, 734; W. B. Bellerby, 566; G. H. Anderton, 630; H. Forde, 1010; P. R. Littleton, 850; A. Verity, 380; J. Stonehouse, 764; G. Kirby, 236; M. Millington, 1611; E. J. De Salis, 1991; J. Calverley, 1211; R. Wood, 1283; R. J. Smithson, 660; J. Sheard, 264; J. Howcroft, 1244; J. Willing, junior, W. J. Williams, 1848; E. T. Cheesman, 5th Dragoons, W. Cranswick, 643; H. T. Sortwell, 277; G. W. Pickard, 1019; E. Watson, 1391; J. Bland, 731.

### LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Charles Atkins, Junior-Vice President, occupied the respective chairs of those offices. There were also present:

Bros. W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Henry Garrod, P.M. 719; W. Mann, 186; Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Thomas Cull, P.M. 1449; J. M. Klenck, P.M. 1339; C. E. Mitchell, P.M. 944; H. Dehane, I.P.M. and W.M. 1543; J. H. Taylor, W.M. 1767; Alfred Bryant, W.M. 1237; J. Wilson, P.M. 1155; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; Charles A. Grammer, W.M. 27; Francis Egan, P.M. 1694; J. W. Thompson, W.M. 1695; Joseph House, W.M. 1716; Aug. Darch, P.M. 72; C. H. Cumberland, W.M. 858; A. Marvin, W.M. 1768; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512; Walter Hopekirk, W.M. 1986; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been opened the President before proceeding with the business informed the brethren that a very large number of letters had been received at Grand Secretary's office from petitioners who were relieved at the former meeting, and from lodges recommending them, thanking the Lodge of Benevolence for the grants made.

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended at the last meeting to the amount of £380. The new list contained names of 22 applicants for relief. Of this list one petition was dismissed, and one was deferred on account of the non-attendance of the visiting brother. The remaining 20 petitioners were relieved with a total sum of £570, which was made up as follows: One grant of £100 (£100); two grants of £50 each (£100); one grant of £40 (£40); four grants of £30 each (£120); three of £25 each (£75); five of £20 each (£100); three of £10 each (£30); and one grant of £5 (£5).

The lodge was then closed.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The July Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, C. H. Webb, H. A. Dubois, Frederick Binckes, Henry Lovegrove, Robert Grey, John A. Rucker, C. Hammerton, Henry Smith, James Stevens, C. F. Matier, W. H. Saunders, E. Bowyer, George Allen, Edward Johnson, H. E. Dehane, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren having confirmed the minutes of the Court of 14th April, declared eight vacancies for next election in October, for which there are 32 candidates.

The next business referred to the following report of the 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.

Bro. HEDGES in reading for information the following resolution passed at the last meeting of the General Committee:

That the House Committee be authorised to obtain a report from Messrs. Clutton as to the value of Mr. Noel Whiting's land at Battersea, and the manner in which a portion of it could be disposed of, and submit the same to the General Court, stated that Bro. Ralph Clutton had informed the House Committee that he could not be prepared with the report in time for to-day's meeting of the Court.

Col. CREATON, with reference to this report, said he thought before entering on the discussion of the business now coming before the brethren it would perhaps clear the air a little if he said a few words. It must not be thought that the owner of this land was forcing it upon the Institution: it was quite the contrary, and came about in this way. When the Institution purchased half an acre of land some time ago Mr. Whiting promised him (Col. Creaton) that whenever the land was for disposal he would give this Institution the first refusal. That had been done. Both himself and the House Committee thought it would be a very improper act on their part if they decided the matter without bringing it first before the Quarterly Court. That was the position of affairs. He had seen Mr. Whiting more than once as to the price, and Mr. Whiting said the price was £4,000 an acre; but in the event of the Institution purchasing it he would give £900 to the Institution. Mr. Whiting did not feel disposed to part with the land for less than £4,000 an acre. He (Col. Creaton) asked him if he would be bound by the decision of any one as to the value, and he said certainly not; that was his price. In that position affairs were left and it was now in the hands of the Court.

Bro. LETCHWORTH thought that before the matter was gone into they had better be in order, by moving that the report of the General Committee be received.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., Vice-Patron, thereupon moved "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."

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS felt startled at such a price being named for land in such a neighbourhood. £4,000 an acre seemed to him simply outrageous. If the land at Wandsworth adjoining the institution was worth £4,000 an acre did it not open the brethren's eyes to the importance of selling the Institution's property there and taking the Institution five or ten miles away where they could buy land at £15 an acre. The Court, as custodians of the moneys voted by the Craft, should very seriously consider how they should spend the money and be very careful about laying it out on property adjoining the Institution. He should be very sorry to see public money spent—he would not say squandered—but spent in so broadcast a manner. Personally he felt a great interest in the Girls' School, and its remaining where it was. If this property was to be bought at a reasonable price, then he should say by all means buy it. But how Mr. Whiting could ask such a sum as £4,000 from a charitable institution was to him surprising. If land at Wandsworth was worth £4,000 an acre he would strongly advise the Committee to consider the propriety of doing what many other educational establishments, such as Charterhouse, had done—go further afield, obtain better air, where they could have more pupils; for £15 an acre, within 25 miles of the City of London in the most charming spot that could be imagined. He only threw that out by the way. He thought the House Committee should consider the matter, and he should feel only too happy to support them when he knew they had considered the various points and features of the case. He knew a spot near Chislehurst where there were 50 acres at £250 an acre, and every one was aware what a charming spot that was. There were other places near railway stations, where land was under £400 an acre within half-an-hour's ride of London; other places situated on a range of hills, a most charming resort, £315 an acre. When they were dealing with other people's money all these circumstances should be taken into consideration. If the Institution sold its land at £4,000 an acre, and went further afield, instead of having 230 girls in the School they might have 250, or even more. He was entirely with the Committee if the price was a fair price, but it was not a fair price. It was a matter of life and death, but he would ask the Chairman whether there was any power in the memorandum of constitution for the Institution to deal with land.

Bro. Col. CREATON: No; we have no power at all. We do not advise the purchase; we simply bring the matter before you; we have no feeling in the matter; and I think you would have blamed us if we had allowed this to slip without letting you know.

Bro. SAUNDERS said he simply mentioned it. He thought they might tell Mr. Whiting what portion of the land they required; he might put a price upon that.

Bro. Col. CREATON could assure Bro. Saunders that Mr. Whiting would not budge. He offered the whole or none. Would Bro. Saunders make a motion.

Bro. SAUNDERS said he would move "That it is inexpedient to accept the offer of Mr. Noel Whiting."

Bro. JAMES STEVENS seconded. No one would object more to a change of site for the Institution than he. He knew the value of property in the neighbourhood in question. The frontages that would be made out of these nine acres of land could under no circumstances produce the money that had been named. Other land in the neighbourhood in a better situation had sold for £2,300, £2,200, and £2,150. The Court need not fear any buildings coming near the Institution which would prejudice it.

Bro. LETCHWORTH said they were all very much indebted to Bros. Saunders and Stevens for the valuable information they had given the Court. Bro. Stevens was well acquainted with the neighbourhood, and no one could speak with greater authority than he on the topic under discussion; but he (Bro. Letchworth), as one of the House Committee, wished to correct the misapprehension he was afraid some of the brethren entertained with regard to the Committee's action in the matter. The House Committee recommended nothing and suggested nothing. The matter was brought under their notice, and they thought it only due to the governing body of the Institution to bring it under their notice. In the meantime they obtained power from the General Committee to engage the services of one of the most eminent land agents in England—Bro. Clutton, one of the Vice-Patrons of the Institution—and it was extremely to be regretted that his report had not yet come to hand, and suggested the advisability of adjourning until after the receipt of the report.

Bro. Saunders's motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

At the request of Bro. Col. Creaton, Bro. HEDGES read a letter from Bro. Belton, land surveyor, Norfolk-street, fully bearing out the statements of Bros. Saunders and Stevens with regard to the value of the land; and on the motion of Bro. LETCHWORTH, which was duly seconded, a letter was ordered to be written to Bro. Belton thanking him for his trouble and kindness in the matter.

A vote of thanks to Col. Creaton for presiding closed the proceedings.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. There were likewise present:

Bros. A. M. Broadley, C. F. Matier, Col. J. Creaton, S. J. Parkhouse, L. Ruf, G. Bolton, G. Bolton, junr., J. J. Murray, B. Baker, A. E. Gladwell, D. M. Dewar, J. Moon, B. Lemere, F. Adlard, F. Davison, T. Cubitt, C. J. Perceval, H. Venn, H. Dicketts, D. Rolls, H. Smith, S. B. Wilson, C. H. Webb, R. W. Stewart, H. S. Goodall, A. Torkington, A. F. Binckes, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Court of April last, the Court declared vacancies in the school for 20 boys at the election in October next, and 64 candidates for the same.

On the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., Vice President of the Institution the two following resolutions were come to unanimously:

1. That, having regard to the unprecedented success of the recent Festival, which involved unusual and excessive labour, and in appreciation of the result, after 22 years' service, the sum of £250 be awarded to the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes.
2. That, in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee, the sum of £105 be awarded to Miss Elizabeth Hall, now in the 20th year of her service as Matron, in consideration of her valuable services generally, and during periods of sickness, especially in the outbreak of scarlatina last year.

The resolutions were flatteringly introduced and seconded, and strongly supported by numerous brethren.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE BURY LODGE, No. 42.

This lodge, established in 1733, being the 16th in age in the world and the third formed in the provinces, celebrated with an eclat which must have exceeded the most sanguine anticipations of the brethren, its sesqui-centennial festival, which has been looked forward to with much interest by the Craft in this neighbourhood, on the 3rd inst., amid much popular interest, on account of the historical associations of the lodge, and considerable crowds of people assembled to witness the procession of the brethren to and from the church in Masonic regalia. With the kind permission of Canon Hornby the bells rang out merry peals in honour of the occasion, as they have done on many Masonic events in the history of the lodge. The display made in the public streets was not very imposing; it was not intended to be, and the brethren repaired to church merely in accordance with a custom which was perhaps more frequently observed a century ago than now. The Bible and cushion (both presented to the lodge in 1807 by Bro. Baron, and continuously used ever since) were carried before the Chaplain by four choir boys of the Parish Church, the next conspicuous instrument being the sword, fittingly borne by the comely lawyer, Bro. Frederick Anderton. The sermon was essentially Masonic, and was delivered in a manner which commanded the undivided attention of the brethren and the public alike. In the evening the Athenæum resounded with words of hearty good fellowship, mutual encouragement in benevolence, loyalty, and well-doing, and with cheerful song and chorus. Taken altogether, the brethren of Bury have reason to be proud of the event, and the members of the Lodge of Relief may for a lifetime point to it with pride and pleasure.

The proceedings of the day commenced at half-past one, when the lodge was opened at the Bury Town Hall by the W.M., Bro. Charles Brierley, and his officers: Bros. Thos. Rigby, S.W.; Edward A. Evans, J.W.; William Sykes, S.D.; Samuel Parsons, J.D.; James Chadwick, I.G.; James Thorman, Tyler; and the following members of the lodge being also present: Bros. Fred. Anderton, P.M., P. Prov. G. Swd. Br.; J. W. Kenyon, P.M., P. Prov. G.S. of Works; T. B. Fishwick, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D.; H. Grundy, P.M., Prov. G. Purst.; J. T. Redfern, P.M.; E. Eccles, P.M.; Thomas Carter, P.M., Sec. and Org.; C. Warburton, P.M.; R. Barlow, P.M.; A. C. Buckley, P.M.; Thomas Sedgwick, P.M.; E. Simpkin, P.M.; J. Greenhalgh, W. Hoghton, J. Ward, J. W. Howarth, Jas. Chambers, W. Revill, R. Peel, T. Warburton, E. Brierley, C. Collier, J. K. Rigby, J. Robinson, L. R. Duckworth, J. Ashworth, R. Carter, J. Leach, T. H. Sleigh, W. Ashworth, and the following visitors: Bros. James Newton, P.M. 37, P. Prov. G.S.D.; G. P. Brockbank, W.M. 37, P. Prov. G.S.D.; James Brown, 37; R. Nelson, P.M. 126; Jas. Mason, 128; P. Bibby, 128; F. Wood, P.M. 128; J. C. Waterhouse, 128; Squire Holt, W.M. 128; J. Rixson, S.W. 128; J. Coulthurst, I.G. 128; J. Sandiford, 128; Warwick Wood, P.M. 128; J. Davenport, P.M. 128; J. Senior, P.M. 128; J. Dykes, S.U. 128; J. Confort, J.D. 128; J. W. Worsley, 128; S. Horrocks, P.M. 128; J. Holt, P.M. 128; J. Round, 128; O. C. Crompton, S.D. 191; J. Hutchinson, 191; A. Hopkinson, P.M. 191; J. Maude, 191; S. F. Butcher, 191; R. Pollitt, 191; J. R. Fletcher, 191, P. Prov. G. Org.; F. W. Purcell, I.G. 191; W. Lees, W.M. 191; J. H. Nuttall, J.W. 191; F. Burrow, 191; J. R. Parkinson, 191; W. Barritt, P.M. 191; J. Shaw, 191; W. Balmer, P.M. 191; J. H. Moorhouse, 191; A. Wroe, 191; L. Nuttall, 54; J. Burton, J.D. 54; J. Maxwell, S.D. 215; S. Porritt, 215, Prov. G.D. of C.; J. Roberts, 204, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. H. Kershaw, P.M. 266; R. A. Bridge, W.M. 266; J. W. Hulley, I.G. 268, Prov. G. Steward; W. R. Clayton, 191, Prov. G. Asst. Chap.; S. Moorhouse, P.M. 272; J. Ramsbottom, P.M. 274; J. Collinge, 283; G. T. Hardman, W.M. 283; T. Barker, P.M. 298; C. E. Collingwood, W.M. 298; H. Stacey, P.M. 323; J. Brierley, P.M. 344; W. Jones, 344; J. H. Heap, 344; J. Walkden, 344; H. E. Scholes, 344; J. Brooks, P.M. 344; A. Templer, W.M. 344; W. Templer, P.M. 344; J. Lawrenson, J.W. 344; J. Rigby, 345, Prov. G.T.; J. Butterworth, 367; E. C. Cooper, 484, P. Prov. G.S.B. W. Lanc.; J. Ashworth, W.M. 816; C. J. Hubbersty, 884; J. Haslam, W.M. 934; W. O. Walker, 1012, P. Prov. G.J.W.; A. Milne, 1012, Prov. G.D. of C.; J. Handley, jun., 1012; J. T. Newbold, P.M. 1012; C. B. Farr, 1012; W. T. Lamb, 1392; J. Haworth, S.D. 1392; J. C. Ainsworth, 1392; J. Brown, 1392; J. Agar, J.W. 1392; J. Metcalf, P.M. 1392; T. Wilson, 1392; A. A. Kay, 1392; J. W. Crossley, 1392; A. Bradbury, 1392; J. Mellor, P.M. 1392; R. Hall, P.M. 1392; W. Sanderson, 1392; J. Hopkinson, S.W. 1392; M. Wilcock, 1392; G. Yapp, 1392; J. W. Thompson, P.M. 1534; and E. G. Harwood, J.W. 1723. It was hoped that Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master East Lancashire, and Bro. George Mellor, V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master E. Lancashire, would have attended, but both brethren, though so intending, found themselves unable to do so at the last moment.

The hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a number of objects of local Masonic interest were arranged for inspection. Among these were two earthenware jugs, bearing the arms of the lodge and various Masonic emblems, purchased in 1792, and kindly lent by Bro. Harry Grundy; several stone images, bearing the date 1801; a Masonic apron made in Pennsylvania, and worn at the centenary festival 173 years ago; three quaint copper pitchers, also inscribed with the name and number of the lodge, dated 1813, and lent by Bro. Richard Duckworth; and an old three-cornered hat with cockade. In the centre of the room was an admirable representation of "Old Father Time," and here also were placed the terrestrial and celestial globes. The chair in which the W.M. sat was purchased 114 years ago, and those occupied by the Wardens were acquired in 1792. The old lewis, with the rough and perfect ashlar, were also there likewise, coming down to this generation of Masons from the latter year. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the officers acquitting themselves well in their several duties. The Provincial Grand Officers were afterwards admitted, and the Hundredth Psalm was sung. Addresses of welcome were then delivered by the W.M., Bro. Charles Brierley, and Bro. J. W. Kenyon, the senior member of the lodge. Bro. HARRY GRUNDY, P.M., Prov. Grand Pursuivant, then read an epitome of the lodge history, which was listened to with great attention. The space at our disposal will not admit of our reproducing the address, but we hope to be able to do so in some future number.

Bro. W. O. WALKER, in moving a vote of thanks to Bro. Grundy for his admirable paper, expressed his regret at the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, whom he felt certain would have attended had it been at all possible. The proposition was seconded and duly carried.

Bro. THOMAS CARTER, P.M., then read an interesting paper on provincial lodges anterior to No. 42, written and compiled by W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M. 131, P.G.D., from which it appears that the two provincial lodges formed before Lodge Relief at Bury were one at Bolton, which celebrated its sesqui-centennial in October last, and the other at Bath, the 150th anniversary of which took place a few weeks ago. Bro. Carter afterwards presented the lodge, on behalf of Bro. Hughan, with a photograph of much interest. The gift consisted of photographs, grouped, of the whole of the Masonic lodge houses in England in 1735—two years after Lodge Relief was formed, and which lodge house—"ye sign of ye Red Lyon in Fleet-street"—appears almost in the centre.

On the motion of Bro. CARTER, seconded by Bro. E. A. EVANS, a vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. HUGHAN for his paper and gift to the lodge.

Shortly afterwards the lodge was closed with the usual ceremonies, and the brethren formed in processional order, and, wearing the regalia, marched through the principal streets to the Parish Church, where a shortened service was gone through. The public were admitted to the church, which was well filled. The full choir of the church was present, and in the course of the service sang Gounod's beautiful anthem, "Send out thy light." Mr. Whitehead, the organist, performed in his best style the aria in G entitled "Seelig Seelig," from Mozart's Masonic Cantata "das lob der Freundschaft." The service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. W. R. Clayton, Assistant Prov. G. Chap., who also preached the sermon, at the close of which a collection was made in aid of the Masonic charities, and realised £13.

The brethren having re-formed, proceeded to the Athenæum, the usually attractive walls of which were, for this important Masonic occasion, rendered additionally pleasing by a very profuse display of flags, shields, pictures, and Masonic paraphernalia. A much-to-be-admired collection of plants from the greenhouses of Bro. W. O. Walker was tastefully arranged in the room, and a quantity of choice flowers adorned the tables. On the walls behind the platform, in the interstices between the windows, were portraits of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.; Bro. Stephen Blair, the late Prov. G.M., and presented by him to the lodge; a picture of the late Bro. John Redfern, P.M. of the lodge, presented by Bro. Grundy; and at each end of the platform a series of cabinet photographs in cases of the Past Masters of the lodge, presented by Bro. Eccles, was hung. One of the most conspicuous objects over the platform was an enlarged copy of the arms and old seal of the lodge (the only known star of this date in existence), with other Masonic emblems. In various parts of the room the arms of various East Lancashire towns were placed. The presence of a considerable number of ladies in the gallery lent an additional charm to the scene. The menu was served under the personal direction of Bro. R. Duckworth, of the Grey Mare Hotel, who was the purveyor.

Upwards of 200 brethren sat down at the tables. Amongst those on the platform were Bros. Charles Brierley, W.M.; W. O. Walker, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.A.G.C.; Rigby, P.G. Tyler East Lanc.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Newton, P.P.G.S.D.; Cooper, P.P.G. Treas. West Lanc.; Fishwick, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Wolstenholme, P.P.G.J.D.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.S.W.; Samuel Porritt, P.G.D.C.; John Roberts, D.P.G.D.C.; Andrew Milne, P.G.A.D.C.; Harry Grundy, P.G. Purst.; J. Randle Fletcher, P.P.G.O.; John Halliwell, P.P.G.S.B.; and Bro. Fred. Anderton, P.P.G.S.B. The Director of Ceremonies was Bro. John Redfern, the Stewards being Bros. Wm. Sykes, S.D., John Ward, Edward Greenhalgh, and T. H. Sleigh.

After the "non nobis," an excellent programme of toasts, glees, songs, &c., was gone through. The vocalists were Bros. S. Bailey, P.M.; W. H. Kershaw, P.M.; N. Dumville, P.M.; Mark Stafford, P.M. (Hyde); Joseph Chadwick, I.G.; W. Houghton, Alfred Roe, and W. T. Lamb. The accompanist was Bro. Thomas Carter, P.M., the Secretary of the lodge, and the hon. sec. to the sesqui-centennial committee.

We shall give in our next issue a report of the proceedings which took place at the banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, in the Island of Portland, under the banner of Portland Mark Lodge, No. 133.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1.30 by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Mark Master, the Rev. W. Mortimer-Heath, M.A., assisted by W. Bro. R. N. Howard, Mayor of Weymouth, Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers.

After the roll of officers and lodges had been called over, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the ordinary business of the Mark Province was transacted.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK MASTER then addressed the brethren on the state and prospects of the province, and congratulated them on the steady progress which Mark Masonry was making in Dorset.

The TREASURER presented his accounts, which had been duly audited, and they were unanimously adopted and passed.

A vote of thanks was passed to W. Bro. W. D. Dugdale, the Treasurer, who was vacating that office, and would not be eligible for re-election in consequence of appointment to other provincial office.

Bro. S. A. Vickery, of Mark Lodge No. 133, was elected Treasurer.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. W. B. Morgan, the Provincial Grand Registrar of Marks, and attention was called to the highly efficient manner in which the register of the province had been kept.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and

invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

- Bro. R. N. Howard ... ... Prov. G.D.G.M.
- " W. D. Dugdale ... ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " J. A. Sherren ... ... Prov. G.J.W.
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- " R. G. Long... ... Prov. G.S.O.
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- " Rev. J. F. Chanter ... ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " J. H. Bowen ... ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " S. A. Vickery (elected) ... ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " W. B. Morgan ... ... Prov. G.R. of M.
- " A. Maclean ... ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " C. J. Duing ... ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " F. Wheatley ... ... Prov. G.I.Wks.
- " R. Cox ... ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- " J. E. Ford ... ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
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- " J. Eveleigh ... ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " W. R. Jeffery ... ... Prov. G.I.G.
- " J. Clarke ... ... Prov. G. Stwd.
- " R. Greenwood ... ... Prov. G. Stwd.
- " D. Haylett (elected) ... ... Prov. G. Tyler.

After the closing of Provincial Grand Lodge the banquet was held in the lodge premises, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. It had been intended to take the Brethren for a Masonic excursion in a steambot round the Shambles Light Ship and the Bill of Portland, during the interval between lodge and banquet, but the inclemency of the weather prevented that part of the day's programme being carried out.

Obituary.

BRO. J. WHYTE MELVILLE, M.W. PAST GRAND MASTER SCOTLAND.

This distinguished brother, John Whyte Melville, of Bennoch and Strathkinness, convener of the county of Fife, died at Mount Melville on Monday morning last, the 16th inst., at the advanced age of 86. Bro. Melville had been in failing health for several months past, and his removal makes a great blank in the county, and will be lamented among all classes. He was the lineal descendant and representative of Dr. Whyte, of Bennoch, who attained great professional eminence as a physiologist and a physician, and was educated at Cambridge, and for some time held a commission in the 9th Lancers. His elder brother having died young, he succeeded to Mount Melville when he was only 21, and next year married Lady Catherine Osborne, youngest daughter of Francis, fifth Duke of Leeds.

But it is with his services as a Mason that we are more immediately concerned. These services have been noticed at length by Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec. Scotland, in his work on "Freemasonry in Scotland." He was initiated in the Lodge Holyrood House (St. Luke), Edinburgh, in 1817, was made a member of the Royal Clarence Lodge, Brighton, in 1819, and received the appointment of Prov. G.M. of Fife and Kinross in 1842, an office which he has ever since continued to hold. He was the oldest Prov. G.M. in Scotland as well as Past G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and Past Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. He became G.J.W. in 1840, and G.S.W. in 1841, filling the latter office until 1846, when he was elected Deputy G.M. That office was held by him for the long period of eighteen years under the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Athole, and in consideration of the invaluable services rendered by him, he succeeded that nobleman in 1864, and filled the office with great ability for three years, he himself being succeeded by Fox Maule, the eleventh Earl of Dalhousie. While Grand Master the singular coincidence occurred of Bro. Whyte Melville being at the head of all the various Masonic Bodies in Scotland, and at his death he was G.C. of the S.C. for Scotland of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the A. and A. Scottish Rite; G.M. of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple, and Dep. G.M. and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland, a post which he has held for 25 consecutive years, and in which he will in all likelihood be succeeded as head of the Order by M.W. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn. He was also honorary president of the Rosicrucian Society of Scotland. When he retired from the Mastership of the Grand Lodge its members manifested their respect for him by presenting Lady Catherine Whyte Melville with a bust of her husband, a duplicate of which was also presented to the Grand Lodge to perpetuate his connection with the Craft. The execution of this work of art was entrusted to Bro. John Hutchison, R.S.A., and it still adorns, with others, the Freemasons' Hall in Edinburgh. To Bro. Whyte Melville was due the honour of originating the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence in 1845, when he was in the position of Substitute Grand Master. His last appearance in the Grand Lodge, when he was received with enthusiastic applause, was on the occasion of the election and installation of the Earl of Mar and Kellie as Grand Master Mason of Scotland on the 30th November, 1881, when Sir Michael Shaw Stewart retired from office. He was much loved by the Craft in every degree, and put himself to great inconvenience in order to attend their meetings.

Bro. Whyte Melville's family have all predeceased him. Two daughters died about 25 years ago, and his only son, Major Whyte Melville, the distinguished popular writer of romance and song, was killed in the hunting field in 1878, and a monument has been erected to his memory in Market-street, St. Andrews. Within a few weeks after his son's death, Bro. Whyte Melville lost his wife, Lady Catherine. This severe blow fell on him at his advanced age with terrible force, but he had many quiet enjoyments during the last few years of his life, and we are glad to hear his end was free from pain and full of peace.

Referring to the reports in circulation alleging the existence of disease amongst the grouse, Dr. D. G. F. Macdonald says in the Times—"Trustworthy reports have received from Scotland concur in stating that grouse have hatched remarkably well, that the crop of birds this year exceeds an average, and that the genial weather has pushed forward herbage so fast that there is excellent food for the cheepers and good shelter by night. The prospects of sport, then, for the coming season are very cheering, and never before have moors been in such strong demand."

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THE FREEMASON has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe. In it the official Reports of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland are published with the special sanction of the respective Grand Masters, and it contains a complete record of Masonic work in this country, our Indian Empire, and the Colonies.

The vast accession to the ranks of the Order during the past few years, and the increasing interest manifested in its doings, has given the *Freemason* a position and influence which few journals can lay claim to, and the proprietor can assert with confidence that announcements appearing in its columns challenge the attention of a very large and influential body of readers.

Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to Six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

**To Correspondents.**

The following have been received but stand over until next week for want of space:  
Summer outing of the Affability Lodge, No. 317.  
Picnic of the Newstead Lodge, No. 47.  
Proceedings at the banquet at the Relief Lodge, Bury, Sesqui-centennial celebration.  
Palatine Lodge, No. 97.  
Walker Lodge, No. 1342.  
Gosport Mark Lodge, No. 305.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"The Citizen," "The Freemason's Repository," "The Bible in Stone," "The Masonic Advocate," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Keystone," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Tricycling Journal," "The Court Circular," "The Pionetic Journal," "Boletin Masonico," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Broad Arrow," "La Escudra," "The Vaccination Inquirer," "The Hull Packet," "List of Members A. and A. Rite."



SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1883.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**THE GIRLS' SCHOOL AND THE "LAND QUESTION."**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It will doubtless be satisfactory to all interested in the continued prosperity of our noble Institution at Wandsworth Common, except, very probably, the owner of "nine acres," that the proposal to accept the modest sum of £4000 per acre for the said land has been unanimously declined by the Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers held on Saturday last. What might have resulted from a different decision it is now no longer necessary to consider.

My object in writing is twofold. First, to congratulate the general body on the refusal to entertain the purchase; and, secondly, to perform an act of justice to those who are members of the House and General Committees. In common with many others I had been lead to entertain the opinion that those worthy brethren really desired that the outrageous offer should be accepted, but at the very commencement of the meeting, which was one of the most businesslike I have ever attended, it was apparent that such was not the case. Neither individually nor collectively was there any influence exerted to control the expression of opinions offered by the subscribers. On the contrary, an earnest attention was given to the objections raised to the suggested sale (the question was never one of a proposed purchase), and it was readily acknowledged that the respective Committees could not properly have done other than they did in submitting the matter to the Quarterly Court just as it had come before them. To have kept the general body of governors and subscribers in ignorance of the offer made by the owner of the adjacent land would have been a great error on their part, and might probably have led to future complications.

We need not fear the threatened sale to a third party, or the suggested "building in." It is one thing to "offer for sale," and another thing to "find a purchaser," even at a fair value. What it will be to obtain, at this time of depression in land values and over-building, a price nearly twice as great as that which a speculative builder would hesitate to give, is an operation which, in the course of my professional business, I shall watch with great interest.—Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M. 1216, P.Z.

Clapham, S.W., July 16th.

**GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF QUEBEC AND GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be obliged by your finding space in your next issue for a request that you and your readers will suspend judgement on any question at issue between the two bodies as above. Surely, where the real spirit of Freemasonry prevails means of adjustment of any differences which do exist, or may be supposed to exist, can readily be found.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
FREDERICK BINCKES,  
P.G.W., Grand Sec., G.L.M.M.M.

**THE GRAND LODGE ASSEMBLY AT YORK.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A similar charge of five shillings was made at Truro, on the Grand Lodge being held in that city, A.D. 1880, as in York on the 18th inst. I believe, however, present as well as past Grand Officers were called upon to pay that trifling sum at Truro, as well as all the other Freemasons who attended. Why not? Surely when the

public so readily pay much larger sums for entering reserved enclosures, the brethren of the Craft need not mind being called upon to pay five shillings each. Indeed, I almost wonder at any objection being raised to such a course, when the expenses else would fall upon non-masonic bodies.—Yours fraternally.

WILLIAM J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

[As Bro. Hughan will see elsewhere, the charge is, as he says, "Institutional," not "Masonic" at all, and this is a fact which was not realized by the words of the "Addendum."—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I very much regretted to see the letter on this subject which appeared in your last number, and it is plain that the writer quite misapprehends the real state of affairs. The charge is not made by the Masonic authorities, who have nothing in the world to do with it. It is the nominal fee charged by the committee of the York Institute of Art, &c., for the purpose of covering the expense of the accommodation they are providing for the Freemasons. So great has been the cost of the temporary building that has been erected, as well as of its decorations, that the expense of each Mason's accommodation will amount to between four and five shillings. If, therefore, there had been no charge made, the Institute would actually lose money by the transaction.

To say that it is creating a fresh precedent is incorrect, since at the Truro ceremony a charge of five shillings per head was made for every Masonic ticket.

Originally the Institute committee placed the Masonic tickets at 10s. 6d., but in consequence of our representations the charge was reduced. We, who have had the anxiety of the arrangements, to say nothing of the time and trouble expended, have all purchased tickets of admission, and never dreamed of any objection being taken to so paltry a sum, nor do I believe that any brother who was asked to pay would really wish to inquire the progress of the York Institute by attending as a "Dead Head."

It was never intended to charge actual or acting Grand Officers. The Province of North and East Yorkshire pays for their tickets, considering that, being the working Masons of the day, they should not be put to any such expense, however small.—I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD,

Chairman Prov. Committee.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am altogether at a loss to understand what possible ground of complaint a "Past Grand Officer" can have on being called upon to pay 5s. for his ticket. As to his summons, I—as a member of Grand Lodge—was equally summoned as himself, although only (?) a P.M. and P.P.G. Officer. In York, brethren had to find room for Grand Lodge and for two Provincial Grand Lodges, and if, in addition to this, they were to find room for Past Officers of Grand Lodge, they must then have found room for the Past Officers of the two Provincial Grand Lodges.

I do not think it shows consideration for others, a Past G.O. asking to be provided for gratis, and I cannot help suggesting that the right to don the "Garter-blue" bears with it not only privileges but also duties. I consider the complaint "intra dig" and unmasonic.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

NOBLESSE OBLIGE.

"THE SAME USAGES AND CUSTOMS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to reply to Bro. James Stevens's query. What is meant by the "same usages and customs" in the Book of Constitutions is not, I apprehend, difficult to realize. Such words would import that the "same usages and customs" "generaliter," that is to say, in essential points and in the main the same, shall be maintained in our lodges. The Grand Lodge wisely abstains from definition, and from any interference with the harmless and rational liberty of minute deviation in matters which are not "of necessity." To enforce arbitrarily one stereotyped form of ceremonial and verbiage would compass an infinity of harm, would pave the way to grave abuses, and would be opposed to that spirit of wise toleration which, since the Union, has most properly characterized the action of Grand Lodge in such matters.

It is quite clear that up to 1813 there was no one recognised system of ceremonial. If that ceremonial was arranged after the 1717 Revival, in 1721, as it has been asserted, by Desaguliers and Payne, it was again apparently altered by Clare, so it is said, and was again manipulated by Preston. During the last century, and up to 1813, there were practically the York, the Modern, the Ancient, and the Prestonian systems of working, the difference almost entirely consisting in a slight variation of forms and points of usage, and mostly of more expanded or condensed verbiage. The ancient working was probably more Johannite than the Modern, but in the only professed copy of it I have seen, of date 1801, there is but slight substantial difference, if any. No doubt some changes were made in 1720, or thereabouts, for special reasons, to which in the main we still adhere; though, as others know, a good deal of uncertainty rests upon this subject, from the fact that very few MS. copies of ceremonial, if any, before 1750 are known to be extant. The earliest I have seen is one professedly of 1780.

In 1813, when the Union came about, the Lodge of Reconciliation was formed out of the Antients and Moderns and a common ceremonial approved of in Grand Lodge. But this very revision has two sides. The work of Hemming, which was first in time, and is still worked in the Stability Lodge of Instruction under "Old Mug," was superseded by order of the Duke of Sussex by a later revision by Bro. Williams, Prov. G.M. for Dorsetshire, and which is now worked by the Lodge of Emulation. Hence at this moment as some contend we have six systems at work, the remains of the Old York (if it exists), the Ancient, the Old Modern, the Prestonian, Hemmings's, and Williams's, and these mainly keep to the "same usages and customs," though with some very innocent deviations alike in "manner and matter." When Bro. H. Warren, the last Prestonian lecturer, delivered the Prestonian lecture in Yorkshire some years back it was found that what had been considered the "Old York" was in truth Prestonian. When Bro. Barton Wilson saw this working he at once said "Prestonian!"

I am not aware of any known copy of the Old York system existing, and the Second and Third Degrees of Preston are still as he left them in cypher undeciphered. Hence I think Bro. Stevens will see the great difficulty and intricacy of the subject, and how it is just one of those matters of which it is best and wisest to say, "Leave well alone." I feel pretty sure that if our provincial brethren once realize that those harmless and cherished varieties of difference which they have practised, and their fathers before them for long years, are to be swept away by a "fad" or fancy, for a childish, a bald, an arbitrary uniformity, they will pronounce their opinion in Grand Lodge in a way which will settle the subject for many years to come.

I, for one, entirely approve of the present verbiage of the Book of Constitutions on the subject, and I thank the Board of General Purposes for taking away from us the pretext of any interference with the liberty of lodges and the harmless divergencies of our lodge ceremonial. What an interesting lecture might be made for expert Masons on these little archaeological peculiarities and differences, which often tell of high antiquity, and mark the inevitable "outcome" of carefully preserved oral traditions, identical in the main but with variations, most certainly allowable, both of locality and language, mannerism and symbolism, usages and customs.—Yours obediently,

MASONIC STUDENT.



CHARLES SACKVILLE.

The perusal of an illustrated copy of "Spencer's Anecdotes," recently sold by Mr. Stubbs, 32, Museum-street, convinces me more than ever of the grave doubts affecting the Florence medal. Spencer, with Lord Middlesex, was at Florence in 1732, and among others was a Mr. Smyth, son of the Bishop of Limerick. Lord Middlesex writes to him, in 1735, about his (Lord Middlesex's) alleged participation in the "Calves' Head Club, &c.," January 30th, which he denies, but he gives no hint and "makes no sign" of Freemasonry. His friend, Frederick Prince of Wales, was initiated, as is well-known, in 1737, November 5th, and subsequently made a M.M. at an "occasional lodge," which assembled then under Dr. Desaguliers as W.M., and it seems impossible to believe that if Lord Middlesex was W.M. of a lodge in 1732-33 he should have been then absent. I believe I am correct in saying there is no trace of his ever recognising the Masonic Order in England; and Spence, so far as is known, does not allude to it. When he writes to his mother from Turin in 1739, about the "Adepts," he does not allude in any way to the Freemasons, though he would naturally have done so had he known of the Florentine Lodge, and when he is in correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Ridley on the mysteries, there is no trace of any knowledge of Masonic initiations. It seems to me that the words "Ab Origine" on the Florentine medal are fatal both as to genuineness and its authenticity.

DRYASDUST.

OCCASIONAL LODGES.

Have we not in this early use of unwarranted lodges the explanation of many seemingly inexplicable little matters? This is a subject which in my humble opinion deserves more attention than it has hitherto received.

MASONIC STUDENT.

A MASONIC TOKEN.

A tradesman in Lancaster, and also a member of the Craft, has recently come into possession of what is evidently a Masonic token. On one side is a coat of arms, supported by what appears to be two beavers, the crest being a bird standing on a ball. In a ribbon beneath is the motto—"Amor, honor, et justitia." Around the outer edge is the following: "Prince of Wales, elected G.M., 24th Nov. 1790." On the reverse is a triangle, with the word "Wisdom" upon one side of it, "Strength" on the other, and "Beauty" across the bottom. Within the triangle at the apex is the all-seeing eye, and below it the letter "G." Beneath this is what appears to be a Cupid, the right hand pointing upwards to the letter; the left resting on what appears to be an anchor. In the left hand corner at the basement is a book, and in the right the square and compasses. Around the outer edge are the words—"Sil lux . . . [indistinct] . . . Euit . . ." the rest being undecipherable. The token is about the size of a half-penny, and on the rim are the words—"Payable in Lancaster, London, or Bristol." Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you, or some of your numerous readers who take an interest in Masonic lore may be able to explain under what circumstances the token above described was struck and put into circulation.

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SOLOMON'S SEAL.

Many mistakes are still perpetuated by writers as regards this mystic emblem. It is not the Pentalfa, as we have often said, but the Hexapla. And so Mr. William Platt, writing to *Notes and Queries* respecting Solomon's seal, says: "The legend of Solomon's seal (Khatim Sulimani) is connected with the superstitions and religious belief of the Mahometans. This signet ring is said to have come down from heaven to Solomon, the son of David, and on it was engraved 'the most great name' (ism-i-azam) of God. It was partly composed of brass and partly of iron. With the brass Solomon stamped his written commands to the good genii, with the iron those to the evil genii or devils, of which metal they were supposed to have great dread. Over both these orders, by virtue of this talisman, he had absolute power, as well as over the winds, the birds, and even wild beasts. Hexagonal in shape and resembling a six-pointed star, it was formed by two equilateral triangles intersecting each other." MASONIC STUDENT.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC AND THE GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND.

We print by request the following correspondence:—

Richmond, Province of Quebec,

Dominion of Canada, June 23rd, 1883.

Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c.,

M.W. Sir,—

It becomes my duty to communicate the following to you, and to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons over which you preside:

On December 12, 1876, the M.E. the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec was regularly formed by the union and co-operation of all the chapters of Royal Arch Masons in our province (with the exception of the St. Paul's Chapter, E.R., in Montreal) and claiming to have, and to exercise, within our said province, exclusive sovereign jurisdiction over all chapters of Royal Arch Masons, including (as said constituent chapters always did include) all lodges of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Masons; and, as such, our Grand Chapter of Quebec has been duly recognised by, and has interchanged Grand Representatives with, nearly all Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Chapters throughout the world.

On September 25, 1878,—as Grand Z.,—I addressed our M.E. Grand Chapter of Quebec, in Annual Convocation, as follows:—"I beg to recommend this Grand Chapter to consider the propriety of recognising, and establishing fraternal correspondence with the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, as duly entitled to exercise supreme authority over all lodges of that Degree in England and Wales, and in all the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, wherein no other Grand Body exists (or of right may be formed) claiming jurisdiction over that Degree, and that said recognition be duly communicated, together with our hearty good wishes, to that Grand Lodge." This recommendation was, by resolution, unanimously adopted by our Grand Chapter, and an authenticated copy thereof forwarded to the Grand Secretary of your Grand Lodge.

At an early subsequent communication of your Grand Lodge, the above recognition, accorded to it by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, was accepted by your Grand Body, with expressions of marked fraternal satisfaction, and the following announcement appeared shortly thereafter in your printed proceedings, viz.: "Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, &c., M.E. Comp. John H. Graham, M.A., LL.D., Grand First Principal Z., to the Sup. G.R.A. Chapter of Quebec; and from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, M.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., P.G.M., to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, &c."

On September 23, 1879, it was announced by me to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in annual convocation, as follows:—"I have great pleasure in announcing to you that the recognition accorded by this Grand Chapter to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and of the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, has been fraternally accepted by that Grand Body; that Grand Representatives to and from our respective Grand Bodies have been appointed, and that therewith fraternal correspondence has been established under the most happy auspices; and based on the great principle of our respective sovereign jurisdictional supremacy, embodied in our fraternal resolution of recognition, &c." Our Grand Chapter unanimously adopted the reports of the Committees on the address of the Grand Z., and on Foreign Correspondence, as follows: That "they join the Grand Z. in welcoming the establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Mark Masters Lodge of England and Wales, and heartily congratulate him on his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Mark Lodge, with the rank of Honorary Past Grand Warden of the English Grand Body." The appointment of M.W. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., P.G.M., as our Grand Representative near your Grand Lodge, was unanimously confirmed, and a commission ordered to be immediately forwarded to that M.W. Brother,—which was done.

Upwards of three years have now elapsed since the last preceding date, and copies of our respective published proceedings have hitherto been exchanged, but no letters of enquiry, or other official communications of any kind, or upon any subject, have been received by me from your Grand Lodge or from our Grand Representative near your Grand Body, nor by our Grand Scribe E. from your Grand Secretary, and hence it was thought by us that the inter-jurisdictional relations, so happily and firmly established as we supposed, were being fraternally maintained, and the obligations of Masonic international comity were being strictly observed by you; but it now appears from what, as below, has but recently come to our knowledge, that for upwards of a year past your Grand Body has been acting towards us in utter disregard of your covenant obligations, and as if you consider that the Freemasons of Quebec and of the Dominion of Canada have no Masonic rights which you are in any way bound to respect.

About the end of April last, a then seemingly incredible rumour reached me to the effect that a lodge of Mark Master Masons had been established in the city of Montreal by your Grand Body, and I addressed a letter of

enquiry anent the same, of date May 3rd ult., to our Grand Representative near your Grand Lodge, but to this date, June 23rd inst., I have neither received an acknowledgment thereof, nor a reply thereto; but in the latter part of May ult. there appeared in several of the leading secular newspapers published in the cities of Montreal, P.Q., and Toronto, Ontario, articles to the effect that on the 25th day of May ult. "the anniversary of Victoria Lodge, No. 301, Montreal, of Mark Master Masons, under the Grand Lodge of England, was held in the city of Montreal, and was presided over by W. Bro. William Ross; that leading officers of another Mark Master Masons Lodge, E.R., in the city of Montreal, namely, the 'Henniker'" (named it would appear in honour of your lordship and presumably with your consent), "were also present thereat; that the Secretary read a communication covering a patent and warrant from the Grand Mark Mason Lodge in England appointing R.W. Bro. William Badgley, District Grand Master for Quebec Province, and that he was proclaimed as such; that the said District Grand Master then appointed R.W. Bro. W. H. Hutton to be his Deputy; and Bro. J. O. Mathews his Secretary, and he announced that he would hold his first District Grand Lodge during the month of June inst."

Upon examining the published report of the half-yearly communication of your Grand Lodge, held June 6th, 1882, I find that, while in the body of the proceedings, the last warrant then reported to your Grand Lodge as having been issued, is numbered "298," yet in the list of lodges on your registry, given at the end of the same proceedings, appears the following, viz.: "301, Victoria, Montreal, P.Q., Canada, fourth Tuesday in every month, date of Constitution, 8th May, 1882," (upwards of five years after the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec).

In *The (London, Eng.) Freemason* of date May 26th, 1883, I find also the statement that "two new provinces have been constituted by your Grand Lodge at Montreal and Tasmania."\*

These published reports not only remain uncontradicted, but the principal statements thereof have, in answer to enquiries thereabout by the Grand Superintendent of Quebec, for the District of Montreal, been declared to be correct by at least two of those whose names appear therein.

In view of this most unfraternal and unjustifiable invasion of our Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, &c.—an invasion which, in my opinion, is unparalleled in its enormity by aught of like nature in the history of the Masonic Fraternity—I, therefore, hereby resign the position of Honorary Grand Warden of said Grand Lodge, and request you to direct your Grand Secretary to delete my name from the roll of officers of your Grand Body; and I also herewith return my Commission as Grand Representative of your Grand Mark Lodge near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, and I also hereby further inform you that, unless all these unwarrantable acts of invasion of a friendly nationality are apologised for and cancelled by you and your Grand Lodge, I shall deem it my duty to advise the M.E. Grand Z. of our Grand Chapter of Quebec to revoke the Commission of our Grand Representative of Quebec, at your Grand Lodge,—to declare the said Victoria and Henniker Mark Lodges, and the aforementioned District Grand Lodge, in the city of Montreal, to be irregular bodies, and their officers and members to be clandestine Mark Master Masons, and that he further declare Masonic non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, and with all Masons of its obedience, and that he make a solemn appeal to all regular and covenant-keeping Grand Chapters, and to all law-abiding and loyal Mark Master Masons and lodges of such, throughout the world, to uphold and sustain the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, in condemning the said flagrant invasion of her jurisdiction; and, in the defence of their own rights, as well as ours, and those of the Craft in general, faithfully and fraternally to support Quebec in the vindication and maintenance of her exclusive sovereign authority within this province.—Yours, &c., JNO. H. GRAHAM,

P.G.Z. G.C. of Quebec, and Late Gr. Rep. of Gr. L. of M.M.M. of Eng., &c., near the Gr. C. of Q.

Richmond, P.Q., Canada, May, 3rd, 1883.

M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Gr. Rep. of the M.E. Gr. Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec, near the M.W. the G.L. of M.M.M. of England, &c.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

A rumour has just reached me, causing me much anxiety, to the effect that the M.W. the G.L. of M.M.M. of England and Wales, &c., which I have the honour to represent at the M.E. the Gr. Chapter of Quebec, has issued a Warrant for the establishment of a lodge of M.M.M. in the city of Montreal, and within the sovereign jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter of Quebec.

I do not deem it possible that such can be the case, but being desirous of knowing the actual facts relating thereto, I at once addressed myself to you, as our Gr. Rep. near that Gr. Body, begging you to be pleased to ascertain and communicate the same to me at your earliest convenience, so that if such as not been done, we may avert a deplorable event, and if, unhappily, the rumour is correct, I may take such steps as honour and Masonic duty demand of me, and that I may be so enabled to submit the matter to our M.E. Gr. Z., and to our Grand Chapter, as that whatever action may be taken anent the same shall accord with our duties and obligations as a Sovereign Gr. Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

An early reply, giving all the facts pertaining to this important matter, will very greatly favour.—Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN H. GRAHAM,  
P.G.Z. G.C. of Quebec, and Gr. Rep. of G.L. of M.M.M. of England, Wales, &c., &c.  
Care of Frederick Binckes, Esq.,  
Gr. Sec. of G.L. of M.M.M., &c.,  
No. 8a, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C., London, England.

\* The proceedings of the half-yearly communication of the G.L. M.M.M. of England, &c., held at London, June 5th, 1883,—M.W. Bro. Lord Henniker, presiding,—were published in *The (London) Freemason* of date June 9th inst., and in the "Report of the General Board," there appears the following *inter alia*—"New Lodges,—No. 314, Henniker, Montreal,"—and "New Provinces (1) at Montreal, Canada, under the 'R.W. Bro. Hon. William Badgley, as Provincial Grand Master,' and signed 'G. R. Portal, President,'"

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTS.

The Grand Lodge for the Province of Herts was held on Monday, the 16th inst., and advantage was taken of the circumstance to complete the work to which had been devoted the fund raised amongst the Freemasons of England towards the restoration of what is now St. Alban's Cathedral, but which was originally not a cathedral, but an abbey church, part of a celebrated monastery founded in 793 by Offa, King of Mercia. The bishopric of St. Albans, it will be remembered, was established (out of the dioceses of London, Winchester, and Rochester) by an Act of Parliament passed in 1875. Hence the necessity of "restoring" the abbey church so as to provide a cathedral for the new bishopric. The connection of St. Albans with Freemasonry is coeval with St. Alban, the first martyr in Great Britain, who was buried on a hill near the town, where a monastery was erected to his memory, who is claimed as being a founder of Freemasonry in this country.

On Monday, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Town Hall by the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire, supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, Prov. G.M.; J. E. Cussans, P.G.S.W.; W. Hobson, P.G.J.W.; F. S. Knyvett, P.G. Treas.; R. B. Croft, P.G. Reg.; J. E. Dawson, P.G. Sec.; James Terry, P.G.D.C.; G. F. Cook, P.G.A.D.C.; E. Francis, P.G. Org.; T. Woodman, P.G. Purst.; J. Hunt, P.G. Stwd.; Edwards, P.P.G.R.; J. Purrott, P.P.G.S.B.; Chas. E. De Keyser, P.P.G.J.W.; Francis Sillitoe, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Mickley, P.P.G.D.; J. Fisher, P.P.G. Svd. Br.; H. Cox, P.P.G. Sup. W.; Rev. C. E. Mayo, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; W. H. Rowe, P.P.G.S.W.; Thomas Kent, P.P.G.J.W.; Hy Balderson, P.P.G.J.D.; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. H. W. Casely, P.P.G. Chap.; James Cutbush, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Venables, P.P.G. Purst.; C. Lacey, P.G.D.; Dr. F. Webster, P.P.G.J.D.; Dr. Livingston, P.P.G.J.W.; and F. D. R. Copestick, P.G.D. There were also on the dais Bros. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., R.W. Provincial Grand Master Middlesex; John Havers, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. O. Thompson, M.A., Grand Chap.; Edgar Bowyer, Assist. Grand Std. Br.; and L. Deedes, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. There was also a very large attendance of brethren from the lodges in the province as well as many distinguished visitors, including Bros. Mann, and many others from other provinces. There were about 200 brethren in Provincial Grand Lodge.

When the lodge had been opened Bro. TERRY, Prov. D.C., called upon the brethren to salute the Provincial Grand Master with seven; Col. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. Middlesex, also with seven; Bro. John Havers, P.G.W. Eng., with five; and Bros. Rev. W. O. Thompson, Grand Chap., and Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br., with three. The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held 13th July, 1882, having been read, the roll of the lodges in the province was then called over, and was very numerous responded to. Bro. Knyvett was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and briefly returned thanks for the continued confidence of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The appointment and investiture of Grand Officers was then proceeded with by the Provincial Grand Master, who in reappointing Dr. Iles to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master said that without the assistance of Dr. Iles he should have found it very difficult to carry on his work. The following is the list of Provincial Grand Officers for the year:

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| Bro. Isaac Newton Edwards  | ... | Prov. G.S.W.      |
| " Edward Swain, M.D.   | ... | Prov. G.J.W.      |
| " Rev. C. C. Ewbank, M.A.  | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| " Rev. Philip Deedes, M.A.   | ... | Prov. G. Chap.    |
| " F. S. Knyvett  | ... | Prov. G. Treas.   |
| " Edward Taylor  | ... | Prov. G. Reg.     |
| " J. E. Dawson   | ... | Prov. G. Sec.     |
| " C. Miskin  | ... | Prov. G.S.D.      |
| " J. T. Rowe   | ... | Prov. G.J.D.      |
| " W. R. Dixon  | ... | Prov. G.S. of W.  |
| " James Terry  | ... | Prov. G.D.C.      |
| " C. W. Allen  | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C.    |
| " C. K. Killick  | ... | Prov. G. Svd. Br. |
| " George Gaffe   | ... | Prov. G. Org.     |
| " George Young   | ... | Prov. G. Purst.   |
| " John Noyes   | ... | Prov. G.A. Purst. |
| Bros. G. C. Barnes, L. J. Myers, J. B. Nichol, H. Slade, W. Wells, and A. E. Ekins | ... | Prov. G. Stwds.   |
| Bro. Thos. Wright  | ... | Prov. G. Tylers.  |
| " Chas. Thomas   | ... |                   |

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said that, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, a meeting had been held to consider the subject of charity organisation in the province. It was attended by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and several brethren, and the question was considered, and a code of rules drawn up for the approval of this Prov. Grand Lodge. If this Charity Organisation Society were established it would be purely voluntary on the part of lodges and members; but it had been found that a great deal of voting power in the province had been lost for the want of organisation, and the object of this society was that these votes should be collected together, so that the work of the province might be facilitated in its endeavours to carry their candidates at elections. But if any one were individually interested in any particular case it was not intended that the society should in any way interfere with individual efforts. The proposed code of rules had been circulated, and he now proposed that they should be taken as read.

Bro. TERRY: The rules having been read, I move that they be adopted.

The proposition having been seconded, it was suggested that the rules should contain an authority to the committee to appoint an Hon. Secretary, and with this amendment the rules were adopted, some other suggested improvements being left for the consideration of the committee.

On the motion of the PROV. GRAND TREASURER, the accounts, which had been duly circulated, were taken as read, after which they were adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The following resolutions were then carried:—  
Proposed by Bro. T. S. CARTER, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. and Sec., and seconded by Bro. CUSSANS, P.G.S.W.—  
"That the sum of Twenty Guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and that the amount be placed on W. Bro. R. B. Croft's list.

Proposed by Bro. JAMES TERRY, Prov. G.D.C., P.M. 1327, and duly seconded—"That the sum of Ten Pounds

be voted to the Halsey Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge."

Proposed by W. Bro. F. H. WILSON ILES, D.P.G.M., and duly seconded—"That the sum of Ten Guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the St. Alban's Hospital and Dispensary."

Proposed by Bro. JOHN E. DAWSON, Prov. G. Sec., P.M. 404, and duly seconded—"That the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued."

The Secretary, Bro. DAWSON, reported that since the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, the M.W. Grand Master had granted a Warrant, dated 30th October, 1882, for the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford; and that the new lodge was duly consecrated on the 13th December, 1882, by the R.W. Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire, W. Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., Dep. P.G.M., being installed as the first Master by the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then suspended and proceeded to the Abbey to witness the unveiling of the pulpit erected by the Freemasons. It is scarcely necessary to say that the inhabitants of St. Albans turned out in large numbers to witness the procession of the Freemasons, clothed in the badges of the Order—first the lay brethren, and then the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, and Grand Officers of England, conducting the R.W. Prov. Grand Master. At the entrance to the cathedral the brethren opened their ranks between which the Grand Master and Grand Officers of the province passed into the sacred edifice, the brethren following them in admirable order. The prayers were said by the rector, the Rev. W. J. Laurence, M.A., and Bro. the Rev. P. Deedes, M.A., Prov. Grand Chap. The proper Psalms appointed for the service were cxxii, cxxxiii, which were chanted by the choir. The first lesson (II. Chron., vi. chap. to v. 21.), was read by the Rev. W. H. W. Casely, P. Prov. Grand Chap., and the second (St. Luke x. chap., verses 25 to 38), by the Rev. L. Deedes, M.A., Past Prov. Grand Chap.

After the singing of Kent's anthem, "Blessed be Thou," the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER unveiled the pulpit, and, standing in front of it, said, addressing the Rev. W. J. Laurence: It is now my duty on behalf of the Freemasons of England to offer for the acceptance of the authorities of this cathedral a pulpit which has been subscribed for by all ranks of Freemasons, from our Grand Master downwards. I will now ask you, acting on behalf of the cathedral authorities, to accept this pulpit in the name of the Craft, with their earnest prayer that from it may be poured forth for many generations a living stream of holy counsel—of warning to the backsliding, and of cheering words to desponding and repentant sinners, and that as the water flowed from the rock at the bidding of Moses, so from this pulpit the words of life may flow from generation to generation.

The Rev. W. J. LAURENCE: In the name of the authorities of this cathedral I accept the pulpit at your hands with thanks.

The new pulpit is a massive structure in grey marble and stone, and, as pulpits go, has claims to beauty. As a matter of course, it looks intensely modern in the midst of the antiquities by which it is surrounded; but in a building embracing architecture of every age—from the time of the Normans to that of Edward IV.—it cannot be amiss if, with the restoration of the cathedral, the style of the Victorian age should enter into the work.

The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. O. THOMPSON, M.A., Grand Chaplain, from the text "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light." Acts xxvi., 18.

The offertory collection after the sermon amounted to £31 12s. 8d., which is to be appropriated for building a new boys' school in the parish.

At the conclusion of the service the brethren returned in their previous order to the Town Hall, where Prov. Grand Lodge was resumed, and after a few remarks upon the Masonic work which had just been completed, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

At the conclusion of the dinner which followed the closing of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the PROV. GRAND MASTER rose and said that the first toast he had to propose he need hardly say was that which was always well received in all assemblies of Englishmen, and doubly so in all assemblies of Freemasons, namely, "The Queen and the Craft."

The next toast was "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales." The Prince of Wales had not been enabled to attend Provincial Grand Lodge on this occasion. He (the Chairman) and the other Prov. Grand Officers had had hopes that H.R.H. would have been there, because he was one of the first to respond to the appeal when it was proposed recently to raise this fund; those present however were aware that the Grand Master had a great Masonic meeting at York this week to which he had proceeded on that very day; it was therefore impossible for him to come to St. Albans. He (the Chairman) thought they might congratulate themselves on the advance which the Craft had made since H.R.H. had presided over them, and he trusted that H.R.H. might long be spared to rule over the Craft. If any assurance had been wanting of the interest the Prince took in their Order, and the attention he paid to its business, it would be found in the graceful manner in which an alteration which was not quite popular in the Craft had recently been rescinded.

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast he had to ask them to drink was that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," and he intended along with it to propose "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." It had been hoped that both the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom would have been there that evening. Had they been present it must have been necessary to propose these toasts separately, but as they had both expressed to him (the Chairman) their great regret at being unable to be present, and therefore could not reply personally, he thought he might put the toasts together. He went on to say that he thought they were the right men in the right places. He thought that anyone would be persuaded of that who saw Lord Carnarvon preside at the special Grand Lodge that had been held recently in London. In Lord Lathom they knew they had an efficient Grand officer. They knew that a careful selection the Grand Master made, and that none were appointed but such as would justify H.R.H.'s selection. By the manner in which the other



Grand officers discharged their duty they had justified the choice that was made of them. They had among them that day two of the actual Grand officers of the year, Bro. Edgar Bowyer and Bro. Thompson. They also had with them Bro. Havers, P.G.J.W. of England, one whose name was a household word, and Bro. Thompson, Grand Chaplain. In that province it was unnecessary for him to say anything of their respective merits. As Grand Chaplain of England, Bro. Thompson would with credit uphold the honour of the Craft. Bro. Bowyer was the founder of a lodge which, though the last, was by no means the least of the lodges in the province. He was a very active Mason; he had given large support to all the Masonic Charities, and the honour that had been conferred upon him was richly deserved. It was some time since they had been privileged to drink that toast in honour of the Grand officers present. With this toast he would couple the name of Bro. Thompson.

Bro. the Rev. W. O. THOMPSON thanked the brethren most heartily for the reception given to the toast, and to the Prov. Grand Master for the kind words he had used in proposing it. He endorsed every word that the Prov. Grand Master had said about the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. After a passing reference to the recent Special Grand Lodge to consider the amendments to the revised Book of Constitutions, Bro. THOMPSON again thanked them for the toast. He thought that the interests of Freemasonry were safe in the hands of their present rulers, who conscientiously desired to uphold the honour of the Craft.

Bro. JOHN HAVERS, P.G.J.W., in response to a very general call, said, all he could say, after an absence of five years from Grand Lodge, the welcome which had greeted his reappearance had touched him deeply. For six or seven-and-twenty years he had enjoyed the confidence, and had been an adviser of the M.W. Grand Master for the time being, and he had spoken freely on matters coming before Grand Lodge. During a long illness, however, he had thought that while he had served the brethren honestly he had not made sufficient allowance for the opinions of others, and that he had trod rather too hard upon the corns of other people. Even now, if he saw any corns that wanted treading on in the interests of the Craft, he would tread on those corns. He thought they were most fortunate in possessing such brethren as they did for their rulers. For himself he thanked them, and wished to add that he had not seen the proceedings of any provincial grand lodge conducted with such regularity as those of that day. The manner in which Bro. Terry, the Prov. G. D.C., had performed his work was beyond praise. He congratulated the brethren upon having such a Prov. Grand Master, and he congratulated the Prov. Grand Master upon having such an influential body of Masons to rule over, and if he (Bro. Havers) could render them any service he should be happy to do so.

Bro. Dr. ILES, Deputy Prov. G.M., said once more the pleasing task devolved upon him of proposing "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master." He was sure that it was only necessary for him to name the toast in order to secure for it, the attention and cordial reception which it deserved. Addressing the Chairman he reminded him that he had entered on the tenth year of his office as ruler of the province, and assured him that each year found him more popular and more and more firmly cemented in the hearts of the brethren. In connection with the Prov. Grand Master's remarks upon the beneficial influence of the Prince of Wales upon the Craft in general, Bro. Isles drew a parallel as to the influence that Prov. Grand Master had exercised in the Province of Herts. When he was appointed to the province there were eight lodges carried on with a certain amount of perfection. There were now twelve lodges, and all were carrying out Masonry as they could wish. The youngest of those lodges was represented almost to a man there on that occasion. Without further preface he proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master."

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said in reply that he had again most cordially to thank his Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the kind manner in which he had proposed, and the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had received, this toast. He thought that the first 10 years of his occupying his position could not have a more fitting completion than the ceremony in which they had that day participated in the grand old minster; it augured well for the future of Freemasonry in the province. He had a very strong idea that when a person undertook an office it was his duty to endeavour to carry it out to the best of his ability. He had done that. He must say—though perhaps it would come best with the next toast, he could not resist the temptation of saying it at once—that a great deal of the success which had attended his term of office in that Prov. Grand Lodge was due to the assistance he had received from the Grand Officers, especially from Bro. Isles, first in the capacity of Prov. Grand Secretary, and in the second half of his term as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. It was a matter of great rejoicing to him that lodges were increasing, and that the old lodges were improving, as he himself could testify. He had himself other duties to perform which prevented his attending so much in private lodges as he could wish; but any shortcomings of his in that respect were amply made up by Bro. Dr. Isles and Bro. Dawson, of whom he could say with truth that they were what in theory they ought to be—the eyes and ears of the Provincial Grand Master. He must congratulate the province on its prosperity, and should he be called to preside over it for another 10 years, they might find themselves in a still higher position than at present. Before he sat down he thought that it was due to Bro. De Keyser to say something in recognition of the part he had taken in the improvements in the cathedral, which he had brought to perfection that day. Before this work was inaugurated, Bro. De Keyser's zeal for the cause was well known, and for the manner in which he had carried out the business, the arduous work that he had undertaken and the way in which he had carried it out, deserved the highest recognition at the hands of the brethren; and he hoped that with their assistance the deficit that Bro. De Keyser had mentioned in lodge would be easily made up. All of them knew—all at least who attended Provincial Grand Lodge—must be aware how very much depended upon having an efficient Director of Ceremonies, and how much they owed in this respect to Bro. Terry for the efficient manner in which he had performed the office of Director of Ceremonies. He would be wrong also if he sat down without thanking the Halsey Lodge for the way in which they had carried out the proceedings on this occasion. It was a great

undertaking for a private lodge to entertain Provincial Grand Lodge, but especially on such an occasion when a ceremony as had that day taken place had to be conducted. He wished also to pay a tribute to those (two of them were churchwardens and, he thought, members of that lodge) who planned the carrying out of the arrangements in the cathedral; the brethren owed them a debt of gratitude. In conclusion, he thanked them again for the cordial manner in which they had received him on that occasion, and trusted to prove himself worthy, although absolute perfection was not to be reached here below, and he knew that his shortcomings were numerous. The Prov. Grand Master added that he had already said most of what he wished to say about the Prov. Grand Officers, and he would now ask them to drink to "The Health of Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and to that of the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He was sure from the reception with which Bro. Isles's name had just been greeted that they would receive the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved. To the younger Prov. Grand Officers he would say that what they had to do was to follow in the steps of those who had gone before them.

Bro. Dr. ILES, on behalf of the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, returned his most sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which the Prov. Grand Master had proposed the toast, and the cordial manner in which it had been received by the brethren. The Past Prov. Grand Officers had shown that they were worthy of their honours, and he was satisfied that the officers the Prov. Grand Master had chosen that day would also justify his choice, and would become ornaments to the Provincial Grand Lodge. For himself, he thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the way in which he had referred to him, and spoken of the services he had rendered. During the past year, from illness in his house and other causes, he had not been able to go about as much as usual, but from what he had been able to do in that respect he could testify to the improvement of the lodges. He hoped that this year he should be able to visit the more distant parts of the province. He knew that they were doing excellent work, and he might refer more especially to the Halsey Lodge, under whose banner they were that day assembled, as a type of other lodges throughout the province. Dr. Iles concluded by saying that as long as he had health and strength, and the Prov. Grand Master was pleased to repose in him the same confidence as he did now, he would be happy to do his best for the good of the province.

Bro. DE KEYSER here rose and said that it had been suggested to him to repeat at the table what he had stated in Provincial Grand Lodge. All would admit that the proceedings of the day had been successfully carried out. The cost of the pulpit presented to the cathedral was £638, but there was still a deficiency of about £100 to complete that sum. He need only say that he should be thankful for any assistance the brethren would afford in wiping off that deficit. He had already received two or three pounds at the table, and he should be glad of any further contributions, to be sent to his address, which he believed they were all acquainted with.

The CHAIRMAN said that Sir Francis Burdett, the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, had been obliged to leave, but he thought those brethren who were acquainted with that province would bear him out in saying there was not a more successful province or a more efficient Master. He proposed "The Health of the Grand Masters of the other Provinces."

Bro. F. S. KNYVETT, Prov. Grand Treasurer, said that the Provincial Grand Master had entrusted him with the gavel to propose what he was sure all would consider a very important toast, "The Visitors," and the name he should couple with this toast was that of Bro. Freeman, of the Himalaya Lodge, Calcutta. Before he sat down, as he would not have another opportunity of speaking that evening, he wished to mention another subject in which they all took a great interest in Herts—that was Charity. The D.P.G.M. was going up to represent them at the next festival of the Girls' School. He was sure that it was only necessary to mention the fact to ensure their hearty support for Dr. Isles's list. Their worshipful brother had not long made up his mind to do this, but he had already got one hundred guineas placed on his list, and he was sure now he had mentioned it their esteemed brother would receive very large support.

Bro. FREEMAN replied for "The Visitors," in doing which he referred to the question of the status of Past Masters joining other provincial lodges, and said that in India the lodges would be very badly off if it were not for the assistance they received from Past Masters of other lodges.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he would now ask them to drink to "The Health of the Masters of the Lodges in the Province," and he would couple with that toast that of another which had not been printed in the list, but was he thought well deserving of notice—"The Health of the Halsey Lodge." It was no ordinary provincial grand lodge that the Halsey Lodge had had to provide for; it was the more difficult because they could not tell how many brethren would attend from other parts of the country. He offered to their notice the toast of "The Halsey Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Misten, the W.M., to whom the greatest credit was due for the splendid pulpit that had been produced.

Bro. MISTEN returned thanks on behalf of the lodges in the province generally, the Halsey Lodge in particular, and on his own account personally, and thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the cordial recognition which his services had received at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master.

During the evening a selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed by Bros. H. J. Dutton, S. Graham, Charles Beckett, and W. H. Brereton, under the direction of Bro. Gaffe, Prov. G. Org.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Debilitated Constitutions.—When climate, age, or hardships have undermined the health, skin diseases are prone to arise and augment the existing weakness. Holloway's medicaments daily prove most serviceable even under the most untoward circumstances. This well-known and highly esteemed unguent possesses the finest balsamic virtues, which soothe and heat without inflaming, or irritating the most tender skin or most sensitive sore. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible for curing bad legs, varicose veins, swelling ankles, erysipelas, scaly skin, and every variety of skin disease. Over all these disorders Holloway's remedies exert a quick and favourable action, and, where cure is possible, gradually but certainly arrive at that consummation. They are invaluable in the cure of scrofula and scurvy.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

The annual meeting of the several lodges in the province of Suffolk was held at Ipswich on the 13th inst. It is now some years since the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in that town, and the four local lodges gave to the brethren of the province a very hearty fraternal greeting, and several members of the Craft honoured the event by displaying flags and bunting in the principal thoroughfares of the town. The lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney. There was a large number of Grand and Provincial officers and brethren present, including, Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M.; W. Clarke, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; J. W. Shepherd, P.P.G.S.W.; W. P. Mills, P.P.G.S.W.; N. Tracy, acting P.G. Sec.; G. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B.; C. F. Browne, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Robertson, P.P.G.S. of W.; S. H. Wright, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Dorling, P.P.G. Sec.; W. W. Walesby, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Barber, P.G.S.B.; W. Gardiner, P.P.G.P.; W. B. Jeffries, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. A. Hardacre, P.P.G.O. Oxon; Rev. A. Tighe Gregory, P.P.G. Chap.; W. P. T. Phillips, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Boby, P.P.G.S.W.; H. C. Casley, P.P.G.J.W.; E. P. Youell, P.G. Treas.; J. Tennant, P.P.G. of W.; S. R. Anness, Prov. J.D.; J. C. Baines, P.G.P.; J. K. Sidgwick, P.P.G.R.; W. Daking, P.P.G.R.; G. J. Paine, P.G.S.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd. of England, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; J. Terry, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Sedgwick, D.D., P.G. Chap. England; T. Grimwood, P.P.G.R.; J. M. Harvey, P.P.G.P.; C. T. Townshend, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Hart, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Armstrong, P.P.G.J.D.; B. W. Syer, P.G. Tyler; H. J. Wright, P.P.G.P.; R. W. Paul, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Wheeler, P.P.G.R.; G. F. Crane, P.P.G.P.; W. G. Cunnold, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; T. Hodgson, W.M.; W. B. Cooper, I.P.M.; W. J. D. Rayment, S.D.; S. Allerton, J.D.; and J. Wright, Tyler, 71. B. Gall, P.M.; F. A. Kent, W.M.; E. Smith, J.W.; J. Stidolph, Org.; G. Hall, Tyler; and F. Bradbrook, St. B. P. Grimsey, W.M.; H. Harris, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; C. Alexander, S.W.; R. K. Caseley, J.W.; V. D. Colchester, S.D.; and R. Tidbury, 114. J. Whitehead, P.M.; T. Prentice, P.M.; J. Talbot, I.P.M.; T. Noble, P.G.S.D.; A. W. Cook, S.D.; W. Buckingham, J.D.; E. S. Scrivener, Steward; W. Everett, W. Leathers, Steward; J. W. Daniels, R. Senter, W. T. Minter, J. Thornton, R. O. Clutton, T. Turner, J. Sheppard, A. J. Senton, T. J. Blumfield, F. Bloomfield, and W. Sealy, 225. A. J. Grimwade, P.M.; R. Aldous, P.M.; W. Mackney, P.M.; S. Cooper, P.M.; W. Hart, P.M.; J. King, W.M.; C. J. Grimwade, S.W.; J. Whittle, Tyler; and E. C. Smallman, 332. A. Canon, I.P.M.; J. M. Franks, J.D.; E. Buckham, S.W.; J. W. King, J.W.; F. A. Bales, J. Hunt, I.G.; T. Hooper, W. E. Smith, T. R. Ellington, and F. C. Atkinson, 376. J. M. Canova, P.M.; A. Caton, W.M.; James Miller, W. P. Gale, and Eaton W. Moore, 388. C. H. Woods, P.M.; M. Bloomfield, Tyler; and E. Bridges, 516. Robt. Garrard, P.M.; Wm. Minter, P.M.; and T. W. Read, W.M., 555. T. H. B. Rodwell, W.M.; and J. Norman, 929. W. Pearson, W.M. 936. R. Dickson, P.M.; A. Raphael, W.M.; W. B. Harrison, J.D.; S. Snow, S.W.; J. White, J.W.; A. R. Trew, I.G.; G. Gould, Tyler; W. O. White, J. King, P. J. Jolly, E. Boughton, C. Markwell, and A. P. Byford, 959. C. C. Gooch, 1008. T. B. Ardley, W.M.; F. Wheeler, P.P.G.R.; F. W. Jennings, S.W.; C. W. Grimwood, J.W.; W. I. Mason, C. H. Martyn, and P. G. Bennet, 1224. H. W. H. Elwes, S.W. 1425. W. Chapman, W.M.; and Edward Sparke, J.W., 1592. Rev. P. L. Cautley, Chap.; R. Barker, S.W.; W. Porter, Tyler; and E. U. Adnams, 1983; and the following visitors: Bros. W. O. Ward, P.M. 650, P.P.G.P. Essex; J. James, Tyler 1799; W. R. Bloom, W.M. 1799; R. de V. Monks, 1285.

The lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was received and adopted, except so far as related to the Charities, the Committee's recommendations being substituted by a resolution that £10 10s. be given to each of the three Masonic Charities—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Fund.

The representatives of the various lodges having presented their reports, all of which were of a very satisfactory character,

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he had much pleasure in recognizing the great services that had been rendered to the Masonic Charities by Bro. A. J. Grimwade, Secretary to the Suffolk Masonic Charity Association, by specially appointing and investing him as Past Grand Senior Warden. At the investiture of the appointed officers immediately afterwards, Bro. Grimwade vacated the chair and assumed the rank of a Past Officer.

The following officers were then appointed and invested:

Bro. J. M. Canova	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" B. P. Grimsey	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. R. C. M. Rouse	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. P. L. Cautley	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. P. Cooper	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. Tracy	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" B. Gall	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Napier	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" R. Garrard	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Clarke	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. Emmerson	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. Mackney	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. A. Hardacre	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. H. Wood	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
Bros. V. D. Colchester, J. M. Franks, } and E. Sparke	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

On the motion of Bro. W. BOBY, seconded by Bro. W. CLARKE, Bro. E. P. Youell was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and invested.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER expressed the great pleasure he felt at the satisfactory reports that had been made by the various lodges, and said he observed that the same feeling ran through all—a feeling of independence, a desire to make the most of what their powers might be. He had been very much struck with the remarks of several of the brethren, who said with very proper and justifiable pride that though they were but a small lodge they were pleased to report that they were in a good position.

The brethren then formed in procession and marched to the Tower Church to attend divine service. As the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers entered the church the organist played the National Anthem. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. J. R. Turnock, the first lesson was read by the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, P.G. Chap., and the second lesson by the Rev. A. Tighe Gregory, P.P.G. Chap. The anthem was taken from Psalms cxxiii. "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity" (Clark Whitfield). By permission of the Rev. J. R. Turnock special hymns were sung. The sermon was preached by the V.W. Bro. Rev. P. L. Cautley, vicar of Southwold, Prov. Grand Chap., who took for his text the words "That they may all be one, as Thou Father art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." St. John xvi., 21. The offertory at the conclusion of the service amounted to £7 10s. 9d.

After service the brethren re-formed in procession, and marched back to the Masonic Hall, where the lodge business was resumed, when Bro. GRIMWADE, P.P.G.S.W., read the report of the Charity Association, which stated that the past year had been distinguished in a very marked degree by great liberality on the part of brethren in the Provincial Masonic Lodges, and also by most successful results in securing the election of their candidates.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was glad to observe the great increase of energy and zeal that had been shown in this province in the collection of money for charitable purposes, and he thought this year he might say they had done largely and well. Their needs were great, but he was sure to the extent of their power they had been provided for. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. BOBY, P.P.G.S.W., laid before the lodge a scheme for increasing the number of life governors of the Masonic charities, and expressed a hope that the proposals would be very largely adopted in the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER spoke in favour of the scheme, which he thought must commend itself to them all. Before proceeding further there was one matter to which he wished more particularly to allude. At an early part of the proceedings he remarked that he should find an opportunity before the close of signifying—though perhaps not in a way that was usual in that lodge, but was customary in Masonry at large—the sense he entertained of the gratuitous and excellent and energetic services rendered by their respected Bro. Grimwade, whom he had promoted to what might be called brevet rank, as Past Grand Senior Warden in the province. They were doubtless acquainted with the nature of brevet rank in military service—it conferred a distinction upon an individual who was honoured by the confidence of his sovereign, without conferring upon him any special obligation or duty. He felt also that some reference should be made to the valuable services rendered by Bro. Pain, of the Bury Lodge, on the occasion of the lamented death of their late Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Lucia, which came upon them quite unexpectedly when the natural and appointed leaders of the lodge were absent, and he thought his name should be associated in honour with that of Bro. Grimwade. (Applause.) His services on the melancholy occasion referred to gave him a claim to their consideration, and he recommended his name to them to be remembered as that of a good and sterling brother. (Applause.) He also wished to bring before the lodge the name of Bro. Long. A very short time had elapsed after he had received at Lowestoft notice of the loss they had sustained by the death of Bro. Lucia, when on the spot, almost as though he arose out of the sea, quite as unexpectedly and quite as welcome, appeared their Bro. Long, who was acquainted with the work of organisation, and had assisted him materially in the discharge of the duties of the lodge. The two brethren he had last mentioned were well entitled to the good graces of the lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. CASLEY having announced the amount of the offertory at the Tower Church,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, with the sanction of the lodge, ordered that it should be paid over to the vicar, who it was understood would hand it to the Committee of the Ipswich Nurses' Home.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said they had within the last 12 months to regret the loss of three prominent members of the Craft. One who had been withdrawn from them was for many years a useful and noble member of the profession to which he belonged; he alluded to their Bro. Freeman. They next lost their Bro. Lucia, and no person was in a position to speak more distinctly of the qualities and qualification of the Prov. Grand Secretary than he who had the honour of guiding the province; from the confidential relationship in which they stood no one could appreciate his qualities more than the Prov. Grand Master. He was very sensible of the merits of their Bro. Lucia, and personally, as he was sure did also every member of the province, he mourned his loss. (Hear, hear.) Then, again, an old and experienced Mason had been taken away from them in the person of Bro. Strathern, of the Halesworth Lodge. Many years ago, when he first made his acquaintance, he was struck with the excellent manner in which he conducted his lodge, and he found that he had brought from that country which his name suggested those habits of regularity and forethought, both in regard to the Craft and to civil life, which distinguished those who came from beyond the Tweed. The three names he had mentioned would, he was sure, long continue to be honoured amongst them. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. C. J. MARTYN, D.P.G.M., said he was only echoing the feelings of every single brother in that Grand Lodge when he said that they most heartily endorsed all that had been so kindly and so eloquently put before them by the Grand Master, and they shared in the regret which he had expressed in so touching a manner at the death of those their brethren. They left names behind them which it would be a long time before the Masons of Suffolk would forget. (Hear, hear.) The D.P.G.M. afterwards spoke upon the spread of Mark Masonry in the province, and denying that there was any rivalry between the two, expressed the hope that for many years to come Mark Masonry and Craft Masonry would work side by side. (Applause.)

Bro. TRACY, P.G.S., read a letter which had been received from Mrs. Lucia, the widow of the late P.G.S., expressing her heartfelt thanks for the letter of condolence and sympathy sent to her on the death of her husband.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. R. Turnock for his kindness in granting the use of St. Mary-le-Tower Church, and before closing the lodge the P.G.M. expressed the hope that they as brethren might go on in the same

spirit as had been shown that day, and he hoped and trusted under the favour of the G.A.O.T.U. with the same and equal results. They could only water and plant—the increase came not from them, but from a higher source. The last terrible years had sorely afflicted the district from which they mainly drew their resources, but they now felt that the time was come when compensation would be given to them, that they would reap the reward of their toil. In the meantime it behoove them to exercise that active charity which bound up wounds and helped the weaker brethren. (Applause.) More he had not to say, except that he was year after year more and more indebted for the conscious strength which he felt to the support of those over whom he had the honour to preside. (Applause.)

The lodge was then closed in the usual form. A banquet was held at the Masonic Hall in the evening, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, who was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, P.G.C.; and the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Holder, of the Butter Market, was the caterer. The tables were artistically laid, and the menu was admirably served. After dinner

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon; Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

In response to the latter toast, Bro. the Rev. Dr. SEDGWICK said he need not say how heartily he felt that Lord Carnarvon was the right man in the right place, and he might say the same of Lord Lathom; he did not think two better officers could have been chosen. (Hear, hear.) He was quite convinced that the Grand Officers did their best to promote the interests of the Craft. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN also responded, and said he was sure they were all as pleased as he was to see their Provincial Grand Master, whom they all loved and esteemed and revered in every position in life, amongst them in restored health and strength. (Applause.) There were few more popular Provincial Grand Masters in England than their own. He had just been told that Lord Waveney came of age that night as Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk. Now, they knew when a young man came of age they looked forward and prognosticated many years of life and happiness before him, and he was sure he was only saying what they all felt when he said that from the bottom of his heart every single soul in the room wished that that would be fulfilled. He gave them with all the honour they could put into it "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, Lord Waveney." (Cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he had passed a considerable part of his time before he had the honour and the great privilege and pleasure of being associated with this province, but he could safely say he had learnt more in the 21 years he had acted as P.G.M. than he had learnt in the 38 years previously. In the year 1829 it was the fashion at Cambridge for undergraduates to become Freemasons, and in that year he became a Mason with them. As long as he had health and strength they would both be employed as far as they could be in the service of the Craft. He thanked them for the agreeable surprise they had given him in celebrating his coming of age; and in the second place he thanked them for the reception they had given him, and for the honour done him that day.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. C. J. Martyn." His activity and energy in the cause of Masonry were well-known, and if it were possible for any one to realise the fable of the bird that was in two places at the same time, his impression was that they would find it in the person of their Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN expressed the great pleasure he had always experienced in working under Lord Waveney, and said he had never for one single moment had the slightest cause to regret holding office, because he had been so well supported and backed up by the Prov. Grand Master and his brethren and friends of the Province of Suffolk. (Applause.) Wherever he went he always found the same cordial hearty welcome, and whatever he said was taken in good part. Having acknowledged the great assistance he had received from the Prov. Grand Secretary, and expressed the wish that he could more often come amongst them, the D.P.G.M. said so far as he was able they would find him ready and willing to carry out his obligation.

Bro. BOBY, P.P.G.S.W., proposed "The Charities." Bro. FRED. BINCKES, Secretary to the Boys' School, and Bro. TERRY, Secretary to the Benevolent Institution, responded.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren of the four Ipswich Lodges for the hospitable reception given to the Provincial Grand Lodge; and

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. Canova, of the Southwold Lodge, and Grimsey, of the British Union.

Bros. CANOVA and GRIMSEY having replied, The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER (who had now assumed the chair, Lord Waveney being obliged to leave), proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Tracy," and spoke of the valuable assistance he rendered to the province when they were suddenly deprived of the services of their late lamented Bro. Lucia. They had paid their tribute of affection for their departed friend, and he now asked them to drink the health of his most worthy successor. (Applause.)

Bro. TRACY responded and expressed his sense of the loss the Province had sustained by the death of Bro. Lucia, whom he had known for many years, and with whom he was associated as the founder of St. Edmund's Lodge. He did not wish to make any promises, because he knew that they were very easily made and often fulfilled with great difficulty. He should try thoroughly to do his duty without fear or favour, and he trusted when the time came when he should be called upon to leave the office, there would be as great an earnest of good feeling amongst them as there was now on his entering upon it. (Applause.)

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed "The W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province."

Bro. G. ABBOTT (St. Luke's), A. RAPHAEL (Prince of Wales), and ARDLEIGH (Stour Valley) responded.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed the health of Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.D.C., and said it was a great advantage to any lodge to have so efficient a Director of Ceremonies. (Applause.)

Bro. CLARKE, in response, alluded to the proposal for the erection of a new temple in which to hold Grand Lodge meetings, and also to the question of the revision of the by-laws in the Book of Constitutions. He hoped this matter would be very carefully watched, and that the brethren would hesitate before they attempted to alter any of the grand fundamental principles which had actuated and guided Grand Lodge in the past. (Applause.)

"The Visiting Brethren" brought the toast list to a close.

Bros. Brockbank, Steele, and Geo. Abbott contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening by their excellent rendering of some choice songs, duets, and glees.



### Craft Masonry.

**THE GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).**—The last regular meeting of the session of this lodge was held on Saturday at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. H. F. Bussey, W.M.; T. Minstrell, S.W.; J. MacIntyre, J.W.; H. Massey, I.P.M.; W. Mackenzie Duckworth, Treas.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; C. F. Pardon, S.D.; Basil Cooke, acting J.D.; C. Duckworth, D. of C.; Herbert Wright, W.S.; W. T. Perkins, W.S., acting I.G.; Chas. Williams, J. H. Thomas, P.M.; H. Dymond, H. Baines, E. E. Peacock, Dr. Griffiths, J. Moore, O. Willson, J. Bune, Saunders, Peachey, George Welsh, G. Tyas Bussey, and J. Gilbert MacLachlan. The visitors were Bros. Lord Kensington, M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M. of the Western Division of South Wales, P.G. S.W. England; Sir Farrar Herschell, M.P., P.M. 1610; Henry Coulter, P.M.; Turlie Lee, and C. K. Moore.

Bros. George T. Bussey and J. Gilbert MacLachlan were passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M. Bro. T. Minstrell, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and in the course of a few well-chosen words expressed his appreciation of the high honour the brethren had conferred upon him. The election of the Treasurer was next proceeded with, and it being understood that the Treasurer, Bro. W. Mackenzie Duckworth, who is one of the founders, was not unwilling to take another office with a view of passing the chair, Bro. H. Massey, I.P.M., was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Very was re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Bussey, and a founder's and Treasurer's jewel was heartily voted to Bro. W. M. Duckworth, as a recognition of his services as a founder and first Treasurer.

The lodge having been closed the brethren sat down to a substantial supper.

Bro. Lord Kensington responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past;" and again, together with Bro. Sir Farrar Herschell and the other visitors, replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

The usual toast list was gone through, and the post prandial proceedings were much enlivened by recitations by Bros. Coulter and Chas. Williams, and musical contributions to the general harmony by Bros. Turlie Lee, F. Saunders, O. Willson, G. Welsh, the W.M., and Very.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above grand old lodge—the oldest and mother of all the lodges in the Woolwich district—took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. Bro. T. Hosgood, the W.M., opened the lodge, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed, Bro. A. McQueen was raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. G. Davies, P.M., then, as Installing Master, took the chair, and in a most impressive manner installed Bro. R. Smith, S.W., the W.M. elect. Having been saluted, Bro. Smith invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Masters, S.W.; W. Akers, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M., Treas.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; A. Ceal, S.D.; J. G. Melburne, J.D.; W. Tailby, I.G.; H. Grice, D. of C.; J. Bell, W.S.; and W. Bidgood, Organist.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Davies was passed unanimously for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, and it was further resolved that he should be made a life member of the lodge, with all privileges, free of cost.

Bro. Davies returned thanks, but requested time to make up his mind as to whether he should receive the life membership or not, as he had no desire at present to be merely a lay member.

The following Past Masters and visiting brethren were present: Bros. H. S. Syer, P.M.; Hodgkinson, P.M.; Dr. C. H. Y. Godwin, J.W. 706; T. Holleyman, W.M. 1536; A. Saunders, J.W. 1536; H. J. Roberts, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; G. Kennaday, S.W. and W.M. elect 1536; W. Topp, P.M. 879; C. Bedo, 700; J. Dalley, 648; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was then closed, and the majority of the brethren adjourned to the Green Man Hotel, Blackheath, where a choice banquet was partaken of. Bro. Hosgood was presented with a Past Master's jewel, handsomely mounted, and of the value of 10 guineas, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The whole of the proceedings were most enjoyable.

**HASTINGS.**—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Castle Hotel on Monday evening, July 9th, the W.M., Bro. J. Pearce, presiding, supported by Bros. E. W. J. Hennah, I.P.M.; W. H. Russell, S.W.; J. Plowman, J.W.; G. F. Wood, Sec.; T. H. Hallett, S.D., Org.; Crosswaite, J.D.; T. Markwick, I.G.; F. Duke, T. H. Case, J. D. Hunter, and others. Lodge was duly opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. After some preliminary business had been disposed of lodge was closed.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.**—St. Hilda's Lodge (No. 240).—On the 9th inst., the monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, and, though the weather was very sultry and warm, there was a good attendance of brethren, and a creditable amount of business was gone through. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. H. Thompson, W.M., assisted by the fol-



presented to Bro. Holleyman, I.P.M., for services rendered during his year of office, and a vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Spinks, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for the very able manner in which he had officiated as Installing Officer that day. Those brethren having briefly acknowledged the courtesies tendered them the lodge was closed, and after an interval the brethren sat down to a banquet, excellently served under the direct superintendence of Bro. J. Whiteheart.

Among those present and not above alluded to were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 1526, 913, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Dr. F. Spurrell, P.M. 1526, 615, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; J. A. Bates, P.M. 1424, P.P.G.S. Br. Kent; W. Louis, P.M., P.P.G.I.G. Jamaica; Or.-Mr. W. Richey, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M. 1526, 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 1526, 913; H. Mason, P.M. 913; W. Langshaw, W.M. 1424; G. Mathams, W.M. 706, S.W. London Rifle Brigade Lodge; J. Coombes, W.M. 829; Rev. C. Solbc, P.M. 1789; J. Warren, P.M. 700; G. Beaver, W.M. 700; Capt. J. Sculley, S.W. 706; J. H. Roberts, S.W. 700; H. J. Bastrick, P.M. 546; Dr. C. H. Y. Godwin, J.W. 706; T. Southam, J.W. 832; R. F. Saunders, P.M. 434; J. Aillud, J.W. 615; W. Herd, S.D. 926; R. Davis, S.D. 1772; Capt. Porterfield, 1789; Dr. Botterill, 706; Capt. J. McCaffery; R. Goode, 1789; H. B. Taylor, Sec. 1531; Mulroy, 387 (I.C.); S. West, 700; J. Wood, 381; T. C. Morris, 1100; J. McGowan, 1772; E. W. Brewer, 488; J. N. Carey, 1817; and C. Jolly, 913, S.D. 1472 (*Freemason*), about 100 brethren altogether.

"The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers" having been honoured, that of the M.W. the P.G.M., Lord Holmesdale, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, was drunk with cheers. In giving it the W.M. said he felt truly proud to call himself a Kentish Mason, and he knew they all felt it an honour, as he did, to be presided over by such a G.M. as Lord Holmesdale. He (the W.M.) had had the privilege of attending Provincial Grand Lodge at Tunbridge lately, and had been much struck with the dignity, grace, and ability with which their G.M. presided. After referring to the magnificent amount collected for the Boys' School, under the auspices of Lord Holmesdale, and of the handsome sum sent up by the Province of Kent, he said that day had seen a great honour conferred on the lodge by the presence among them of their esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, in whose presence he would refrain from saying more than that they were pleased and proud to have him with them, and he now asked the brethren to receive the toast with a good military fire.

Bro. EASTES, who, on rising to respond was received with several rounds of cheers, said their W.M. had spoken very kindly of the pleasurable day he had spent at Tunbridge, and of the courtesy and kindness of Lord Holmesdale, their P.G.M.; for that, and for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, he sincerely thanked them. He could assure them that there was no better chief in the world to serve under than Lord Holmesdale. As for himself, he would at once say that the working, both lodge and installation, had been a great treat to him, and he was greatly pleased with the thorough and efficient manner in which Bro. P.M. Spinks had carried out the latter ceremony. He knew of no body of Masons who, in his experience, were more thoroughly Masonic in their characteristics than the brethren of military lodges, for they were, by the exigencies of the service, spread over the habitable globe, and it was the excellent training they received in such lodges as that that made Masonry respected wherever a military lodge existed. Now he could not go away without thanking Bro. Weston, their charity representative, and the lodge generally for its handsome contribution to the late Boys' School Festival Fund. The contributions from all sources amounted to £23,000, and was something wonderful. It had since been said that such a sum would never be collected again, but whether it was or not the Province of Kent had responded nobly to the appeal of its Grand Master, and had sent up 40 Stewards with some £2300. It was a magnificent result, and why should not the province repeat it? It could be easily done. Let the brethren form combinations in their lodges, and pay in one shilling per month to a fund, and in time every member would be a life subscriber to one of the charities, if not a Life Governor. Bro. Eastes concluded a stirring address by promising to stay longer with them the next time he visited the lodge. During his speech and on his retiring our esteemed brother was enthusiastically applauded and cheered, and left the lodge amid demonstrations of respect and regard.

In responding for "The rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. Spencer, who was received with cheers, thanked the W.M. for his flattering remarks touching the P.G. Officers, but deprecated what then had been said of him personally especially, when he saw such good and worthy officers on his right and left. The Grand Officers had only one desire and that was the good of Freemasonry in general, and the honour and prosperity of the province especially. Why, their good friend Dr. Spurrell was ubiquitous; and as for Bro. Coupland, he (Bro. Spencer) could safely say that there was not a gathering together of Masons in the province, but Bro. Coupland was present to assist them with his council and experienced Masonic knowledge. Bro. Bates was a most energetic Mason, while Bro. Weston was always at work in the cause of charity, and a constant attendant at their Provincial Charity Committee meetings. For himself he could only say that he tried always, and had, he believed, so done the duties entrusted to him as to evoke the kind and hearty good wishes of the brethren. That was the first time that he had ever attended the United Military Lodge, and he must say that he was rather ashamed to acknowledge it. The orderly and systematic manner in which the work had been performed had given him an immense deal of pleasure, and he did not hesitate to say that any lodge, and the best of them, might gain a lesson from witnessing the perfect manner in which the ceremonies were there carried out. He thanked them for the toast, and should look back to that day as one of the best and most enjoyable in his Masonic career. Having a long journey before him he then retired amid the cheers and hearty good wishes of the brethren.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "the W.M.," and said he knew he should not ask them in vain to do honour to it. They all knew what a good old mason Bro. Kennedy was, and how often fortune had frowned on him in his Masonic career. Fifteen years ago their W.M. was S.W.

of the Adams lodge at Sheerness, but the exigencies of the service called him away from it. Fortune had however smiled upon him now, and placed him in the chair as the head of their lodge. He felt sure that in Bro. Kennedy they had a master who would do honour to the lodge, and increase its prosperity.

Bro. Kennedy in response thanked them for the cordial reception of the toast; especially was it pleasant and encouraging to him now that he had left the serene atmosphere of the West for the hot glare that fell upon him as their W.M. in the East, and hoped, and trusted he should not fall short of their good opinions. He was pleased to see so many visitors present. He had not taken office without considering the responsibilities of the position, and had accepted them, and trusted that at the end of his year of office he would have nothing to regret.

The other toasts were "The Installing Officer," "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Masonic Press," "Bros. Whiteheart and Froud, the Decoration Committee," "The Host," and the Tyler's toast. Bros. H. Harding, F. Nichols, Richards, R. Anderson, and Walker played selections during the evening, and the singing was furnished by Bros. Nichols, Cooper, Harding, and Fisher, in admirable style.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).**—The regular monthly meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 3rd inst., in the Freemason's Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Coulson, W.M., P.G.J.D., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Thos. Potter, I.P.M.; J. J. Athey, P.M., S.W.; Wm. Davidson, J.W.; J. Hepple, Sec.; Walter Ross, S.D.; M. Wheatley, J.D.; Rev. J. Harris, Chap.; R. J. Walker, I.G.; and Dr. Dalziel and C. Wawn as Stewards.

The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Thomas Coulson, who had previously proved his proficiency, and been entrusted with test of merit, was passed as a Fellow Craft by Bro. Coulson, W.M., Bro. J. J. Athey, S.W., giving the working tools. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and the W.M. reported that he had attended a special meeting of Grand Lodge in response to a summons and a special letter from Bro. Robert Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., to assist in a revision of the Book of Constitutions. He also mentioned that Bro. Hudson, was anxious to have as much support as possible, as there were several points to be considered which affected Provincial brethren especially. He was happy to say that every point they went in for they succeeded in carrying. Amongst other points carried was a clause enabling the Prov. G.M. to appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary and other Grand Officers. The former was particularly necessary in such a large and growing province as that of Durham. Though Grand Lodge sat from 4 until half-past 9 the whole of the business was not gone through, but was adjourned.

Bro. C. Wawn moved, in pursuance of notice previously given, that the lodge devote £10 10s. to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The resolution was seconded.

Bro. Wm. Davidson, J.W., moved, as an amendment, that the sum be £21, when the question was raised as to the regularity of the amendment, and after some discussion it was resolved to adjourn the question for a month, Bro. Davidson giving notice that the sum be £21.

The lodge then closed in love and harmony, and the brethren adjourned downstairs, where a pleasant evening was spent.

## INSTRUCTION.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held in the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Friday, the 13th inst. Bro. G. H. Chapman, who has but very lately been initiated into the Order, occupied for the first time the chair of K.S., and very creditably carried out the duties appertaining thereto. Amongst others present were Bros. J. B. Sarjeant, S.W.; J. N. Bate, J.W.; R. Pooler, S.D.; H. Hooper, J.D.; Eldridge Johnson, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; R. Poore, Sec.; and others.

The lodge worked in the First and Second Degrees, the ceremony of passing being rehearsed, and the charge in that Degree given by Bro. Bate. The lecture on the second tracing board was also given by the Preceptor. The lodge was closed down, and Bro. J. B. Sarjeant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The thanks of the lodge were voted to Bro. Chapman for his services as W.M., to which that brother responded, thanking the members generally for the instruction he had received through their instrumentality. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).**—This lodge met on the 13th inst. at the St. Andrew's Tavern, Baker-street, Manchester-square, W. There were present Bros. T. W. Sedgwick, P.M., W.M.; Cursons, S.W.; J. Lee, J.W.; G. Tribble, S.D.; H. Robinson, J.D.; Hartoyd, I.G.; G. Coup, Preceptor; H. Moore, Sec.; Weatherhilt, Parsons, Simpson, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Weatherhilt having offered himself as candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was most ably worked by that old and excellent exponent of the ritual, Bro. Sedgwick. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The Preceptor assisted by the brethren worked the Third Section of the Lecture. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Cursons was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—This lodge met on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. G. Coup, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; W. A. Vincent, S.W. 1139, J.W.; Moore, S.D.; S. Smout, W.M. 1642, J.D.; W. H. Challont, W.M. 1425, I.G.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor; H. Dehane, I.P.M. and W.M. 1543, P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; Morton J. Green, W.S.; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974, P.M. 1308, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; J. C. Rhind, J.D. 1543; C. S. Mote, F. T. C. Keeble, W. Death, S. I. Humfress, I.G. 733; T. Tribble,

P.M. 1287; C. J. Craig, S.D. 1223; H. Robinson, E. F. Ferris, C. R. Wickens, S.D. 436; and G. Simpson.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Tribble, P.M., being the candidate. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree, Bro. Read, P.M., worked the Section, Bro. Coup answering the questions. Lodge resumed to the First Degree and the First and Second Sections were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cursons was unanimously elected W.M. for next Monday.

The brethren were then invited to meet at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction on Friday, 20th inst., the Canadian volunteers at present at Wimbledon who have expressed a wish to attend a lodge of instruction in England. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned until 23rd inst., at 8 p.m. A brother joined the Benevolent Association, being No. 33 on the roll.

## Royal Arch.

**LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).**—The July meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Comps. E. F. Storr, M.E.Z.; C. B. Cheese, H.; T. Cohu, J.; Herbert Cuff, S.E.; W. Medwin, P.S.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; Charles Arkell, P.Z.; Henry Birdseye, P.Z.; George Kenning, P.Z. and Treas.; J. Copestick, Lewis, G. S. Bigley, and others. Visitors: Comps. Lacey and Harmsworth. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren named for exaltation were balloted for and approved, but not being in attendance, the ceremony was not performed.

Some routine business having been transacted, the companions adjourned to banquet under the presidency of Comp. E. F. Storr, M.E.Z., ably supported by Comps. Cheese and Cohu. The usual toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and warmly responded to by the companions present. The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by some good singing by Comps. Copestick, Birdseye, and Arkell, also a recitation by Comp. Lewis.

**TWICKENHAM.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday the 14th inst. The attendance of members was considerably lessened by the stormy weather which prevailed throughout the day, notwithstanding which, however, the Principals and officers with several members were present in due time. Chapter was opened by Ex. Comps. W. Smeed, P.P.G.T., M.E.Z.; J. Faulkner, H.; and Henry Higgins, P.Z., J.; W. J. Baldwin, I.P.Z.; James Stevens, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.Z.; William Hammond, P.Z.; and E. H. Thielay, P.Z. and Treasurer. The companions below the chairs having been admitted, the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. Ex. Comps. J. Faulkner, D. Haslett, and Dr. J. B. Ryley were severally installed M.E.Z., H., and J. Comps. J. Goodchild was invested S.E., and E. G. Wingate S.N. The investment of P.S. was deferred until next convocation. Comp. John Gilbert, Janitor, being unavoidably absent, Comp. Lane officiated for him throughout the evening.

The installation ceremony was ably rendered by Ex. Comp. Smeed, to whom a vote of thanks for his services was recorded.

The banquet which followed was presided over by the newly-installed M.E.Z., Ex. Comp. Faulkner, who introduced the several toasts very effectively, and the responses were equally brief and to the point. On his health as I.P.Z. being cordially drunk, Ex. Comp. Baldwin received at the hands of the M.E.Z. a very handsome P.Z. jewel, with suitable inscription, recording his good services to the chapter. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, Little Britain.

The pleasures of the evening were increased by excellent songs and recitations, Comps. Smeed and Walls distinguishing themselves in respect to the former, and Comp. Stevens gratifying the company by the recital of the Masonic poems with which his name has become identified.

After a well-spent hour or two, the companions sought their homeward bound trains, and with hearty good wishes for the continued welfare of the Era Chapter, separated.

## Mark Masonry.

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 284).**—On Wednesday, the 11th inst., was held the installation meeting of this flourishing young lodge, at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, when Bro. H. V. Clements, who has occupied the chair of A. for the past year, gave place to his successor, Bro. E. G. Lewis, S.W., who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting as W.M. for the ensuing year, and was installed into his office in an admirable manner by W. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G., the whole ceremony being performed so as to leave nothing in the least to be desired.

The members in attendance, in addition to the W.Ms. present and elect, were Bros. Major Penrose Dunbar, J.W.; J. D. Birkin, S.O.; Percy Gilling, J.O.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, Chap.; A. Little, Treas.; W. Farquharson, Sec.; T. Wheelhouse, J.D.; E. Holt, I.G.; J. Very, Tyler; W. J. Meek, P.G.S., P.M.; W. Beasley, P.M.; Black, and others. Amongst the hon. members and visitors were: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., G. Asst. Sec.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.P.G. Sec.; Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G.; W. Brighton, P.P.G.S.W., Prov. G. Sec.; Capt. Henry Stephens, Prov. G.J.O.; J. K. Pitt, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Powell, P.G.S.; T. J. Cusworth, P.M. 236; C. J. Eveniss, 22; R. Seaman, Old Kent; S. Smither, 199; Quinzel, and others whose names were not found in the attendance book. A letter was read from Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, expressing his regret that he could not be present as intended.

The lodge met at four o'clock, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. A. Fowler, 750, and Chas. Handley, 475, for advancement, and the result being unanimous, Bro. Handley, being in attendance, was accordingly advanced to the Sublime Degree of a M.M.M., by the W.M., Bro. Clements, assisted by his officers.

The installation ceremony then took place, at the conclusion of which the newly-initiated W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Major Dunbar, S.W.; J. D. Birkin, J.W.; A. G. Fidler, M.O.; Percy Gilling, S.O.; C. H. Roberts, J.O. and Pro Chap.; A. Little, Treas.; W. Dance, Registrar of Marks.; W. Farquharson, Sec.; T. Wheelhouse, S.D.; G. Holt, J.D.; J. Webb, I.G.; Hall, D.C.; Handley, Stwd.; and J. Very, Tyler.

A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring P.M. The Auditor's report, being satisfactory, was received and adopted, and after some routine business had been transacted, the lodge was closed.

A banquet was provided in liberal style by "mine host" of the Seven Sisters, Bro. Oddey, and after the cloth had been cleared, toast and song followed in quick succession. The W.M. occupied the chair, and the first toast—that of "The Queen and Mark Masonry"—was most cordially received.

In proposing the toasts of "The M.W. Grand Mark Master, Lord Henniker," and "The V.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master, the Earl of Kintore, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Chairman referred to the many and arduous duties the Grand Officers were called upon to perform, their M.W. Grand M.M., Bro. Lord Henniker, devoting considerable time and trouble to the interests of the Order.

For the officers of Grand Lodge the V.W. Bro. Matier returned thanks, eulogising the work of the Past Grand Masters of the Order, and the continuance thereof by the present Grand Master, Lord Henniker and his officers. He congratulated the W.M. on being surrounded by Masons who had literally made their "mark" in Masonry, and concluded a telling speech by suggesting to the W.M. that if he liked the then present "sample" of Grand Lodge officers, he might at some future time "invite the bulk."

Bro. Dewar also briefly responded. The Worshipful Master gave "The V.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master, Sir Francis Burdett," and "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Davidson, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. Capt. H. Stephens, P.G.O., responded.

"The Worshipful Master" was next honoured, and Bro. Lewis responded, and proposed in turn "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Thos. Poore," who having responded, "The I.P.M." was toasted, and acknowledged.

"The Advancers" was responded to by Bros. Handley and "The Visitors" by Bro. Cusworth.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Officers," "The Masonic Press and Charities," and the Tyler's toast, after which the brethren separated, having passed a very pleasant evening.

The excellent programme of music, evidently the result of great care and attention on the part of Bro. the Rev. C. H. Roberts, the Chaplain of the lodge, and his musical friends, Bros. Hall and West, and master Southin, was carried throughout, and gave great satisfaction. The entire proceedings quite justified the remarks of Bro. Meek, P.M., that for so young a lodge its progress had been remarkable and its prospects most encouraging. We congratulate our worthy Bro. Clements on the success of his year of office, and our equally worthy Bro. Lewis on the assurances given for future support.

**SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge (No. 124).—**

The regular lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Thomas Millican Watson, W.M., presiding. He was supported by Bros. William Coxon (Durham), S.W.; R. Kinmond, J.W.; M. Frampton, acting M.O.; Smith (Durham), S.O.; T. W. Pinkney, J.O.; H. S. Halvorsen, S.D.; J. Johnson, J.D.; W. Crawford (Durham), I.G.; and J. Brown, Tyler. Bros. J. C. Moor, S.W. 97; Edwin Clarkson, S.D. 97; and J. Kirkley, S.S. 97, were elected and duly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. There were also present during the evening on the dais, Bros. F. Maddison, P.M.; M. Frampton, P.M.; and W. Liddell, P.M.

**BEVERLEY.—Beverlac Lodge (No. 281).—**

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms, Norwood, on Monday, the 9th inst. In the unavoidable absence through illness of the W.M. (Bro. B. E. Naylor), W. Bro. A. P. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. North and East Yorkshire, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. R. Ansdell, W.M. 182, as S.W.; Eli Bryan, W.M. elect J.W.; C. Goulding, M.O.; T. Dixon, S.O.; Sydney Smith, J.O.; George S. Highmoor, Chap.; T. Marshall, P.G.I.G., Treas.; F. W. Adams, Sec.; M. M. Westerby, S.D.; Jos. Hind, J.D.; F. Hewson, I.G.; H. Adams, J. Sugdon, J. Sharp, G. H. Knight, and W. Richardson. Visitors: Bros. George Wilson, P.M. 182; James Scott Wilson, M.O. 291; R. Pexton, 182; and J. R. Shearsmith, 12.

The usual preliminary lodge business having been taken Bro. Peter Hancock, J.D. 368, was balloted for and unanimously accepted, and arrangements were made for advancing him to the Degree of a M.M.M. at a lodge of emergency to be called at an early date. Bro. A. P. Wilson then vacated the chair, and presented Bro. Eli Bryan as W.M. for the ensuing year to the Installing Master, W. Bro. Geo. Wilson, LL.D., P.M. 182, a brother whose working was done in that careful and satisfactory manner which has on more than one occasion been so highly appreciated and warmly spoken of.

The newly installed Master having been inducted into the chair of A. and duly saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. B. E. Naylor, I.P.M.; C. Goulding, S.W.; T. Dixon, J.W.; S. Smith, M.O.; M. M. Westerby, S.O.; J. Hind, J.O.; H. Adams, Chap.; T. Marshall, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Adams, Sec.; John Sugdon, Regr. of Mks.; R. Allan, S.D.; F. Hewson, J.D.; W. Richardson, I.G.; G. H. Knight, Steward; and J. Westoby, Tyler. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master, ending with a motion that Bro. Geo. Wilson should be made an honorary member of the lodge, was moved by the W.M., seconded by A. P. Wilson, P.M., and unanimously carried. The W.M. then proceeded to close his lodge in due form and the parting address was given in the most perfect manner by a visitor, Bro. Pexton, M.O. 182.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a *recherché* repast, served in the adjoining room, after which the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were given and responded to, Bros. A. P. Wilson and Marshall replying on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past;" and the former then proposed "The W.M.," and subsequently "The I.P.M.," to both of which the newly-installed W.M.

responded in terse, but aptly chosen and effective, terms; and, as regards the latter toast, regretting that the I.P.M. himself (Bro. Naylor) was unable to be present, but trusting that the G.A.O.T.U. would soon enable that brother to throw off his present indisposition and regain the best of health, in which case he had no doubt the lodge could guarantee the I.P.M.'s presence during the ensuing year.

"The Retiring Officers," "Newly-installed Officers," and the Installing Master" were each proposed from the chair, and suitably responded to by Bros. G. S. Highmoor, Harry Adams, and George Wilson respectively.

"Bro. A. P. Wilson's (P.M.) Health" was then toasted, and afterwards followed "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. J. Scott Wilson, 291; Pexton, 182; and Shearsmith, 12.

"The Treasurer" and "The Secretary" were proposed by Bros. Hind and Dixon, were well received and suitably replied to by Bros. T. Marshall and F. W. Adams.

The harmony of the evening was well sustained by Bros. Ansdell, Goulding, M. M. Westerby, Knight, Shearsmith, and A. P. Wilson, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE CHAUCER LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**

The brethren of the above lodge of instruction for the third time held their summer festival at Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, the 12th inst., and so popular has it become that the numbers keep increasing. The party of 60 left London at 10.30, by South Eastern Railway Company, who kindly placed saloon carriages at their disposal, and on arriving at Tunbridge Wells, proceeded to the Royal Kentish Hotel, where a splendid breakfast was partaken of. At 1.30 carriages and breaks were announced, and the brethren started to visit Bayham Abbey, by the kind permission of the Marchioness Camden, about three miles distant, but the weather became so bad that it was impossible for the ladies to walk round the gardens, therefore as soon as they had seen the old ruins the return journey was accomplished.

After a short interval the banquet was announced, and on entering the room the appearance was that of a splendid conservatory; and we must here say that the proprietors, Bros. Weeks and Hughes, are to be congratulated on placing such a *recherché* banquet on the table, consisting of every delicacy of the season. Bro. C. W. Hudson, P.M. 1540, who was to have presided, was called away to Paris, consequently Bro. F. Croaker, P.M. Tranquillity, presided, the vice-chairs being filled by Bros. T. J. Robins, P.M. 25, and R. J. Taylor, W.M. Earl of Lathom Lodge. Grace having been said the usual toasts were given and responded to, "The Health of the Chairman," "The Visitors," "The Stewards," and "The Ladies" were drunk with great enthusiasm. After the latter toast a splendid lot of very elegant bouquets were handed round to the great delight of the fair sex. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by a programme of capital songs and glees till the time for the return journey to town arrived.

Among the company we noticed Bro. and Mrs. F. Croaker, Bro. and Mrs. Robins, Bro. and Mrs. Moorcroft, Bro. and Mrs. R. and J. Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Edwards, Bro. and Mrs. Fowler, Bro. and Mrs. Gillett, Bro. and Miss Barham, Bros. H. Barham, R. Barham, C. Graham, T. B. Lansdell, H. D. M. Williams, Bro. and Miss Murrel, Bro. and Mrs. and Miss Cannon, Bro. and Mrs. Evans, Bro. and Mrs. Sadler Wood, Bro. and Mrs. Catterson, Bro. and Mrs. Tilling, Mr. and Mrs. Searle, Mr. and Miss Twiddy, Mr. and Miss Burrigge, Bro. Tartas, Bro. and Mrs. Garde, Bro. and Mrs. Sears, Bro. and Mrs. Dickens, Bro. and Miss Coulthard, Miss C. Barham, and Miss Pickett.

**PICNIC OF THE SUNDERLAND FRATERNITY.**

The annual picnic of the brethren of Sunderland took place under most auspicious circumstances, on the 5th inst., at Studley Royal, the seat of the Marquis of Ripon. Throughout the day the weather was exceptionally fine, and the Committee, who had made the most complete and satisfactory arrangements, received general congratulations on the success of the picnic. The party, numbering about 220, left the Central Station, Sunderland, at a quarter past 8 o'clock in the morning by special train. They comprised the leading Masonic brethren in the town, with their wives and friends, and they were accompanied by his Worship the Mayor, Mr. J. W. Wayman, the Mayoress, and several friends residing at Seaham and Durham. The chief officers of the Committee were Bros. C. McNamara, Chairman; W. Liddell, Treasurer; and F. Maddison and R. Singleton, Hon. Secretaries. The members of the Committee present at the picnic, in addition to the officers, were Bros. J. J. Clay, C. Cobham, D. P. Huntley, J. Hudson, H. Horner, J. G. Kirtley, A. T. Munro, J. C. Moor, J. E. Nelson, J. G. Nasbet, Alderman Potts, J. B. Pattison, G. Porteous, H. J. Turnbull, and G. C. Watson. There were also among those present Bros. H. Tonkinson, J. Dobson, T. Sharp, Councillors Horner, Mr. E. R. Dix, Bros. J. Eggleston, Porteous, and Hudson; J. S. Gaine, Brown, P. Stabler, Nesbet, M. Harmon, T. Windle, and others. The train arrived at Ripon at 10.40, and after a stroll into the cathedral the party were conveyed in carriages and brakes to Studley Royal, the drive being greatly enjoyed. The stroll through Studley Park was very delightful, the grounds being in magnificent order. The grandeur of the park and of the landscapes generally could not have been seen to greater advantage, and it is not surprising that the Princess of Wales was greatly charmed upon her visit in 1863, shortly after her arrival in England, to this most delightful place. About noon the party arrived at Fountain's Abbey, the first grand pile erected by the Cistercians, on their leaving the Benedictine Order at York towards the close of the twelfth century.

A splendid luncheon was provided in the cloisters of the Abbey by Bro. R. E. Collinson, of the Unicorn Hotel, Ripon, presided over by his worship the Mayor, at the express desire of the Chairman of the Committee, Bro. C. McNamara, the vice-chairs being filled by Bros. McNamara and J. C. Moor (*Freemason*). The Mayor was supported by the Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. Potts, Bro. F. Maddison, Bro. H. J. and Mrs. Turnbull, Bro. W. and Mrs. Liddell, Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Clay, and others. During luncheon a selection of music was discoursed by the band, under Mr.

Wm. Lax. Luncheon being over the Chairman proposed the loyal toasts.

In giving "The Health of the Queen," his WORSHIP said they all felt the kindly sympathy which her Majesty had expressed with the bereaved by the sad calamity at Sunderland.

Bro. H. J. TURNBULL next proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. J. S. GAINES.

The next toast—that of "The Worshipful Chairman the Mayor"—was proposed by Bro. WM. LIDDELL, and his WORSHIP thanked them for the hearty reception they had accorded him.

Immediately after the luncheon a photograph of the party was taken in front of Fountain's Abbey by Bro. Stabler, of Sunderland. Within the Abbey grounds dancing was indulged in by the ladies and gentlemen present, and the enjoyment of the afternoon was further enhanced by the admirable singing of the choir of Rotherham Parish Church and a quartette from Sheffield Church, the latter consisting of Messrs. Nicholson, Beresford, Fremantle, and Birket Foster. This part of the proceedings was so highly appreciated that his Worship tendered his thanks to the choirs on behalf of the party. After viewing the delightful scenery of the grounds tea was served in the cloisters. The party afterwards returned to Ripon in conveyances, reaching Sunderland shortly before ten o'clock, having enjoyed the picnic to the utmost.



Bro. J. L. and Mrs. Toole have been staying at Florence and Geneva.

Her Majesty's and the Olympic are to be let for a term. The Globe, Opera Comique, and Princess's must be added to the theatres "shut up."

Miss Maud Branscombe takes a company to the provinces shortly under the management of Mr. Chamberlyn. She will have many good wishes go with her for a successful tour.

The Imperial reopened on Monday last under Mr. Monck's management. Captain Roebuck and a number of the members of an American company appeared in "Still Waters Run Deep."

We cannot say anything in praise of the new Italian Opera brought out at the Folies Dramatiques last Saturday. It would be better to keep the house closed until September, when "Estrella" is promised to be produced again.

The Gaiety has been occupied this week with a new comic opera, "Virginia and Paul," by Solomon and Stephens, authors of "Billie Taylor." Miss Lilian Russell (the American actress), Bro. Dallas, and Mr. Williams are in the piece.

Drury-lane Theatre is announced to reopen on August 4th, the Saturday before Bank Holiday, when a new and original drama, written by Bro. Augustus Harris and Mr. Rowe, entitled "Freedom," will be produced. It is now in active rehearsal.

Bro. Henry Irving handed £1000 over as the results of his special performances at the Lyceum for the Royal College of Music. About the same was the result of the concert at the Guildhall, on the 9th inst., when their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and Lord Spencer attended.

Mrs. Langtry will probably arrive here in about a month and will play at the Gaiety in a matinee as "Rosaland." She then goes to Manchester and other places in England. Mrs. Langtry has made arrangements for a colonial tour, probably extending to continental towns. She will be away more than two years.

The Grand, lately the Philharmonic, is announced to be opened after rebuilding on August 6th, with an entirely new drama, "A Bright Future." It is built with all the latest improvements and may be expected to fulfil a want long existing in Islington and neighbourhood, of a comfortable theatre, moderate prices, and good plays.

The Adelphi will shortly reopen with "The Streets of London" as a pro. tem. drama. Miss Alice Raynor will appear in it as "Lucy." She has been for a long time playing leader characters at the Surrey Theatre. She will find a hearty welcome at the popular Strand home of melodrama. The Adelphi is once more in the hands of Messrs. A. and S. Gatti.

Toole's will reopen on the 26th inst., under Messrs. Tom Robertson and Bruce's management, with the late T. W. Robertson's comedy "M.P." Mr. Fred Irving is engaged for a part in it. Bro. J. J. Toole closed his theatre in the very height of success; "Stage Dora" has brought more money than anything else this year; but engagements had been made, and therefore required to be kept. Bro. Toole will reopen in the autumn with "Stage Dora."

Notwithstanding having played nine times at matinees and night performances in six days Madame Sarah Bernhardt appeared at the New Club on Saturday on leaving the Gaiety. The audience was kept waiting over an hour while the celebrated actress recovered somewhat from the tremendous strain she had just undergone. A band (the Thuringian) played until Sarah's arrival; but her throat was hoarse and she was not herself. The Gaiety plays came to an end on Saturday last. Although they have not been such a success as usual—except the last week—we are requested to state that Bro. John Hollingshead has no intention of not reintroducing them next year. Indeed he has already engaged Madame Bernhardt and some other actresses for next season.



Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey took the chair at the house dinner at the City Liberal Club, on Wednesday.

Bro. R. Smith was, on the 11th inst., installed W. Master of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, at Woolwich.

Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., will make a tour of America in the autumn, visiting first Canada, and then the leading populous centres of the Northern States.

Bro. Alderman Sir R. W. Truscott, P.G.W., and Lady Truscott are staying at Axenstein, Lake Lucerne.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk, P.M. 179 and 1586, has been elected a member of the Town Council of the newly incorporated borough of Croydon.

Mrs. Horace Marshall will lay a Memorial Stone of Emanuel Church, Gunnersbury, on Saturday next.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., presided at the opening of the Christ Church, East Greenwich, annual flower show, held in the grounds of the Woodlands, Vanburgh-hill, on Wednesday.

The Directors of the Briton Life Assurance Office have decided to allow total abstainers who insure in their office a reduction of 10 per cent. off the ordinary premiums.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson presided at a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Company, held at their offices, 60, Gracechurch-street, on the 10th inst.

A quarterly convocation of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society was held on the 12th inst., at 8a, Red Lion Square, when several brethren were admitted to the grade of Z.

Bro. Paul, I.P.M. of the Toxteth Lodge, 1356, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, has been presented, in addition to a P.M.'s jewel by the lodge, with a silver tea-urn, by his brother officers, as a recognition of his efficient discharge of his duties during his year of office.

We are glad to announce that Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough, whose critical condition we referred to in our last issue, has during the past week made very considerable improvement, though he may scarcely, as yet, be said to be out of danger.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (Eastern Division) will be held at Builth, Breconshire, on Thursday next, the 26th inst. A new Masonic Hall will, on the same occasion, be consecrated; and Bro. William Price, W.M. elect of the Loyal Wye Lodge, No. 1807, will be installed into his chair of office.

The United Military Lodge, No. 1536, met on the 13th inst., when Bro. G. Spinks, P.M., installed Bro. G. Kennedy into the chair of K.S., in the presence of Bros. J. S. Eastes, Dep. Prov. G.M. Kent; A. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec. Kent; and a number of other P.P. Grand Officers and other brethren.

The firm known as Pitman and Holliday (of which Bro. John Holliday was one of the partners), of 3, 4, and 5, Well-street, Falcon-sq., E.C., have dissolved partnership by mutual consent, and the business has been re-established under the title of John Holliday and Son, having their premises at 71, Little Britain, King Edward-street, Newgate-street, London.

On Friday, the 13th inst., the girls remaining in the Institution at Battersea during the holidays visited the camp of the Victoria Rifles at Wimbledon, where they were most hospitably entertained, being very kindly conducted over the camp by Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire. We need scarcely add that the treat was much appreciated by the girls.

The late Mr. William Ward, of 4, The Lawn, Brixton-hill, who recently died, has left £20,000 to the Corporation of London towards the erection and maintenance of a High School for Girls, to correspond as far as possible with the City of London School. Another £20,000 from the same bequest is available, in the terms of the will, to be applied in the founding of some permanent charitable or philanthropic institution. In either case the name of the testator is to be attached to the title of the foundation.

Bro. H. Baldwin, Secretary of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, desires us to notify that the election meeting of this lodge will be held on Saturday, the 28th inst., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, at 5.30 p.m. He further asks us to state that an emergency meeting will be held on Friday, the 10th of August next, at the same hour and place. The 1st and 3rd Degrees will be conferred at the latter meeting, Bro. George Anthony Metzger of Sierra Leone, west coast of Africa, standing on the agenda for the 3rd Degree. Bro. Charles C. Cruikshanks, the able W.M., will work the several ceremonies.

In connection with Bro. Alderman Hadley's recent visit to America, the *New York Times* says:—"The lowering of the Atlantic cable tolls is only a question of time, of course. The present rates are too high. They are too high for the business interests of America and Europe, which are injuriously affected by what ever tends to check free and prompt communication, and are higher than is justified by the present cost of constructing and operating cables. The old cables are said to have cost about 8,000,000 dollars each. For 3,250,000 dollars a company represented by Mr. Alderman Hadley, of London, proposes to lay a cable from Penzance to the Nova Scotia coast, and thence to the east end of Long Island. This represents a substantial saving in the first outlay, and if the new company is to deal fairly with the public it will be in a position to transmit messages for a much lower sum per word than is charged by the old companies. The capacity of Mr. Alderman Hadley's company to carry out the promises of its beginning remains to be demonstrated, but its work will be watched with great interest in this country."

The concert at the Guildhall on Monday week last in aid of the Royal College of Music produced nearly £1000 nett.

Messrs. T. Bradford and Co., of High Holborn, erected the engineering work at Finsbury-park baths, Fenthill-road, Finsbury-park, which were opened last week.

Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild has recently expended a fabulous sum on his mansion at Waddesdon, which the Prince of Wales has been visiting.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Sir Moses Montefiore has contributed £10 towards the erection of a new Wesleyan chapel which has been opened at Broadstairs.

The installation meeting of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, took place on the 10th inst., when Bro. J. Coombes was placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. T. Hastings, P.M., and P.P.G. Parst. Kent.

The Irish Lace Exhibition at the Mansion House closed on the 16th inst., having been visited by over 6000 persons—mostly connoisseurs—not reckoning those at the opening.

Bro. R. P. Forge, the first W.M. and founder of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, has been elected W.M. of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, and will be installed into the chair of K.S. on the 15th of August.

The Queen has appointed George Frederick Nicholas Beresford Annesley, Esq., now her Majesty's Consul in Surinam, to be her Majesty's Consul for the Island of Madagascar, to reside at Tamatave.

The Cripplegate Pension Society holds its summer excursion on Wednesday next, the 25th inst., at the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne. Full particulars may be obtained of Bro. U. Knell (P.M. Islington Lodge), 11, Jewin Crescent.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M. 1657, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., was present on Wednesday afternoon when Mr. Charles Powell, master of the Mercers' Company, distributed the prizes won by the successful candidates in recent examinations at St. Paul's School.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser and Bro. Sheriff Savory attended the summer show of the Ealing, Acton, and Hanwell Horticultural Society, held in the grounds of the Royal India Asylum, on Wednesday last week.

Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton has resigned the command of the Artists' Volunteers, which he has so long, zealously, and honourably held. Major R. W. Edis, after energetic and successful performance of duty in all the grades from the ranks upwards, has succeeded the P.R.A. in the colonelcy of this regiment.

The meetings of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602, are suspended until Tuesday, Sept. 25th next, on and after which date they will be held at the "Queen's Head" Tavern, Essex Road, N. (near the Packington Street Post Office).

The second annual excursion of the London Steamboat Company Provident Society will be held on Tuesday. The Alexandra has been retained, and will convey the party from Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, calling at several piers down the river. Particulars may be obtained of Mr. C. R. Sharran, at the offices, Adelaide-buildings, London Bridge.

The Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, meeting at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, W., has adjourned until Tuesday, October 9th, when Comp. Capt. Nicols, W.M. of Saint Mary Abbott's Lodge, No. 1974, will occupy the First Principal's chair, and perform the ceremony of exaltation, assisted by Comps. S. H. Parkhouse, as H., and S. Smout, jun., as J. Comp. G. Davis, M.E.Z. of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, is the Preceptor.

The annual prize festival of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, situated in Upper Norwood, took place on Wednesday afternoon and evening, commencing with a vocal and instrumental concert given by the pupils of the college in the concert-room at the Crystal Palace, the audience being very numerous. Mr. John Bright, M.P., distributed the prizes to the successful students.

The *City Press* says a petition from the Hornsey Local Board in reference to the Alexandra Palace has been lodged at Guildhall, endorsed by Mr. J. F. Bedford. There will be two other petitions—one from the Metropolitan Playground Association, the other from the Commons Preservation Society—both urging the Corporation to take steps to secure the Alexandra Park as a place of recreation for the people.

The will of the late Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G. Swd. Br., formerly of 10, Aberdeen-park, Highbury, but late of Holmwood Lodge, Bishopswood-road, Highgate, who died on May 5th last, has been proved by Mrs. Martha Wagstaffe Filer, the widow, and Miss Isabella Filer, the daughter, the executrixes, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £54,000. The testator leaves £8000 to his daughter Isabella; £8000 upon trust for his daughter Agnes for life, and other bequests. The residue of his property he gives to his wife absolutely.—*City Press*, 14th July.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser opened an exhibition, consisting of models of machinery, cabinet work, wood carving, &c., at the St. Bride's Youths' Institute, Shoe-lane, E.C., on Tuesday afternoon. The articles exhibited were the productions of the members of the institute, ranging from 13 to 18 years. Bro. De Keyser, in declaring the exhibition open, stated that he thought great credit was due to the lads for their skill and taste, and that the institute which encourages such workmanship was greatly deserving of support. Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., and Capt. Bedford Pim, R.N., also took part in the ceremony. Bro. Marshall proposing a vote of thanks to the Alderman for his kindness in opening the exhibition, and for the interest he had previously evinced in the work of the institute. The motion was carried, and the Alderman left amidst the applause of the company.

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Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., was present at the annual dinner of the Kensington Parliament held at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday evening.

Princess Beatrice, attended by Lady Southampton and Major Edwards, C.B., left Windsor Castle on Wednesday evening for London en route to Aix le Bains.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Cork entertained H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge on Wednesday evening at their residence in Grafton-street.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany visited the Exhibition of War Pictures at the Galleries of the Fine Art Society, Bond-street, on Wednesday.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will visit Norwich on the 20th of August, for the purpose of inaugurating the new buildings of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Her Grand Ducal Highness Princess Elizabeth of Hesse, daughter of the late Princess Alice, will remain with the Queen during the absence on the continent of the Princess Beatrice.

According to Reuter, the King of Belgium proposed journeying to Spa on Thursday, in order to lunch with Bro. the King of the Netherlands, returning thence to Brussels in the afternoon of the same day.

Among the guests at the dinner given on Tuesday evening by the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at their residence in Arlington-street, were Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Lathom, and Lady Maud Wilbraham, Bro. the Right Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., &c.

On Tuesday, the property of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, known as the Columbia Market, was reopened as a wholesale and retail fish market. The market may now truly be said to begin under entirely new management, as it is owing to Mr. Burdett-Coutts himself that the present opening has taken place certainly under most promising circumstances.

The following are amongst the most recent contributions to the Royal College of Music: The Prince of Wales (second contribution), £250; the Duke of Edinburgh (second contribution), £875 10s. 4d.; the Archbishop of Canterbury, £50; Messrs. A. Gordon and Co., Messrs. Spicer Bros., Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart.; Mr. H. Labouchere, M.P.; Dr. Stainer, Messrs. Novello, Ewer, and Co., and Mr. B. Williams.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, were present at a fête held in the International Fisheries Exhibition building at South Kensington on Wednesday evening, in aid of the funds for the erection of an English church at Berlin, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the marriage of the Princess Royal with the Crown Prince of Germany and of Prussia. Nearly 15,000 persons had passed the gates at eleven o'clock.

By order of the Secretary of State for War, twenty-seven mules that were purchased for the late Egyptian campaign were sold by auction on Monday last by Mr. Briggs at the Elephant and Castle Horse Repository, New Kent-road. These mules, which were large and well-bred, were purchased in the Mediterranean, and sold for a total of 49½ guineas, or an average of over 18 guineas. The best of these animals realised the exceptional price of 26 guineas.

The following, amongst other amounts, in aid of the payment of the mortgage of £12,000 on the Royal Normal College for the Blind, have been acknowledged by Dr. Campbell, the Principal: Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, £100; Mr. T. A. Denny, £100; the Fishmongers' Company, £100; the Goldsmiths' Company, £50; Messrs. Coutts and Co. (per Colonel H. A. Sanford), £50; Mr. J. H. Fordham, £100; Mr. F. D. Mocatta, £50; Mr. J. Braithwaite, £50; Mr. E. M. Denny, £50; and the Skinners' Company, £21.

We are informed that the Annual Summer Banquet of the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, will take place on Tuesday next, 24th inst., at the Star and Garter, Richmond. The brethren and friends will start from Old Swan Pier in the Lotus, which has been specially engaged, and the banquet is fixed for 2.30 p.m. precisely. Admirable arrangements have been made for the comfort and convenience of the party, and it only needs a propitious state of the elements to assure the success of the undertaking.

The Queen's Prize at the Wimbledon competition has been won by Sergt. McKay, of the 1st Sutherland Volunteers. Several other of the more important and valuable prizes have also crossed the border this year, amongst them being the first place (silver medal and badge and £60) in the first stage of the Queen's, taken by Capt. Young, of the 2nd Renfrew (no less than 29 Scots having secured a place in the first 60 in this stage); the Prince of Wales's (£100) by Sergt. Lawrence, and the International Challenge Trophy, also won by the Scotch team.

Our omnibus drivers incline as a rule, to taciturnity, but there evidently is a way to unlock their store of knowledge. I was a "near side up" on a "Hammer-smith" this morning, when two gentlemen, whose accent was pronounced Midland, mounted the "knifeboard" at Charing-cross. One of them, leaning over the driver's shoulder, asked a question, thrust a coin into the whip-hand, and said, "Just point out a few things as we go on." Loquacity at once set in, and having reached Waterloo-place the passengers were informed that the monument to the Guards was surmounted by the representation of Miss Nightingale, "who," added the driver, "went out with them, you know, to the Crimea." On my return journey I told the story to another Jehu. He looked at me askance, and said, "Do you think they believed it, sir? Not a bit of it, they must have known it was 'the Queen.'"—"Q." in *The Citizen*.

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