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THE meeting of Grand Lodge on the 8th inst. for the discussion and settlement of the Book of Constitutions will be a most important one for many reasons, and we trust that it will be numerously attended, and we recommend our London brethren to muster strongly. We repeat our hope that some provision may be made for "refreshment" as well as "labour," as a long sitting without food of any kind is a bad thing for all concerned. The hours in London are so late, that few obtain their main food for the day until the evening hours, and we, therefore, take the liberty, remembering how many suffered much on the last occasion, of pointing out a drawback, and suggesting a remedy.

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THE question of "Past Masters of the lodge" and "Past Masters in the lodge" is a very vital one for English Freemasonry. We need hardly point out to all expert and "bright" Masons that the change as boldly propounded by some provincial brethren, if carried, will create a *revolution* in our contemporary Masonic system. As far as our London lodges are concerned we feel sure that such a vital radical change is absolutely unworkable, and if workable most harmful to Metropolitan Masonry, and we doubt very much whether in the provinces such a change is generally desiderated or acceptable, or has even been realized or reasoned out. The whole system of English Freemasonry, as well as that of the status of Past Masters, rests upon a threefold system of service, representation, and subscription. By this threefold claim combined a brother becomes Past Master of a lodge, representative in a Provincial Grand Lodge, member of Grand Lodge, only so long as, let us note well, he continues a subscribing member of a lodge. If he be erased from the Grand Lodge register, his past rank avails him nothing; he has to begin, and rightly to begin, "de novo." But so long as he continues a subscribing member of a lodge under the English jurisdiction he performs remains a member of Grand Lodge, and by the common law of Masonry, as the less is always included in the greater, can, if he be also a subscribing member of a lodge in a province, claim admittance into that Provincial Grand Lodge as a Past Master of the Order, even though he be not an actual Past Master of a lodge, that is, has served in the chair thereof for a year. The contention of some of the speakers at the last meeting that unless he was a Past Master of the lodge in its technical sense, he had no place in any Provincial Grand Lodge is, we feel convinced, untenable, and that though it be true he cannot be summoned as a Past Master of a lodge, he can claim admittance as a Past Master in the Craft, and as a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, when he is a bona fide subscribing member of a lodge or in the province. It is this point we wish to see cleared up and conceded. We trust the authorities will see the matter in the light that we do, and that to prevent a long discussion, they will be ready to interpolate into the section affecting Provincial Grand Lodges the words "and Past Masters actual members of Grand Lodge, subscribing members to lodges in the province." This enlargement of the clause will, we feel, sure satisfy the great majority of lodges and brethren. The proposal to make all Past Masters joining another lodge Past Masters of the lodge, though they have not been installed Masters of that lodge, is fraught with every possible and conceivable objection. It will practically "turn the Craft upside down" by the anomalies it will introduce, and the absurdities it will develop. It will give an incentive to hasty promotions and undue influences; it will favour those of social position and means, and keep back the humble working Masons. And for these reasons. If a Worshipful Master once installed can claim the Past Mastership of any lodge he joins, we have known of cases where a Mason has been a member of nine lodges at the same time; it will be a great momentum to those, and their name is legion, who seek the rank for rank's sake alone. In London the joining fee is high, in the provinces it is low, never exceeding £3 3s., and very often not so much. So that a lodge may be formed and flourishing, a lodge hall may be built at great expense, and any brother who takes a fancy to the lodge may come in as a joining Past Master, and by virtue of

his payment of £3 3s. he can henceforth take his place with the very founders, and though he has never given a sixpence to the hall fund, remains on an equal footing with those who lovingly, liberally and ungrudgingly have "borne the burden and heat of the day," to whom the lodge is indebted for its vitality and prestige, and without whose exertions, sometimes unprecedented, it never would have existed at all. And then we are told almost cynically, "Oh you have your remedy. Black ball, black ball, black ball!" As some Freemasons know full well the use of the "fatal bean" is never had recourse to without regret and dislike. It is a bad remedy at the best, and ought only to be ever exercised in extreme cases, when there is no other door of escape left open, and when public remonstrance and private warnings are in vain. To encourage a system of blackballing in our lodges, and to render it a sort of necessary duty, and to give it a quasi legislative encouragement, is neither politic, safe, nor Masonic. The Book of Constitutions for a certain sure and definite purpose gives that power to lodges. But it should never be used, as we said before, except in self-defence. We feel certain that in the provinces and the metropolis there will be the same serious objection to the change when fully realized, and that at our next meeting such an alarming innovation on our old customs, our cherished laws, and the actual independence of our lodges will be successfully combated, and calmly refused by a large majority even of the *Blue*.

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THE Grand Chapter met on the 1st inst. to transact its normal business, not, however, of any importance. Col. CREATON, gave notice that it was his intention to propose at the next meeting of the Chapter, a grant out of its funds to assist in the rebuilding of the Temple. Its finances are very flourishing, and the Royal Arch chapters continue slowly to increase. We are among those who desiderate on every ground a still more marked advance in the number of our English chapters.

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OUR attention is called specifically by a copy, and elsewhere by a communication, to an address delivered by the GRAND MASTER of the Grand Lodge of Canada to the English Lodges, in terms which certainly will create great surprise and regret among English Masons. The "gravamen" is this, the "fons et origo mali," that an English lodge or English lodges admitted and admit as members, those who belong to the territory of Quebec, and those who have, it is averred, been rejected for some reason or other in lodges under the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The independence of the English lodges in Canada was admitted, guaranteed, and declared, when the English Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of Canada, and their adherence to the Grand Lodge of England was fully known and officially proclaimed, and as a necessary consequence their entire freedom from any jurisdictional interference, and their right to manage themselves by their own Bye-laws. That any act of theirs in admitting Quebec Masons or rejected Masons constitutes an intrusion into or invasion of a jurisdiction, is too absurd to contend; neither is it a question we need trouble ourselves about. It might be better to have a sort of understanding as to rejected candidates, but then it must be remembered so weak is human nature, and so frail are some Freemasons, that candidates, as we all know, are sometimes rejected from the very worst motives, and for the most unreasonable causes. So far, we cannot see what wrong the English lodges have committed, though we fear the passage in the GRAND MASTER'S address will create a bad impression in England, as it is a fresh attack on the legal existence and active life of the lodges at Montreal. We have said much on this subject before which we shall not repeat to-day, but we think some friends of ours in Quebec would be wise and warranted in paying attention to the concluding sentences especially, of the letter of an "Old English Mason," in another portion of our impression to-day.

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WE are happy to announce that our esteemed GRAND SECRETARY, whose severe indisposition alone kept him away from York, is much better, and, as usual, at work again.

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WE call attention to a correspondence elsewhere relative to a proposed Grand Lodge for Victoria, thus far, it seems to us, an utterly meaningless movement, without reality of aim or chance of success. It does not appear to be English at all either in its inception or development, and to rely mainly on members of the Scottish and Irish jurisdictions and on a foreign element. There is a constitutional and unconstitutional way of doing things, and thus far we do not profess to see or realize how the "Masonic Union" at the

Colony of Victoria can claim the sympathy of the English Freemasons at all, or how it enlists the concurrence of any large portion of the English lodges and brethren forming more than two thirds of the entire Masonic Body there. We feel ourselves pretty well satisfied of this, that the multiplication of Grand Lodges is a great evil, as Lord ZETLAND once truly said; and as there are actually no grievances to redress, nor disagreements to adjust, we earnestly recommend our good English brethren in Victoria to remain loyal to their old allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, from which they receive benefits great and many, and under whose friendly supremacy they retain that happy independence of work and ritual, of lodge liberties and peaceful progress which give the English Masonic fraternity everywhere a tacitly, if not generally admitted superiority over competing bodies and contemporary jurisdictions.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, acted as M.E.Z.; Comp. James Glaisher, as H.; and Comp. C. A. Murton, as J. The other companions present were

Bros. H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.E.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, as S.N.; George Morse, P.S.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, 1st A.S.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, 2nd A.S.; J. L. Thomas, Swd. Br.; E. Bowyer, Std. Br.; Henry Maudslay, J. P. Dumas, Frank Richardson, J. M. Case, Charles Greenwood, Raymond H. Thrupp, John Messent, W. F. Nettleship, E. Letchworth, P.Z. 2; Richard C. Spaul, J. 382; H. Higgins, P.Z. 1381; George Gregory, M.E.Z. 1538; Joshua Lloyd, J. 357; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; A. W. Duret, H. 382; Edwin F. Storr, M.E.Z. 193; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; H. E. Frances, P.Z. 1339; W. H. Boswell, J. 1339; H. Sadler, P.Z. 169; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

The minutes having been read and confirmed the report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read. The report stated that the Committee had examined the accounts from the 18th of April to the 17th July, 1883, both inclusive, which they found to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter ...	£912	14	5	By Disbursements during the			
„ „ Unappropriated				Quarter ...	£201	2	10
Account ...	209	7	4	„ Balance ...	1043	14	1
„ Subsequent Receipts ...	332	5	0	„ „ in Unappropriated			
				Account ...	209	9	10
	£1454	6	9		£1454	6	9

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

On the motion of Col. CREATON, the following petitions were granted:

“1st. From Comps. Thomas Pickles, as Z.; James Alexander Parr, as H.; Benjamin Preston, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Nelson of the Nile Lodge, No. 264, Batley, to be called the Nelson of the Nile Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Park-road, Batley, Yorkshire (Western Division).

“2nd. From Comps. Osborne Hambrook Bate, as Z.; George Brooke Attwell, as H.; W. D. Hastley, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Buffalo Lodge, No. 1824, East London, to be called the Sinai Chapter, and to meet at East London, South Africa (Eastern Division).

“3rd. From Comps. Frederick Flood, as Z.; Thomas Wood, as H.; Benjamin Hicklin, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, Dorking, to be called the Dorking Chapter, and to meet at the Public Hall, Dorking, in the county of Surrey.

“A petition from the Principals and members of the Amphibious Chapter, No. 258, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire (Western Division), praying for a charter of confirmation, the original being lost.”

Col. CREATON informed the companions that at the next meeting of Grand Chapter (November 7th) it was his intention to propose a grant to assist in the rebuilding of the Temple out of the balance of Grand Chapter funds.

Grand Chapter was then formally closed.

### THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL.

The following is the list of subscriptions to the above fund, announced at the Festival on the 25th ult.:

Bro. Crawshaw Bailey (Monmouthshire) ...	£52	9	6	Bro. Alfred Williams (Unattached) ...	5	5	0
„ G. Dalrymple (Cumberland and Westmorland) ...	26	10	0	„ William Barkley, 59 ...	10	10	0
„ C. S. Lane (Northumberland and Durham) ...	28	7	0	„ J. H. Banks, 60 ...	26	2	6
„ John Lane (Devon) ...	15	15	0	„ H. G. Barwell, 92 ...	15	15	0
„ Rev. J. Marsden (South Wales) ...	40	0	0	„ Edgar Bowyer, 315 ...	10	10	0
„ Rev. C. J. Martyn (East Anglia) ...				„ Henri Brett, 235 ...	27	6	0
„ J. W. Woodall (N. and E. Yorkshire) ...	22	1	0	„ Charles Coupland, 226 ...	43	13	0
„ Chas. H. Driver (Four Kings' Council, Allied Degrees) ...	31	10	0	„ J. Mc N. Davis, 265 ...	16	4	0
„ E. B. Florence (Bon Accord, T.I.) ...	21	0	0	„ Henri Faija, 144 ...	10	10	0
„ H. R. Hatherly (Newstead, T.I.) ...	20	17	6	„ Edwin Gilbert, 223 ...			
„ James Moon (Old Kent, T.I.) ...	61	7	6	„ John Harrison, 62 ...	21	15	0
„ George Lambert (Grand Masters' Lodge) ...	5	5	0	„ George Hollington, 172 ...	12	0	0
„ W. Marsh (Unattached) ...	10	10	0	„ A. H. Jeffers, 32 ...	10	10	0
				„ S. G. Kirchoffer, 54 ...	10	10	0
				„ G. F. Lancaster, 305 ...	47	7	0
				„ F. Laurance, 13 ...	26	5	0
				„ H. C. Miller, 34 ...	13	0	0
				„ Wm. Morris, 257 ...	6	1	0
				„ George Powell, 1 ...	5	5	0
				„ John Smith, 302 ...	21	5	0
				„ W. E. Stewart, 7 ...	21	0	0
				„ John Tomkins, 225 ...	21	5	0
				„ G. L. Woodley, 38 ...	5	10	0

### CONSECRATION OF THE GREENWOOD LODGE, No. 1982, EPSOM.

On Saturday last, the 28th ult., the twenty-seventh lodge now acknowledging Bro. General J. S. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. of Surrey, as its ruler, and which has been founded and named in honour of the esteemed brother whose name it bears, was consecrated at Epsom. Bro. Greenwood has, we need scarcely add, won the highest opinion of those with whom he has been brought into communication during his more than 27 years' work in connection with the province, and in giving the lodge of their creation his name the founders of the Greenwood have but paid our respected brother a compliment to which he was justly entitled.

Punctually at the time appointed the brethren assembled in an ante-room in the Town Hall, and entered the lodge room (where the lodge will for the future hold its meetings) in procession, where Bro. Gen. Brownrigg was supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Bros. Rev. Albert Hurt Sitwell, M.A., Prov. G. Chaplain; Charles Greenwood, P.G. Sword Bearer, Prov. G. Sec.; John G. Horsey, Prov. G.D. of C.; Thomas Vincent, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; H. J. Strong, M.D., P.P.G.J.W.; C. Greenwood, jun., P.P.G. Sec.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.S.D.; A. T. Jeffery, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Rhodes, P.P.G. Org.; C. Ellis, P.P.G.S.B. Cambs.; Thomas Squire; James Ledger, P.M. 1586; James Salmon, S.D. 1339; Walter Kent, 554; Samuel Lloyd, W.M. 1201; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; Theodore Distin, 173; T. W. Morfitt, 1861; T. Hodges, W.M. 1706; James Appleton, 1853; Henry Sibley, J.D. 1851; W. W. Morgan, S.W. 211; and others.

After the Prov. Grand Master had appointed his officers and opened the lodge, he explained the nature of the business for which they were assembled, and directed the Prov. Grand Secretary to proceed with the formal part of the business. The petition and warrant were read, and enquiry made of the brethren whether they still approved of the officers named. This having been answered in the affirmative, the Prov. Grand Chaplain gave an address, in the course of which he eloquently pointed out the nature and principles of Freemasonry. He made some happy allusions to the charge in the First Degree, and exhorted the brethren to reverence and be guided by the Volume of the Sacred Law, and to regard it as the “infallible standard of Truth and Justice,” and urged upon them the necessity of caution when speaking to non-Masons, and also the importance of setting a good example to the world.

The anthem “Behold how good and joyful” was sung in excellent style by the musical party, and the ceremony of consecration was completed with every regard to detail.

The installation of Bro. Joseph Steele as W.M. was then proceeded with by Bro. H. E. Frances, who carried out the ceremony with his accustomed ability; after which the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Charles Rowland Ellis, S.W.; Spencer Pidcock, J.W.; H. E. Frances, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Levett, S.D.; Thos. Squire, J.D.; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The compliment of honorary membership was conferred on the Prov. Grand Master, Bros. Strong, Greenwood, Sitwell, and Horsey; the usual felicitations and good wishes were tendered, and lodge was closed.

After the luncheon to which the brethren afterwards sat down, Bro. STEELE explained the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, who had an important engagement in town that had necessitated his leaving early. He stated he should curtail his remarks, so that the brethren might have an opportunity of listening to the musical programme that had been arranged. He should therefore at once call on the brethren to drink the first toast—“The Queen and the Craft.”

After the National Anthem had been sung, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed the second toast, “The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.” The popularity of the Prince of Wales was undoubted, and his association with the Masonic fraternity had endeared him to the hearts of all Craftsmen.

After the toast had been duly honoured, the Masonic ode, “Hail to thee, Albert,” was sung, Bro. Carter sustaining the solo part.

The next toast, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said, was always an acceptable one to Masons—“The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past.” The growth and prosperity of the Craft was due in an eminent degree to the sustained interest taken by those distinguished noblemen the Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. The other Grand Officers spared no labour in the fulfilment of their duties, and their worthy Bro. Greenwood might be accepted as a fair sample of the august body he would now call upon them to honour. With the toast he would associate the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood, Past Grand Sword Bearer.

After a song by Bro. Hodges—“Sweet Madoline”—Bro. GREENWOOD replied. On the part of the Grand Officers he thanked the W.M. for the way he had introduced the toast. He felt it must be gratifying to all Freemasons to recognise the interest taken by the Grand Officers—from the highest to the lowest—in the fulfilment of their duties; while to the Grand Officers themselves it was a source of pride to feel that their exertions were appreciated. For himself, he fully appreciated the compliment that had been paid him; at the same time he felt that the honour was conferred, through him, upon the province with which he had been so long associated. For 27 years he had held the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. In the earlier days there were but three lodges, a very small number as compared with the 27 they had now on the roll. He was extremely gratified to know that that day the Masons of Surrey had done him another kindness in taking his name for the title of a new lodge. He felt this was a fitting reward for his labours. He trusted the Greenwood Lodge might enjoy a career of prosperity, and that it might take a foremost position amongst the lodges of the province.

In speaking to the next toast, "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that General Brownrigg stood in the highest estimation amongst the members of his province, while with respect to the Provincial Grand Officers, one and all felt proud in being associated with such a chief.

In reply Bro. SITWELL thanked the W.M. and members of the lodge for the hospitality they had dispensed. He felt he was speaking the sentiments of all for whom he was replying when he wished the lodge every prosperity. He, with the other brethren who had assisted in the ceremony of the day, appreciated the compliment paid them by making them honorary members of this new lodge, and felt it must be a source of infinite gratification to Bro. Greenwood to have his name perpetuated by this association.

Bro. H. E. FRANCES proposed the "Worshipful Master." He said he had had great pleasure in conducting the ceremony of installation that day, though he had to make some few slight alterations in order to conform to the peculiar views Bro. Steele—who is a member of the Society of Friends—entertained. This was the first time in the course of his Masonic experience when he had to accept an affirmation in lieu of the customary obligation. However, Bro. Steele was a thoroughly honest and consistent worker, and he (Bro. Frances) and all associated with the lodge felt he would conscientiously carry out the duties of Master of the new lodge.

Bro. STEELE in acknowledging the compliment regretted he could not command the flow of language so eloquently dispensed by Bro. Frances. However, he could assure those present the position he now occupied was one he held in the highest estimation. He had felt from the time he was received as an initiate into the Brotherhood there was a something to strive for, and in his aspiration he had realised that Bro. Frances was a tower of strength. He thanked the brethren most cordially for the reception they had given him, and assured them he would strive to the utmost to advance the lodge.

"The Visitors" having been honoured and acknowledged, a toast was given in honour of the Claremont Lodge, the brethren of which had so kindly acted as sponsors for the Greenwood.

Bro. STEELE commented upon the well-ordered lines on which the Claremont Lodge was conducted, and stated it would be his desire to emulate it.

Bro. VINCENT in replying said the little services he had been enabled to render were cordially entered upon, and he anticipated that a bright future would be the outcome of the day's work they had been engaged in.

Other toasts followed and some capital songs and glees were given, while the Prov. Grand Chaplain played a march composed by himself that met with especial favour from the brethren. Bro. Theodore Distin also sang with great effect a new song of his own composition, "The Queen's Hussar."

### SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AT THE INSTITUTION AT CROYDON.

The summer entertainment to the residents of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon took place on Tuesday last. With the usual forethought for the comfort of visitors Bro. Terry had arranged for special saloon carriages to be reserved in the train leaving Charing-cross at 3.22, and calling at Cannon-street and London-bridge, so that the visitors to the Institution travelled and arrived together. As customary on these occasions the visitors took an early tea on their arrival and afterwards visited the residents in their homes or strolled with them in the grounds until half-past six when the big bell summoned everybody to the hall, where they found Bro. Harry Tipper and his troupe, known as the Royal Criterion Hand-bell ringers and glee singers, awaiting them with their carillon of 120 silver-toned bells, and peal of twelve silver bells. The performances on the bells were highly successful and excited the wonder as well as the admiration of the audience; and the glee singing was both admirable and highly amusing. On the bells the performance included selections from Faust (Soldier's chorus), and Les Cloches de Corneville and Il Trovatore. Selections of English and Scotch music, including "The blue bells of Scotland," and "Auld lang syne." The specimens of dance music including the Picnic Glee, polka, and My Queen, waltz; and in addition on the peals of silver bells, an imitation of village chimes was given, introducing the morning and evening hymns, &c. Of all the performances on the bells this last named appeared to make the deepest impression on the audience, judging from the applause which followed. My Queen, waltz, was another piece which stood out from the rest of the performance as peculiarly good, and Auld Lang Syne was another. Scotch airs appear particularly suitable for performance upon the bells. "The lost chord" as a four-part song, was very ably sung, also "Comrade's song of hope," and one entitled "A little farm well tilled." Mr. Tipper was exceedingly amusing in his solo songs "The Muddle Puddle porter," "He went to a party," and "The awful scrub," the addition of chorus, especially to the last mentioned, greatly increasing the effect of this already sufficiently droll song. The "Gypsy's laughing chorus" was also very well sung, and secured much very genuine applause. When these professional gentlemen had concluded their performance there was still nearly an hour to spare before the departure of the appointed train for London; but volunteers were soon found to continue the concert. Miss Terry and Miss Owen sang very prettily, Miss Strong performed a brilliant pianoforte solo, and Mr. Halford, jun., sang "The powder monkey" with good effect. There was an abundant supply of the finest fruit in season provided for the refreshment of the old people and the friends who had come to see them enjoy themselves,

and these with cake and wine were handed round by volunteer waiters at intervals during the evening.

It must not be omitted that Bro. Terry did not come down empty handed; for each of the old ladies he brought a pound of tea and a pound of sugar; for each of the male residents he brought half-a-pound of tobacco, and a bottle of port or sherry for each of them. The former gifts were sent by the Supreme Council of the 33°, and the wine by Bro. Ellis, of Leadenhall-street. Bro. and Mrs. Murlis also sent down a large box of very fine roses, which were presented to each of the residents as they passed into the hall.

At the conclusion of the concert Bro. NEWTON said that a very pleasing duty was placed on his shoulders to propose a vote of thanks to "Bro. Terry" the well beloved Secretary of the Institution for the entertainment that he had succeeded in placing before the company on that occasion. He should not detain them with any remarks, but trusted that his proposal would be responded to heartily. When he thought of the first entertainment which was given at the institution and which consisted merely of a conjurer's entertainment, and compared it with that which they had had that evening, and remembered all the care and trouble in which it involved the Secretary he thought they could do no less than return their thanks to Bro. Terry. Bro. Halford, who was one of the first to promote the institution of these annual entertainments, was now present among them, and he would bear out what he had said about the great advance they had made in the entertainments since they were first introduced.

Bro. TERRY in returning thanks said that for the evidence of the kindly feeling towards him which had just been shown he was very, very much indebted to those present; to his old and tried friend, Bro. Newton, for the kind words he had used in speaking of him, and to the friends assembled there for their hearty response. The providing the entertainment did not, however, rest with him, but with the Committee; the Committee authorised him to provide an entertainment of this description, and he undertook to do his duty, and he did his best. That it had been a successful entertainment he hoped, and trusted that those present had enjoyed themselves; and that they might have many, many occasions of meeting together and enjoying each other's society was his earnest wish, and he trusted it was theirs also. The happier they could be together—the more comfortable their guests could be made—the more these meetings could be made home like, the better and happier for all. The writer of a letter to one of the Masonic papers, who signed himself "Watchman," had spoken of the Home at Croydon as a white elephant; had said it was associated with the idea of wrecked fortunes and happier days; and that though it was a haven of rest to the weary, the bane was equally present with the antidote. Bro. Terry doubted if the writer of that letter had ever been within those walls, or he would have seen that their inmates had a home where all could enjoy themselves as if they were living in their own apartments, where there was no restriction whatever placed on them, but where they had to a great extent the advantage of a comfortable private residence, and the further advantage of a watchful Committee, who displayed the greatest care and anxiety for the comfort and well being of those who resided within those walls. If their friend, "The Watchman," would come that way and reveal himself, they might be able to enlighten his mind and enlist his sympathy, so that he might become an annual subscriber, or even a Governor of the Institution. They all knew, however, that it was much more easy to find fault than to govern wisely. While that Institution continued a residential institution, he ventured to hope that their friends who had been there that day would endorse his sentiments; it was not conducted as an ordinary charitable institution, but each one was made to think of it as his own particular residence. Bro. Terry said he felt it to be right to give this public contradiction to "Watchman," though as a rule he never answered anonymous correspondents. He hoped and trusted that "Watchman" might favour them with a visit there, and become disabused of the erroneous ideas with which his mind was impressed.

Amongst those present were—

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. H. Halford, Mr. Thos. Jones, Mr. Hy. and Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Rev. W. H. W. Casely, Miss Jessie and Miss Kate Terry, Miss Ayliffe, Mr. Drew, the Misses A. and E. Halford, the Misses Lottie and Annie Loffill, Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Farnfield, Cubitt, Dr. Strong, Bro. and Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Morris, Bro. and Mrs. Murlis, Miss Simmonds, Mrs. Culmer, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Mason, Bros. Spooner, James Terry, J. E. Terry, Recknell, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

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**To Correspondents.**

FR. O., Adelaide.—Thanks for your communication,  
which we have inserted. We are always, as you infer,  
glad to have any information of interest to the Order sent  
to us.

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

"Citizen," "City Press," "Broad Arrow," "Jewish  
Chronicle," "Court Circular," "Hebrew Leader,"  
"Allen's Indian Mail," "Masonic Record," "Keystone,"  
"Masonic Review," "Liberal Freemason," "New York  
Dispatch," "New York Daily News," "Tapis," "Life-  
boat Journal," "Victoria Masonic Journal," "Sydney  
Freemason," "Victoria Freemason," "Freimaurer-  
Zietung," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New  
Brunswick," "Supremo Consejo del 33° del Grand Orient  
de España," "Bulletin Maconnique de la Grande Loge  
Smybolique Ecosaise," "Hull Packet," "Louisville  
Commercial."



SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1883.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**MASONIC REPUDIATION.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a specially printed broadside of the address of  
the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada I have  
seen with great surprise a passage relative to the English  
lodges at Montreal, which almost amounts to a direct  
repudiation of a solemn concordat and an honourable  
Masonic understanding. I remember well, as others  
do, Lord Zetland's straightforward and noble words in  
Grand Lodge, and we know how truly our English Grand  
Lodge has adhered in gentlemanly sympathy to what it  
undertook openly to carry out.

I wish I could say as much for some good friends of ours  
in Canada and Quebec. Misled by some noisy scribes,  
and led astray by those ignorant of Masonic law and  
history, they have for some time seemed inclined to  
repudiate the original settlement, and especially to disown  
the official and deliberate declarations of their own Grand  
Master Wilson. If one thing is clear from the old corre-  
spondence it is this,—that he never doubted, as he openly  
admitted, the legal position of the English lodges at Montreal.  
And he even went further,—he stated in an official dispatch,  
still extant, and lately referred to, that there never had been  
any wish on the part of the Grand Lodge of Canada to  
ignore the abstract and concrete right of the English lodges  
to adhere to the mother country. How, in the face of such  
documents in their archives, the Grand Master of the Grand  
Lodge of Canada can doubt the right of the English lodges  
to exist, to work, to elect, and reject such candidates as are  
legally proposed, passes my comprehension. Under what  
law of Masonry can the Montreal Masons be compelled to  
ask their candidates "Have you been rejected in another  
jurisdiction?" Even supposing for mutual convenience the  
lodges of one jurisdiction may wish to have such a query  
put to intending Masons, such a matter can only be settled  
by terms of jurisdictional intercommunion. But the Mon-  
treal Masons have clearly committed no wrong. How can  
such an act be an invasion of a jurisdiction?

I often wonder that the known ability of Bro. Graham  
and others has not before this perceived that by the extreme  
irritation they manifest, and the "open sore" they keep  
up, they are doing their very best to perpetuate the Eng-  
lish lodges and their system.

So moderate have we been in England, and so anxious to  
carry out Lord Zetland's declarations in the letter and in  
the spirit, that there has been a tendency to recommend the  
suspension of the activity of the Provincial Grand Lodge  
and Provincial Grand Chapter, or rather now District.  
But if these unseemly attacks are to continue, what is to  
prevent Bro. Badgley, Provincial Grand Master and Pro-  
vincial Grand Superintendent, from seeking to "activate,"  
as they say in France, his Provincial Grand Lodge and  
Provincial Grand Chapter, to fill up his offices and create  
a living form of Masonic activity.

So unwise have been the words and deeds of many, so  
unsound the theories propounded, so wild the Masonic law  
enunciated, that much sympathy is naturally excited for  
the Montreal lodges, whose only fault is unchanging loyalty  
to their Mother Grand Lodge. If they are compelled to do  
what I have hinted at, by unwise demonstrations and  
ceaseless attacks, the Grand Lodge of England, so long as  
they keep the even path of Masonic legality, would be bound  
to support them, and the prospects of an eventual peaceful  
settlement would be thrown back indefinitely. Threats and  
tall talking do not move us in England; we regard them  
as "Bunkum" and "high falutin," and being essentially  
just and law abiding, our motto always is "Fiat Justitia  
Ruat Cælum."—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD ENGLISH MASON.



### REASONS FOR NOT LEAVING THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND. A Reply to the self-styled and self-appointed Masonic Union of Victoria. A. H. Massina and Co., 26 Little Collins-street East, Melbourne.

This little pamphlet is issued "by authority" from the acting District Grand Master of Victoria, Dr. H. St. John Clarke, and addressed to the Freemasons of the English Constitution there. It is a lucid and well reasoned out and seasonable publication. It exposes ably the alleged idle demand for separation, and encounters the professed reasons for a demand for an independent Grand Lodge with marked force. The truth is that the whole movement appears to hinge upon personal considerations, without any rational basis or valid necessity; in fact, in that prevalent general fidgettiness of views, and those aspirations of special advancement which do such harm to contemporary Freemasonry. There is not the slightest pretence for saying that there is any inconvenience or unsatisfactoriness of official arrangements, or difficulties with the Grand Lodge at home. Had we space we would print the whole pamphlet "in extenso;" as it is we can only conveniently find room for the following effective passages, and we commend them and the entirety of the pamphlet to the attention of any who might be disposed, "a priori," to think that there is something in the movement. "In Victoria there are three Constitutions, with a District and two Provincial Grand Lodges. Of these the English has 70 lodges, the Irish 15, and the Scotch 10. Surely, if a change were required it should come from the most influential section! Yet in the history of this agitation, which dates back over 20 years, the proposal invariably proceeds from the minority, viz., the Irish and Scotch Constitutions. The reason the English Masons have held aloof, and so far prevented the formation of a Grand Lodge, separate from the mother country, is that they have not only been satisfied with, but proud of, their position. Their grievances have been invariably remedied, and their wants supplied; they have found themselves welcome visitors all over the world, and not only received without suspicion, but with marked honour. That the members of other Constitutions have not been so happily situated is no argument that we should give up our valued privileges." To meet a favourite "fad" of some good brother colonists, the writer says ably, "Loss of Energy, Remitting Money, &c.—Large sums of money are not remitted by the English Constitution, for which there is no return, the only sums sent being (1) a fee of 2s. 6d. for registration, which entitles colonial brethren, equally with Masons in England, to a participation in all Masonic benefits, viz.:—The Boys' and Girls' Schools, the Benevolent Institution, and the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence; \* and (2) the fee for registration, including certificate, 7s. 6d., which barely covers the actual cost, is 20s. less than London lodges, and 9s. 6d. less than English country lodges, pay for the same privileges.† These are not annual payments, but only made when a brother joins the Constitution, or a candidate is initiated. All other moneys are spent at the discretion of the District. Certificates, registrations, &c., are not delayed in the English Constitution, the District Grand Master or his Deputy having power to supply a certificate at once in case of emergency, or even if a brother demands it.‡ Such certificate may at any time be changed for one duly signed by the M.W. Grand Master of England and Grand Secretary without further payment. The appreciation of certificates signed by the M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, is shown by the brethren almost invariably electing to wait for them, and, if they cannot wait, by changing the colonial for an English certificate at the first opportunity. On these grounds it is proved that the District Grand Lodge is put to no expense for maintenance under the Grand Lodge of England, neither is there any waste of energy or prevention of united effort, but rather the reverse, our benefits far exceeding our payments, and all laudable undertakings being warmly supported by the most influential Grand Lodge in the world."

### A FEW WORDS CONCERNING A GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF VICTORIA. Published by authority of the Masonic Union, &c.

"Audi alteram partem" is an old Cosmopolitan and Masonic adage, and as this pamphlet is an "exposé" of the views of those officially who want to sever themselves from their old mother country Grand Lodge, we feel bound to notice it also as sent to us. We are compelled to remark that it possesses little in it to recommend it to the thoughtful acceptance of Freemasons, either in style or matter. It is both jejune and feeble-forcible in idea and expression, abounds in fallacious suggestions, and, above all, unwarrantable inferences. Be it remembered there are 70 English, 15 Irish, and 10 Scottish lodges in Victoria, with 5000 present members, and a probable yearly increase of about 500. The great preponderance of Freemasonry is therefore English, though this movement is, we are assured on good authority, not English at all, but mainly arising from a foreign element and un-English Masons. Under these circumstances we feel sure that it is alike premature and unsound, and destined to collapse, and that the English lodges and brethren will stand firm in their loyal adherence to their mother Grand Lodge, as that they have no grievances to redress, no anomalies to smooth away, and they will be in every way grave and lasting losers by the separation. In fact, they are only made the "cat's paws" of a few bustling and ambitious personages. Hardly a month passes but what the Board of Benevolence in London makes grants, and large grants, to enable those in reduced circumstances to return to the Antipodes, and if our good brethren in Victoria will take our kindly advice they will give no heed to "high falutin'" or grievance-mongers, but their motto will be, "As you were." We confess we do not profess to

\* It is a well-known fact that large sums have from time to time been sent from England to poor and distressed brethren in Victoria.

† Vide Book of Constitutions—Fees, 1 c., pars. 7, 8, 9, and 10.

‡ Vide Book of Constitutions—District Grand Lodge, pars. 9, 10.

understand how the District Grand Secretary of one jurisdiction need be the District Grand Treasurer of another; surely there must be among the large number of English Masons "500 good as he."

### THE VICTORIAN MASONIC JOURNAL.

We have received three Masonic papers from the Antipodes. The first is a new Masonic literary venture, named as above, No. 1., vol. i., and is apparently very ably conducted and full of information (solely Masonic) for the Craft. Bro. Lamony's letter is very much to the point, indeed, and the journal in itself, to which we wish all success, seems ably written, and moderately, and sensibly, and Masonically expressed.

THE VICTORIAN FREEMASON (No. 2, vol. i.) is also a new movement. It leans to the so-called Masonic Union and New Grand Lodge.

THE FREEMASON (Sydney), as was to be expected, is hot for another secession, and a companion in its "peculiar venture." Undoubtedly unrecognizable in Great Britain on Masonic grounds of law, order, and precedent, it naturally wishes its peculiar position, if possible, strengthened by a neighbouring body. So far, as it seems to us, the English lodges are wisely holding aloof from a very questionable movement, which is supported by some Scottish and Irish Masons, and a foreign element. We have never departed from the ground originally taken in the *Freemason* in respect of this controversy, and the more we think about it the more we see that that view was sound, Masonic, and common sense.



### 212] A MASONIC TOKEN.

The token referred to by your correspondent, Past Master 281 (N. and O. 207), does not appear to be scarce; I have one in excellent preservation. The words round the outer edge read "Sit lux et lux fuit," and that on the rim "Halfpenny, payable at Black Horse, Tower-hill." From this wording it would seem that the boniface of the Black Horse was a Craftsman, and to show his loyalty to the Prince of Wales as Grand Master he issues this token to answer a double purpose: the first to honour the Prince, the second to answer as a trade or business token. D. GLENN.

### 213] THE MASONIC HYMN.

By the kind assistance of a correspondent at Durham, I am enabled to give a form of the words of the Masonic hymn which Mr. Dixon says in his volume of "ancient poems, &c.," is "very ancient." It is, as will be seen, alike Mystic, Hermetic, and Christian. If it is as old as Mr. Dixon seems to think, it raises some very serious questions. I may add that Mr. Dixon finishes his note with these words, p. 39: "the late Henry O'Brien quotes the seventh verse in his essay on the 'Round Towers of Ireland.' He generally had a copy of the hymn in his pocket, and on meeting with any of his antiquarian friends who were not Masons, was in the habit of thrusting it into their hands, and telling them that if they understood the mystical allusions it contained, they would be in possession of a key which would unlock the pyramids of Egypt. The tune to the hymn is peculiar to it, and is of a plaintive character."

### A MASON'S SONG.

Come all you Freemasons that dwell around the globe,  
That wear the badge of innocence, I mean the royal robe  
Which Noah he did wear in the ark wherein he stood,  
When the world was destroyed by the deluging flood.

Noah he was virtuous in the sight of the Lord,  
He lov'd a Freemason that kept the secret word;  
He built up the ark and planted the first vine,  
Now his soul like an angel in heaven doth shine.  
The fifteenth day rose the ark, let us join hand in hand,  
As the Lord spake to Moses by water and by land,  
Nigh to a pleasant river which through Eden ran,  
Where Eve tempted Adam by the serpent of sin.  
O when I think of Moses it makes me to blush,  
On the Mount of Horeb where he saw burning bush;  
My staff I threw down and my shoes I cast away,  
And I'll wander like a pilgrim until my dying day.  
O Abraham was a man well beloved by the Lord,  
Was found to be faithful o'er Jehovah's word;  
He stretched out his hand with a knife to slay his son,  
But an angel appeared saying, the Lord's will be done.  
O Abraham, O Abraham, don't lay hands upon the lad,  
For I have sent him thee for to make thy heart glad;  
For thy seed shall increase like the stars in the skies,  
And thy soul unto heaven like Gabriel's shall rise.  
There was twelve dazzling knights of light who did me surprise;

I listened awhile and I heard a great noise;  
A serpent appeared and fell unto the ground,  
With peace, joy, and comfort the secret was found.  
The secret was lost and likewise was found,  
'Twas by our blessed Saviour, it is very well known;  
In the garden of Gethsemane he sweat the blood sweat;  
Repent, my dearest brethren, before it is too late.

It's once I was blind and could not see the light,  
When unto Jerusalem, oh; there I took my flight;  
They led me like a pilgrim through the wilderness of care—  
You may see by the sign and the badge that I wear.

O never will I hear a poor orphan to cry,  
Nor yet a fair virgin until the day I die,  
Nor like the restless Jew that wanders the world round;  
But I'll knock at the door where truth is to be found.  
So now against the Turk and the infidel we fight,  
To let the wand'ring world know that we are in the right;  
For in Heaven there's a lodge, and St. Peter keeps the door,  
And none can enter but such as are pure.

It is stated that work will soon be resumed at the new National Opera House on the Victoria Embankment, so that it may be completed, if possible, in time for the Italian Opera season of 1884.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Parkeston (near Harwich), on Wednesday, when the Right Hon. the Lord Brooke, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, was supported by Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a large attendance of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past. Amongst those present were Bros. Matthew Clark, P.G.D., Past Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P.; James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Thomas Vincent, Prov. G.S.B. Surrey; Frederick Long (Suffolk); and others.

Shortly after one o'clock Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in a room at the station, kindly placed at the disposal of the entertaining lodge by the Great Eastern Railway Company, who, it may here be stated, had entered thoroughly into the spirit of the gathering, and had rendered every possible assistance to make it a success. After the Prov. Grand Master had been saluted, the Provincial Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at Chingford in August last, under the presidency of the late Lord Tenterden, K.C.B.; and of the especial Prov. G. Lodge held at Colchester in February last, on which occasion Lord Brooke, M.P., the present Provincial Grand Master, was installed by his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.W. Several letters expressing regret at inability to attend were announced, amongst others from Bros. Lord Waveney, Lord Henniker, T. F. Halsey, M.P., Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dr. Wilson Iles, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and others. On calling over the roll of lodges it was found that the twenty which comprise the province were represented. The amount of contributions received showed a slight increase over that of the last year, while the numerical strength of membership was declared as 897 against 866 for the corresponding period of 1882. A balance of £60 9s. was announced as to the credit of Provincial Grand Lodge. The report of the Auditors was unanimously received and adopted.

The next feature of the day's proceedings was to receive the report of the Charity Committee, which had been prepared by Bro. DEHANE, the representative of the province and which was read by that worthy brother as follows: Before I enter on that which the Provincial Charity Committee has done, I think the Grand Lodge might like to know the voting power of the province for the last two years, and this year as far as can be ascertained:

	R.M.B.I.	Boys' School.	Girls' School.	Total.
	F.	M.		
1881 Individuals	124	105	334	194
Lodges	25	50	96	52
Chapters	—	—	6	4
	310	430	250	= 996
1882 Individuals	124	105	371	244
Lodges	25	50	91	51
Chapters	—	—	9	6
	310	471	301	= 1082
1883 Individuals	124	105	393	267
Lodges	20	58	83	45
Chapters	—	—	6	7
	313	482	319	= 1114

Averaging something like one-third of a vote for each of the brethren in the province for each of the Charities. Of course these figures do not include those brethren who belong to the province but reside in London. Since Grand Lodge meeting in August last year the Provincial Charity Committee has given its support to only one candidate—Frederick Charles Victor Basham—a very deserving case, son of a P.P.G.S.B., Secretary and P.M. of the Star in the East Lodge, who lost his life while discharging his duties, leaving a widow and five children almost totally unprovided for. Unfortunately I am unable to give a tabular statement of the proxies sent to the committee by the brethren in the province, owing to the voting papers coming to hand so short a time before the election days; in fact, many did not arrive until the elections were over, which should be obviated on future occasions. I shall therefore simply give the numbers polled on each of the three applications, namely:

	Candidates	To be elected	Votes
April 1882	213	67	15
October 1882	1134	65	12
April 1883	1580	65	13
			1st successful 3002
			15th " 2050
			1st " 3004
			12th " 2464
			1st " 3520
			14th " 2548

Total 2927 polled for Basham; Bringing him in 12th on the list of successful candidates. The total number of proxies issued to the brethren in Essex for these three elections was 3278. The Committee polled 2927; of these Lord Claud Hamilton sent 1000, and there were borrowed 613; total, 1623; only 1304 being sent to the Committee, showing 1974 proxies were otherwise disposed of; in consequence, a large number—623—had to be borrowed to secure this election. I am, however, pleased to say 471 have been repaid, leaving 194 owing, which I trust the brethren by their unanimous support will enable the Committee to pay in October; and should there be no Essex candidate, to lay the foundation of a fund of proxies which would be available and the sure means of carrying a candidate when taken up by the Committee, this being easily accomplished by lending to other Provincial Committees, securing their confidence and keeping up the provincial prestige. I may mention that I could have borrowed,

in the name of the Essex Committee, any number of proxies, but, with the able assistance and joint calculation of Bro. Clowes, W.M. 650, P.G.S., I determined not to pledge the province too deeply, but abide by the number we had polled. This happily resulted in the success of our candidate. There are one or two points desirable to be impressed upon the brethren of Essex. One specially is, that without their cordial and unanimous support the Committee cannot do justice to the province, and, as every lodge may, and probably will, each year send a new member to serve on the Committee, that point should be seriously considered on installation days, when the brother is elected. Another point is, that the proxies should be sent to the Prov. Grand Secretary in good time, and so obviate that loss of votes which has happened at each of the three last elections. It is hoped the brothers elected by the lodges will make it convenient to attend themselves, or by deputy, at the Committee meetings. In conclusion, the Committee trust the steps taken to secure the election of their candidate, and the happy result, will meet with the approval of Grand Lodge.—H. DEHANE, W.M. 1543, P.G.S.D., representing the Committee at the elections.

This report was unanimously adopted. This being the first opportunity he had had, he would avail himself of the occasion to express his pleasure at the kindly reception given him by the Freemasons of Essex on the day of his installation as Provincial Grand Master by the Duke of Albany. While recognising how much of the brilliancy and lustre attached to that gathering was due to the fact that the Duke of Albany had so kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony of his installation, he could but be proud of the hearty reception and cordial greeting with which, personally, he had been received. He might here state, also, that the Duke of Albany had since expressed the gratification he experienced on the occasion of his first visit to Colchester, and that he hoped to revisit it on an early day. Knowing that arrangements had been made for the enjoyment of those present, he thought it would be out of place for him to make a long address; moreover, he was not a good speaker at the best of times, and when he remembered that only last year, they were presided over by a Mason so eloquent as the late Lord Tenterden, he was the more reminded of his own shortcomings. With respect to the several reports they had listened to, he thought he could congratulate the members of Prov. Grand Lodge. The falling off in the number of members referred to last year had been recovered, and they were now a little above the return made for the year 1881. He was pleased to say he had received several applications for warrants, and had himself taken part in the inauguration of a new lodge, the Blackwater, which was consecrated at Maldon on the 20th June last. One point in reference to Bro. Dehane's report he thought he might call attention to, that was that the suggestion made as to the forwarding of voting papers should be more consistently followed. It was very desirable that a reserve fund of votes should be established. The Prov. Grand Master then alluded to the kindness displayed by the Great Eastern Railway Company in assisting to make the meeting a success, and remarked how gratified he was to see his friend Lord Claud Hamilton, who was so closely connected with the company, present. This was the first important event that had taken place since his appointment as Provincial Grand Master; personally he was much indebted to Bro. Richard Clowes, the Worshipful Master of the entertaining lodge, for the share he had taken in making the arrangements. He would reserve any further remarks he might desire to offer, as he knew careful preparation had been made by the executive who had control of the day's arrangements for the enjoyment of those who were present. Lord Brooke then formally requested Bro. Philbrick to continue as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and re-invested him with the collar of office.

This compliment having been gracefully acknowledged by Bro. PHILBRICK, Bro. Andrew Durrant was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. Richard Clowes, W.M. 650	Prov. G.S.W.
" William Sowman, I.P.M. 51	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. H. Roberts, Chap. 453	Prov. G. Chap.
" A. Durrant, P.M., Treas. 276	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. A. White, W.M. 1437	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. J. Ralling, P.M., Sec. 51	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. D. Poppleton, I.P.M. 433	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. J. Cavill, W.M. 1312	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Child, W.M. 453	Prov. G. S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.M. 160	Prov. G. D. of C.
" W. D. Merritt, W.M. 1000	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" H. Harper, P.M. and Sec. 160	Prov. G.Swd. Br.
" W. G. Brighten, S.W. 1000	Prov. G. Org.
" Thos. G. Mills, I.P.M. 697	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. Bird, I.P.M. 1024	Prov. G.A.Purst.
" T. S. Sarel	Prov. G. Tyler.
Bros. T. Eustace, W.M. 697; T. Tholander, W.M. 1457; C. Floyd, W.M. 1817; H. Everard, S.W. 660; M. L. Saunders, Sec. 650; and Robert Smith, J.W. 1977	Prov. G. Stwds.

Some discussion followed in reference to business matters; the sum of 10 guineas was voted in support of the maintenance fund of the Harwich Lifeboat, and votes of thanks were passed to the Railway Company for the help they had given to promote the success of the meeting. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The brethren then went on board a steamer, placed at the disposal of Provincial Grand Lodge by the Railway Company. This arrangement was made ostensibly to convey the party to Harwich, where the banquet was to be served; but, as time permitted, a run out to the German Ocean gave zest to the appetite, and when the guests sat down it goes without saying that ample justice was done to the good things provided. The toasts usual on these occasions were fully honoured.

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### Craft Masonry.

#### PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE

(No. 753).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at their lodge house, Lord's Hotel, St. John's-wood, on the 25th ult. The lodge was opened in due form by Bros. Slyman, W.M.; J. Evans, S.W.; F. Gordon, J.W.; J. D. Caulker, P.M., Treas.; F. G. Baker, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Weust, P.M.; J. Austen, P.M.; R. J. Hill, P.M.; Dr. W. D. Slyman, P.M.; J. Powell, P.M.; Donald King, P.M.; E. F. Duffin, S.D.; G. R. Wickens, J.D.; J. J. Thomas, acting I.G.; Carter, Windle, Gunthorpe, Rayment, and others; the visitors being Bros. Knight Smith, P.M. 1441; F. West, P.M.; Hoyte, Smith, Samson, Haines, W.M. 1608; Cutbush, Langridge, Ayres, W.M. 742; Brown, Briggs, Lucas, Humphries, McLean, P.M. 1319; Dillon, and others.

The minutes of last lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Charles Clarke and William J. Stratton were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bro. W. Stiles passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. elect was next presented and regularly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installation ceremony being most ably performed by the I.P.M. The W.M. then invested the I.P.M. with a handsome jewel presented by the lodge, also an I.P.M.'s collar subscribed for and presented by the brethren of the St. John's Lodge of Instruction, held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Henry Slyman, P.M. 753, by the members of the St. John's Lodge of Instruction, 107, for his kind and efficient services as Hon. Sec., 1883." The presentation jewel consists of a collar and massive silver square and problem, and the Worshipful Master on investing him said: I have great pleasure in investing you with the collar of I.P.M. You have nobly earned the distinction, and I hope you will long live to wear that collar in our lodge. I have also very great pleasure in attaching this jewel to your breast as a token of the esteem in which you are held by the brethren of the lodge and also to mark the sense of the admirable manner in which you have worked and carried out the duties of W.M. during the past 12 months. I trust you may long be spared to wear it, and when you look upon it in years to come may it remind you of the many happy hours spent with the brethren of the Prince Frederick William Lodge. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Gordon, S.W.; E. F. Duffin, J.W.; G. R. Wickens, S.D.; E. W. Scalergood, J.D.; and J. J. Thomas, I.G. Business being ended, the W.M., after the usual observations and congratulations, closed the lodge in due form.

The brethren then repaired to the banqueting room, and after ample justice had been done to the repast and the cloth cleared the usual Masonic toasts followed.

The Worshipful Master in giving the toast of "The Queen and Craft" said the toast embraced the two noblest objects in the kingdom—she, the noblest lady; it, the noblest institution. Words would fail to tell of all her virtues; time was too short to tell of all its excellencies. Might they as Britons and Freemasons be ever zealously true to both, loyal to their beloved sovereign and faithful to the Craft.

The toast having been enthusiastically received, the Worshipful Master next proposed that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," saying there was not an assembly of educated Englishmen, more especially Freemasons, where that toast was not received with acclamation. So zealous and earnest had their M.W.G.M. been since he had occupied that position that he had earned not only the esteem and respect of the Craft, but had set a noble example to all its members and the world at large; therefore, the brethren would charge a full bumper and do honour to their Grand Master.

The toast having received full honours, the Worshipful Master proposed that of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past." The eminence and qualifications those exalted brethren were known to possess were far beyond his own comment; they could prove their appreciation of them by bumping their glasses and giving them a good fire.

The Immediate Past Master next assumed the gavel and observed in proposing "The Worshipful Master" that their Bro. Evans, who had been installed W.M. that evening, was well-known as a brother who had followed up the various offices he had been entrusted to discharge with a zeal and perseverance that had deserved of them to elect him to the highest position he had so well entitled himself to. He knew they one and all would do all they could to make his year of office a pleasant and successful one. For himself, he believed their W.M. would prove equal to every expectation, and that when his year of Mastership was ended they would be able to say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The toast received a most hearty reception.

The Worshipful Master in returning thanks for the toast assured the brethren that though he responded with great heartiness yet he did it with some feelings of timidity. The chair of the W.M. from a distance looked very inviting, and brethren might well be earnest and zealous in striving to be found worthy of election to it, but he could assure them he felt on his part, at the outset of its possession, great and serious responsibilities, responsibilities under which he would utterly fail did he not know that he was so well supported by such an excellent I.P.M. and goodly array of P.Ms. who had so nobly and well discharged its duties. For himself, he asked their kind indulgence. According to the powers he had received from the G.A.O.T.U. so would he endeavour to do all they could desire. If he was able to succeed he knew he should receive their acclamation and esteem, and should he fail, as friends and brethren they would pardon and forgive. He would, however, strive to win. He thanked them much for the manner in which they had received the toast.

"The Visitors" next received their full share of acknowledgement, to which the visiting brethren responded.

Next followed that of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. observing of all the many ceremonies connected with the Craft one of the most beautiful and impressive was certainly that of installation, and when they heard it in the magnificent

manner they had done that night, it was more doubly impressive. They would therefore, he was sure, feel that they owed a debt of gratitude to their worthy I.P.M. for his excellent working.

The toast was well received, and the I.P.M. rose and expressed his deep feelings of gratitude to their W.M. for the kind manner he had referred to him. His year of office having expired he felt greatly indebted to P.Ms., officers, and brethren for the able and ready support he had received from them, and being now placed on the P.M.'s roll he would be able to look back to the many evenings he had presided over them with feelings of pleasure and happiness which none could feel but those who had experienced that enjoyment. The handsome jewel they had presented him with he should look upon in after years as a living testimony of their brotherly and fraternal love. He thanked them very much for the handsome manner they had responded to the toast, and trusted to remain long amongst them.

"The Past Masters" came next, and was received with full honours, to which several of them ably responded, and the brethren soon after separated.

Bros. Knight Smith, F. West, W. S. Hoyte, G. Clayton, and McLean rendered the proceedings additionally pleasurable by the manner in which they performed a choice selection of songs.

#### WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The

ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, at the Crystal Palace. There were present Bros. Thomas Perrin, W.M.; C. B. Cooke, S.W.; J. B. Crump, J.W.; H. D. Stead, Treas.; J. C. Woodrow, Sec.; P. G. Phipps, J.D.; Benjamin Fullwood, P.M., D.C.; R. P. Jenkins, I.G.; John Hicks and S. Johnson, Stwds.; Bellis, W.M. Selwyn Lodge; Hands, Vizetelly, and A. Harris. Visitor: H. Bartlett, 1564. The lodge being duly opened, Bro. A. Harris was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The lodge was closed and the brethren separated.

#### GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—

The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge (now nearly 100 years old) was held at the Garston Hotel, on Wednesday afternoon, the 25th ult., when there was one of the largest gatherings seen for many years on this interesting occasion. The chair was taken by the retiring W.M., Bro. P. E. Rothwell, supported by Bros. Thomas F. Hill, P.M.; Henry Hatch, P.M.; Samuel Tickle, P.M.; W. Olver, S.W.; J. Williams, J.W.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. E. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. P. Vines, P.M. 1570; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; Thomas Salter, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. McKenzie, P.M. 1609; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M. 1609; and others. The W.M. elect Bro. W. Olver, S.W., was presented by Bros. Wm. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; and H. Hatch, P.M. The retiring W.M. very impressively performed the installation ceremony, the concluding addresses being rendered by Bro. T. Hatton, P.M. 203. After the usual honours, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. P. E. Rothwell, I.P.M.; Joseph Williams, S.W.; G. E. S. Clampt, J.W.; W. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer (13th time); James Carter, Sec. re-appointed; H. Hatch, P.M., M.C.; J. R. Wood, S.D.; Robert Wright, J.D.; John Birchall, I.G.; Philip Lott, S.S.; John Jellicoe, J.S.; W. Ashe, A.S. Bro. Robinson was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together, being well catered for by Mr. Wilson, the host. During the evening a beautiful Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Rothwell, on behalf of the lodge by the W.M. Songs were given by Bros. Wood, Sandbrook, Hatton, &c.

#### CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—

The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Rooms in the Town Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. Peter Yates, W.M., there being also present Bros. Robt. Irving, S.W., W.M. elect; Jos. Barnes, J.W.; Thos. Forrester, I.P.M., P.P. G.J.D.; A. Hall, P.M.; J. Heald, P.M.; J. M. Kerr, P.M., Treas.; T. F. Jackson, Sec.; J. B. Withnall, P.M.; James Laurence, P.M.; Henry Tattersall, P.M.; Geo. Tootell, Chas. Richmond, Thos. Sharples, Jas. Brindle, J. Monks, Jas. Bromley, L. Eccles, James Barton, J. Toth, Wm. Dornan, and Jeremiah Willes. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 645, P.P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire; J. B. Cardwell, W.M. 1030; Jas. A. Atherton, 1030; J. Atherton, P.M. 1030; James Corbett, P.M. 1030; Alfred Bird, 1030; and A. J. Morris, 1387.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts were submitted, and after the Auditors had reported thereon, were passed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Benjamin Paley France, and being declared in his favour, he was initiated into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. Yates, W.M., who afterwards passed Bro. John Monks to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being very ably performed. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe then occupied the W.M.'s chair as Installing Master, to whom the W.M. elect, Bro. Irving, was duly presented and installed by him in the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner. Bro. Sillitoe afterwards invested the following officers, viz.: Bros. Joseph Barnes, S.W.; Wm. Dornan, J.W.; J. M. Kerr, Treas., re-elected; J. Bradshaw, Sec.; James Brindle, S.D.; L. Eccles, J.D.; and J. Toth, I.G. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were also delivered by Bro. Sillitoe, and listened to by the brethren with marked attention.

After the usual routine business had been transacted the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Cattle Market Hotel where a very substantial dinner was provided by the amiable hostess. The following toasts were ably proposed and cordially honoured and responded to, viz.: "The Queen;" "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master;" "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master;" "The Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "Col. the Right Hon. F. A. Stanley, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past;" "Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire;" "The W.M. of the Ellesmere Lodge;" "The Installing Master, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe;" "Our Visiting Brethren;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The I.P.M. and P.Ms. of the Lodge;" "The Wardens and Officers;" and "All Poor and Distressed Masons." During the evening some excellent songs and recitations were contributed by the members and visitors and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**FELTHAM.**—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—This provincial lodge, which was consecrated on July 20th, 1870, held its installation meeting at the Railway Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st ult. There were present Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1423, I.P.M.; D. Steinhauer, S.W., W.M. elect; J. J. Marsh, J.W.; Edwin Gilbert, P.G. Stwd. Middx., P.M., Treas.; Walters, Sec.; F. Knight, S.D.; W. R. Vassila, J.D.; J. Laurence, I.G.; M. Mildred, M.C.; C. Graham, Org.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; S. Page, C.S.; E. A. Smith, Stwd.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M.; J. Stevens, P.M.; A. W. Baker, J. V. Willis, W. H. Walters, H. E. A. D'Arcy, H. E. Potter, A. Samson, J. H. Even, W. Kite, A. Babb, W. Walters, E. H. Boucher, W. R. Smith, C. Holley, R. Annear, and others. Amongst a large number of visitors we noticed Bros. Raymond Henry Thrupp, A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Middx., P.M. and Sec. 255, P.M. and Treas. 1361, P.M. and Treas. 1691, &c.; H. Casson, P.P.G. Org. Derbyshire, P.M. 1706; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975; Thos. Poore, P.M. 720; F. Keeble, S.W. 1426; J. Young, J.W. 1745; W. H. Ball, J.W. 87; H. Forss, S.D. 917; G. Tooley, 1571; and others whose names we were unable to ascertain.

In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. Henry Gloster, P.G. Steward Middlesex, W.M., Bro. James W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M. Era Lodge, 1423, I.P.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the election meeting, held on June 10th, were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read, which showed that after having paid over 40 guineas in charity, out of a moderate subscription of half a guinea a year, that there was a balance in hand and no liabilities to meet. The report was read and adopted. The ballot was taken for Mr. Abel Babb as a candidate for initiation, and he being in attendance was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bros. C. J. Akehurst and J. A. Wilson were passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, Bro. Wilson afterwards having the Second Degree conferred upon him. Both the initiation and the two passings were done in a splendid manner, Bro. J. W. Baldwin proving that after so much work which has fell to his lot he is as careful as ever to render every ceremony correct, impressive, and painstaking.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, G.A.D. of C., D.P.G.M. Middlesex, P.M., took the chair for the purpose of installing Bro. David Steinhauer, S.W., W.M. elect, as the W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year. The fame of Bro. Thrupp as an Installing Master has spread everywhere, both in the province as well as in the London district. Great expectations were felt, and everything anticipated of his really good work was full realised. The Secretary presented the W.M. elect (incidentally remarking that he held the distinguished position of being a Past Steward to, and Life Governor of, all the great Masonic Charities) to receive at the hands of the Installing Master the benefit of installation, assuring him he was an old initiate of the lodge, who had filled every office and done all his work well, and a brother whom they all felt justly proud of. The Board of Installed Masters were next formed, there being about 24 present, and Bro. Steinhauer was regularly installed W.M. of the lodge. After having been proclaimed and saluted in the various degrees he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. J. Marsh, S.W.; Fletcher Knight, J.W.; Edwin Gilbert, P.G. Stwd. Middx., P.M. Treas. (re-invested for the fifth time); Walters, Sec.; W. R. Vassila, S.D.; J. Laurence, J.D.; M. Mildred, C.E., I.G.; C. Graham, M.C.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; S. Page, Org.; E. A. Smith, C.S.; C. W. Baker, Stwd.; and John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler. Great applause was accorded to the several officers on their investment; particularly we noticed how well received was the appointments of Bro. Edwin Gilbert, Treasurer; the veteran Secretary; J. Laurence, J.D. (a burst of enthusiasm over his investiture); M. Mildred, C.E., I.G.; and C. Graham, M.C.

The addresses having been given, the veteran Secretary proposed a vote of thanks, the same to be entered upon the minute book, to Bro. Thrupp for the excellent manner he had rendered the ceremony of installation, and that he be asked to accept the honorary membership of the lodge. Bro. Walters stated that during his Masonic career of over 28 years, during which he had attended nearly 8000 meetings, he could safely say he had never yet seen any ceremony better worked, more ably given, correctly, and impressively done than what Bro. Thrupp had performed that all important ceremony of the installation. It was to him, and he was sure to everyone present, a very great Masonic treat to hear such admirable working. On his own behalf and other members he thanked Bro. Thrupp for his kindness in performing that ceremony. He was one who fully appreciated the good works ever rendered by the Grand Lodge Officers. He knew their sterling worth. It was the first time a Grand Lodge Officer had done that ceremony in that lodge. It was an honour they wished to see repeated. In his travels he had repeatedly seen Grand Lodge Officers ever ready to come to the front and do any ceremony that was required of them. They ever had, on all occasions, proved by their acts how willing they were to do any work when properly called upon. The way the work had been done by their D.P.G.M., also a present Grand Lodge Officer, proved beyond doubt he was the right man in the right place. He, as one of their oldest members, expressed the pleasure he felt in proposing these resolutions.

Bro. Baldwin, I.P.M., &c., in an admirable speech seconded the proposition and endorsed all their veteran Secretary had said. The propositions were carried unanimously.

Bro. Steinhauer, W.M., informed Bro. R. H. Thrupp of these resolutions, and Bro. Thrupp in a neat and appropriate speech thanked the lodge for the vote of thanks, and in the kindest manner possible accepted the honorary membership of the lodge, stating he considered it to be an honour to belong to such a distinguished lodge.

Then followed the flow of Charity which has ever distinguished the lodge. The Secretary, in moving his motion to vote two guineas from the lodge Benevolent Fund to a worthy P.M. of another lodge and an old member of this, drew such a vivid picture of the suffering endured by the P.M., who in his youth in the Crimea had done his country good suit and service, that it was unanimously resolved that that P.M. have five guineas given him immediately. Then followed a vote of 10 guineas from the lodge funds for a Life Governorship of the Female Annuity, which was also proposed by the Secretary, agreeable to his notice of motion.

This completed the charitable portion of the business. The Grand Lodge certificates were given and duly signed by the recipients. Several gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. All the business being ended the lodge was closed.

The usual first-class banquet followed, after which the regular toasts were given and responded to. Bro. H. Casson, P.P.G.O. Derbyshire, P.M. 1706, did excellent suit and service as Organist, both on harmonium and piano. After a few hours spent in enjoyment the brethren separated.

## INSTRUCTION.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—There was a full meeting of this lodge of instruction at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Friday, the 27th ult. Amongst those present were W. Bro. J. N. Bate, W.M.; Bros. C. H. Phillips, S.W.; H. H. Hughes, J.W.; J. B. Sarjeant, S.D.; C. J. Axford, J.D.; J. D. E. Tarr, I.G.; W. Bros. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; and Thomas Poore, P.M.; Bros. R. Poore, Secretary; H. Hooper, A. Jones, and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes read. Bro. Bates then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Richard Poore, who proceeded to raise the lodge in due form, and most ably rehearsed the M.M. ceremony with traditional history and explanations. Bro. Bate then delivered the charge of the Degree, and resumed the chair. The lodge was closed to the First Degree and the brethren assisted Bro. T. Poore to work the Sixth Section of the Lecture. Bros. C. J. Axford and J. D. E. Tarr were elected members, and after a most profitably spent evening the lodge was closed and the meeting adjourned.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—The members of this lodge met on Monday evening, the 30th ult., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. W. A. Vincent, W.M.; G. Coop, S.W.; C. Rhind, J.W.; Tubal Webb, S.D.; C. S. Mote, J.D.; M. J. Green, I.G.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; H. E. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Thomas, Steward; Capt. A. Nicols, F. J. Humfress, W. Honeyball, A. Hardy, W. Death, C. R. Wickens, C. J. Craig, S. Smout, jun., W.M. 1642; and C. Thomson.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. J. J. Thomas being candidate. Bro. Humfress answered the usual questions, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. W. A. Vincent for the very able manner he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

A ballot was taken for a life subscribership of one of the Charities, and a brother joined the Benevolent Association, being No. 35 on the roll. Bro. G. Coop, the Preceptor of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, will be W.M. at the next meeting, when it is trusted the brethren will be present in good numbers at eight o'clock prompt.

## Royal Arch.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.**—St. Hilda Chapter (No. 240).—On Wednesday, the 18th ult., the annual convocation of the companions of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, when the imposing ceremony of installing the principals and officers for the ensuing year was performed with due solemnity by Ex. Comp. B. Levy, P.P.G.H., and Ex. Comp. J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.J. The chapter was opened in due form by Ex. Comp. J. S. Wilson, Z., and after the transaction of the ordinary business the principals were installed as follows: J. T. Wilson, Z.; M. H. Dodd, H.; G. S. Shotton, J; after which the First Principal invested his officers as follows: T. Coulson, P.Z., Treas.; J. Hunter, E.; J. H. Thompson, N.; J. A. Hall, P.S.; G. Robson and W. Davidson, A.S.; G. Wilson, Org.; and J. Brown, Janitor. The chapter having been closed in regular form the companions adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel (Bro. Lauderdale) where a recherche banquet was enjoyed.

## ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING OF THE EUPHRATES LODGE, No. 212.

The above-mentioned festival was celebrated on Tuesday, the 24th ult., with entire success. The locality selected for this year's outing was the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond. Thither the numerous party of brethren and ladies repaired, a beautiful ride being highly enjoyed on the Lotus, Captain Liddy in command. Favoured with a fine day and capital tide, nothing was wanting to complete the happiness of the party. Bro. Donald Glass, the W.M., had left nothing undone calculated to afford satisfaction, and his thoughtful endeavours were eminently successful. A capital band, led by Mr. Hankins, supplied lively music, and Bro. Stephens kindly undertook the arrangements for dancing, which enjoyment was pursued with very gratifying results on the journey out and home.

Among the company we noticed Bro. D. Glass, W.M., and Mrs. Glass; Bro. Martin, S.W.; Bro. Cooper, J.W.; and Mrs. Cooper; Bro. May, P.M., Treas.; Bro. Coverly, P.M., Sec.; Bro. J. Seigenberg, I.G., and Mrs. Seigenberg; Bro. Schartau, Org.; Bro. J. J. Marsh, Tyler; Bro. and Mrs. G. Stevens, Bro. and Mrs. J. West, Bro. and Mrs. Blow and Miss Blow, Bro. and Mrs. Wilson, Bro. and Mrs. Walduck, Bro. G. H. Stephens (Freemason), and many others whose names we did not gather.

On arriving at Richmond the party disembarked from the Lotus, the captain and crew of which were most obliging, and made for the Star and Garter, where, despite the arrival about two hours late, a capital banquet was served and highly enjoyed after the healthful ride up the river. This reflected great credit upon the present management, every detail being satisfactorily carried out, and the enjoyment enhanced by the exquisite scenery visible for miles around.

After grace Bro. GLASS announced that in consequence of the length of the journey and consequent late arrival, he intended to be brief in his remarks in introducing the toasts, so that they might have some songs and not be delayed too long indoors. (Cheers.)

"The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen"

was a toast, Bro. GLASS said, which was always received with the greatest enthusiasm in all bodies of Englishmen, and to the brethren as Craftsmen it was unnecessary to enumerate her many excellencies. She was moreover the mother of the most exalted Masons, and Patron of the Order. Bro. Glass coupled with the name of her Majesty that of the Craft, and asked the brethren to join in singing a verse of the National Anthem.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master; the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." As Freemasons they all knew how indefatigably H.R.H. worked at all times to advance the interests of the Order, or of science, art, or charity, and more particularly charity. The Princess was endowed with many exalted virtues which had endeared her in the hearts of the people of this her adopted country, whilst the other members of the Royal Family were alike always working to promote the welfare of some deserving undertaking. This was heartily received, and Bro. May, P.M., gave a verse of "God bless the Prince of Wales."

Bro. GLASS next said he came to the toast of "The Ladies, God bless them." He would not say very much upon this topic beyond that as they had the honour of admitting the ladies to a share of the social part of Freemasonry, and their endeavours had given satisfaction, so he believed if they were permitted to share that other side of Masonic work—the intellectual—it would prove to be equally satisfactory with the former. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Wood, and Bro. Glass announced that Bro. J. Coverly, P.M. and Secretary, a veteran 90 years of age, would afterwards favour them with a song.

Bro. WOOD having acknowledged the compliment paid to the ladies—Bro. Coverly sang an appropriate song, "The Lass of Richmond Hill," in a surprising manner for one so aged. Bro. Coverly is a Freemason of 50 years' standing and the Euphrates brethren highly appreciated his presence on this occasion.

"The Visitors" were next honoured, Bro. GLASS claiming that the Euphrates Lodge had for many years past regarded with pleasure the presence of visiting brethren and that feeling was heightened upon the present occasion. They had present Bros. West, Blow, Wilson, Garner, Buckhurst, and many other brethren and their families, and he would connect the name of his old friend, Bro. J. West, J.D. 933, with the toast.

This was warmly applauded and Bro. BLOW sang "Welcome, ever welcome friends" capitolly.

Bro. WEST said: W.M., ladies and brethren, on occasions like the present when anyone is called upon to respond it is usually the most distinguished visitor who is selected. Not being a lord, a duke, or a marquis, I must conclude I am called upon not as being the most prominent visitor, but in consequence of being the "perpetual" visitor to 212. To prevent being called upon again there is only one course to pursue and that is to ask you to accept me as a joining member of the Euphrates Lodge. (Cheers.) I am very pleased to be here and do not see why you should not have three or four outings a year like the present, when I should be happy to come and enjoy myself with you. On behalf of myself and the other visitors, I thank you again for your kind invitation.

"The Officers of the Lodge" were next honoured. They had present, the W.M. said, their S.W., Bro. Martin, and J.W., Bro. Cooper. Then came a blank, the Grand Master having been pleased to call their late S.D., Bro. Millett, and two other esteemed brethren to the Grand Lodge above. Then there was Bro. J. Seigenberg, I.G., and P.Ms. Bro. May, Treas.; Coverly, Sec.; and Marsh, Tyler. The brethren were all so well acquainted with the merits of their officers that he (Bro. Glass) would not dwell upon them further.

Bro. Schartau, the newly appointed Organist, next gave a pleasing song, and

Bro. MARTIN replied at length for "The Officers."

Bro. GLASS gave "The Press." He was sure they would agree with him they had very much to thank the press for, both the Masonic and general press. A great change had been effected as a result of the knowledge diffused and the Masonic press had brought about a good fellowship throughout the world wherever Masons were to be found. He would connect the name of Bro. G. H. Stephens with the toast.

In a brief response, Bro. STEPHENS thanked Bro. Glass for the highly appreciative terms in which he had introduced the toast with which his name was coupled. The hearty response of the brethren would serve as an incentive for the future, nothing being more gratifying than to find one's labours appreciated. Bro. Stephens trusted that among the many tasks devolving upon the press would be included the pleasure of recording the actions upon many such pleasant occasions as the Euphrates Lodge Summer Outing. (Cheers.)

Bro. MARTIN, S.W., next gave in terms of well deserved eulogy "The Health of Bro. Donald Glass, the W.M.," thanking him for the kind and able manner in which he had catered for their comforts that day. Upon his Masonic career he would not enter, but in all he did Bro. Glass showed he had the interest of the lodge at heart.

Bro. COVERLY also said he felt proud and happy to see such an excellent Master of the lodge as they had at the present time. During his 50 years of membership he had not seen one better. He had witnessed Bro. Glass's performances since he had become a member, and, although he did not like to flatter, what he had uttered was the truth, for from the first he had taken pains to perform his duties. Bro. Coverly felt pleased to see the toast responded to so heartily and in such a handsome manner, and hoped it would be a pattern to the officers who were following.

Bro. GLASS in reply said what Bro. Coverly had just said had quite taken the wind out of his sails. He looked upon Freemasonry as one of the greatest and noblest institutions, and considered it a great privilege to be a member. Since the Prince of Wales had become Grand Master of the Order it had made great progress, and was becoming more universal day by day. He was pleased to find the Euphrates Lodge so prosperous, and hoped it would always be equally so. He would always be ready to give it Masonic and true support, and trusted that next it would be equally successful and even more prosperous.

Bro. WILSON gave "Auld lang syne," and the company separated to prepare for the journey to town. This was happily and safely effected, and the evening being still young the majority of the ladies and brethren passed an hour together in the City enjoying some excellent singing.

Amongst those who contributed were Mrs. Cooper and Miss Blow, and Bros. Seigenberg, Blow, Marsh, Stephens, and Glass, and the party separated, having thoroughly enjoyed the day's pleasures.

#### ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE EVERTON LODGE, No. 823, LIVERPOOL.

The annual picnic of the members of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The brethren and ladies, about 200 "all told," gathered at Lime-street Station, where saloon and other carriages provided for them were in readiness en route to Lymm, where they arrived at 11.30, and at once proceeded to the pretty church of the village, in which the morning lessons were read and hymns sung, the Rev. Mr. Lomax and Rev. Mr. Leslie officiating. Returning to the hotel dinner was provided, Eytton's band being in attendance, and playing several delightful airs. Adjourning to a field specially engaged, sports of all kinds took place, in which old and young participated. In this the seven ages were illustrated by the racing—firstly, by about 4-year-olds, then respectively 8-15, 25-30, 40, and 60 years, each winner receiving a prize, the umpire being Bro. J. M. King, to whom too much praise cannot be given for the manner in which he originated amusement for the company, assisted by Bro. Carefull and others. Then came the ladies' races, the umpire and distributor of prizes being Mrs. W. Brassey, whose grace and amiable disposition fairly entitle her to be the wife of a W.M. Dancing, football, bowling, and other amusements were then indulged in. Refreshments and tea being finished, the whole company were photographed in a group by Mr. D. S. Kruger, while the W.M. with his officers were photographed separately. Singing and dancing concluded the day's proceedings. Special votes of thanks were passed to Bro. John Houlding, P.M., P.P.G.R., M.C., for the manner in which everything was carried out under his able guidance, everyone exclaiming they never had passed a more enjoyable day.

#### LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.—PROGRAMME OF TOURS.

It is almost needless to say that, in accordance with the practice of recent years, the London and North Western Railway has made the usual liberal arrangements for the comfort and convenience of tourists during the present season, and as the line and its branches traverse or are in communication with so many of the most attractive pleasure resorts in England, Wales, and Scotland, we have no doubt it will, as in past years, reap the full reward of its almost unbounded liberality. We do not see why or how it should be otherwise. Holiday-makers are not apt to be over particular in their expenditure, but if extraordinary facilities are offered for reaching their favourite haunts in the country or for visiting districts, whose attractions they have heard of but never had the opportunity of enjoying, they wisely accept and make the most of them. This is what the London and North Western Railway Company has been in the habit of doing for years, and now their tourist arrangements are about as perfect as the ablest and most liberal management can devise. The main feature of these arrangements is the issue at the most reasonable charges of tickets available for two calendar months, the holders of which, however, may on the payment of a further moderate sum have them extended to any date not exceeding the last day in the current year. These tickets are issued for the whole of the lines either worked directly by the company or over which it has running powers, and besides being, as we have said, issued at moderate rates and capable of extension to the close of the year, they may be made available for a whole district—for instance, for North or South Wales, for the English Lake District, for the Isle of Man, &c. Thus a party desirous of visiting, say the Lake District, may have their tickets so made out that they may be able to break the journey once, either going or returning, at any of the places they wish to visit, and these places, which of course must be situated on the Company's lines, are endorsed on the tickets. Or, if they desire it, they may proceed direct, without breaking the journey, to any place for which the tourist tickets are available, and it is desirable the booking clerk should be informed at the time the tickets are taken whether it is intended to break the journey, and if so, at what points, or to make direct and without stoppage for a given place, the reason being that the two classes of tickets are issued for different trains. In addition to these, for which the Company holds itself directly responsible, through tickets are issued, permitting the holders to travel to or from places off the Company's line, but in the case of these, which are intended solely for the convenience of the holders, the contract and liability of each Company are limited exclusively to its own lines of railway, coaches, and steamboats. It must be borne in mind, moreover, that the cost of transfer or conveyance between the railway termini or between any of their stations, steamboats, or coaches, is not covered by the price of these through tickets, and also that the several companies do not undertake such transfer or conveyance, nor will they incur any responsibility in connection therewith. However, those who purpose availing themselves of the facilities offered by the London and North-Western Railway Company had better consult for themselves the programme of these tours, which is issued gratuitously, and is obtainable at the company's offices at Euston, at the different stations on the line, and elsewhere. They will find full particulars as to the train service, while the narrative describing the different tours contains particulars of the several places of interest which are accessible, and which the majority of pleasure-seekers are so anxious to visit. There are also clearly drawn maps of the different districts, while the useful information as to hotels, omnibuses, and other conveyances, &c., is also furnished. If anything further is desired to be ascertained, the reader has only to make application to Mr. G. P. Neale, the courteous superintendent of the line, at Euston Station, and he will be told all that he desires to know.

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#### Australia.

##### THE PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The following items from the *Melbourne Argus* anent the above movement have been forwarded to us for publication:

"A large and influential meeting of Freemasons took place at the Masonic Hall on Friday evening, Bro. Lowry in the chair. A resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority affirming the desirability of forming a Grand Lodge of Victoria. A general gathering of Freemasons will take place in June, and will be notified by advertisement."

##### "PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

"To the Editor of the 'Argus.'"

"SIR,—A paragraph in to-day's issue states that at a large and influential meeting of Freemasons, held on Friday, 'an overwhelming majority confirmed the desirability of forming a Grand Lodge of Victoria.' As this may be misleading to many provincial and even metropolitan brethren, I ask leave to state that those who are known to be opposed to the movement were not invited to attend, or even apprised of the meeting. The 'overwhelming majority,' therefore, in no way applies to the whole body of Freemasons, but only to a section that have long since desired to improve their standing by the alteration.—Yours, &c., "E. C.—"April 30th."

##### "PROPOSED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

"To the Editor of the 'Argus.'"

"SIR,—The discussion of the affairs of Freemasonry in the columns of a daily paper must necessarily be 'caviare to the general,' but in the absence of a journal specially devoted to Masonic literature permit me to supplement the remarks of 'E.C.' in this day's issue. I, in common with many others, am not altogether unknown in the Masonic world in Victoria, yet neither I nor my friends were called to the meeting or were aware of its being about to take place. The overwhelming unanimity, therefore, must be regarded like the Irishman's reciprocity, as 'all on one side.' There are three Constitutions of Freemasonry working in Victoria, namely, the English, with 70 lodges; the Irish, with 15 lodges; and the Scotch, with 10 lodges; and the desirability of having only one Constitution is most decidedly admitted by all. But the desirability of having a Constitution and Grand Lodge of Victoria is not so unanimously admitted. The members of the English are perfectly satisfied with the Constitutions they work under. The Prince of Wales, who takes great personal interest in the Craft, is the head of the Order, and he is assisted by a body of noblemen and gentlemen of whom the world may be proud. When in the course of time, and may it be still afar off, he becomes King of England he takes the position of Grand Patron of the Order, and one of his brothers, most probably the Duke of Albany, would be Grand Master in his stead. Locally we govern ourselves, we spend our money as we please, we pay no fees to England except a mere trifle of 7s. 6d. for registration on the books of the Grand Lodge of England, and for which we also get a certificate. Our indigent Masons are entitled to relief from the Grand Lodge funds, and from every benevolent society connected with the Order. We have also our own Benevolent Fund and our own almshouses, &c. Our local Grand Lodge might be a little more energetically conducted, but that is improving, and we have no reason to be dissatisfied with our outlook. But, if I correctly understand the position of the Scotch and Irish lodges here, they appear to labour under certain grievances, and are dissatisfied with their position under their separate Constitutions. I would therefore suggest to my disaffected Scotch and Irish brethren not to endeavour to found a Grand Lodge of Victoria, which can only occupy a very secondary place in the world's Masonic affairs, but to join their English brethren in this colony in their endeavours to carry out the noble object of reuniting all lodges in the world in one universal brotherhood, under one Constitution, with the one real Grand Lodge—the grand old mother lodge of England. In any case, I would beg my worshipful Irish brethren not to endeavour to bring their disaffection into our English lodges, but to allow us to retain untroubled that feeling of loyalty to our Craft and its head which it is both our duty and our pleasure to render; and I would suggest to 'E.C.' the desirability of calling a meeting of all the English lodges for the purpose of voting an address of loyalty to our Constitution and to our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. I enclose my name and address, and remain, yours, "C. S.—May 1st."

##### ADELAIDE.—Harmony Lodge (No. 505).—

One of the most successful meetings in the history of this lodge took place on May 8th, in the Freemasons' Hall, Finders-street, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. F. H. Wigg as W.M. There was a large attendance of brethren, not less than 140 being present, including the English District Grand Lodge and the representatives of the Scotch and Irish Provincial Grand Lodges. The retiring W.M., Bro. F. Olifent, presided, and acted as Installing Master, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a Board of upwards of 30 Installed Masters. The W.M., Bro. F. H. Wigg, having been duly placed in the chair of K.S., was proclaimed and saluted in the usual form. Bro. H. M. Addison, P.M., Dist. G. Treas., presented the W.M. with the working tools, explaining their uses and meaning. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Olifent, I.P.M.; F. W. Bullock, S.W.; W. M. Hugo, J.W.; H. M. Addison, P.M., G.T.; Treas.; J. E. Thomas, Sec.; H. L. Whittell, S.D.; T. C. Holland, J.D.; W. P. Wicksteed, I.G.; Shakespere, Org.; Dr. F. Seabrook, P.M., D. of C.; F. J. Beach and S. H. A. Bird, Stewards; and N. Kildael, Tyler.

Bro. F. Olifent, I.P.M., gave the usual addresses to the newly-invested officers, and to the members of the lodge. The manner in which Bro. Olifent carried out his duties as Installing Master is deserving of the highest praise. It was as near perfection as anything of the kind we have ever heard, and he deserves great credit for the care and attention which he has given to work himself up in the whole ritual. Bro. F. H. Wigg, the newly-installed W.M., also gave promise of proving a worthy successor of the I.P.M. Numerous congratulations were offered to the new W.M. by the representatives of several city and country lodges, and also by visiting brethren from Victoria,

Tasmania, New Zealand, India, and South Africa. Apologies were received for the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. C. Muecke, the D.G.M. of the S.C.; Bro. Skethaway, W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, S.C., and others.

The formal business being concluded, a well deserved presentation was made to the retiring Master, consisting of a handsome P.M. jewel, richly chased, and bearing on the reverse side a suitable inscription, the following address accompanying the jewel: "To Bro. P.M. Frank Olifent. Worshipful sir, we the members of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 505, E.C., in the open lodge assembled, request you to accept this address and P.M. jewel, as a token of the esteem in which you are held by us, and also as a manifestation that we have appreciated the services so efficiently rendered by you to your lodge. Be assured that you retire from the chair enjoying the fraternal regard of us all, inasmuch as we feel you have in all respects conscientiously discharged your duties as a ruler in the Craft and as Master of your lodge. We are, worshipful sir, yours fraternally (signed) F. H. Wigg, W.M.; Fred. W. Bullock, S.W.; W. M. Hugo, J.W.; J. Edwin Thomas, Secretary, on behalf of the members of your lodge, Adelaide, May 8, 1883." The address was elegantly illuminated and embellished with Masonic emblems, surmounted by the crest and motto of the Olifent family, and handsomely bound in morocco.

The W.M., Bro. F. H. Wigg, in making the presentation alluded in complimentary terms to the admirable manner in which Bro. F. Olifent had carried out the duties of W.M. during his tenure of office, and to the general esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

Bro. Olifent, who said he was taken by surprise on receiving their elegant present and address, expressed his thanks in a few well-chosen words, and said he should treasure their handsome gifts and hoped to hand them down as heirlooms to his family.

The business of the lodge being concluded the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet laid in the lower hall, under the direction of the Stewards, Bros. Beach and Bird, to which 130 sat down. The first toast was honoured with even more than usual demonstrations of loyalty, and the National Anthem was sung by the brethren with great enthusiasm. The other toasts usual on such occasions were also duly honoured, some good songs being given during the evening. We must not omit to mention the pleasing accompaniment to the ceremonial in the lodge, afforded by Bro. W. Shakespere, the Organist, and the choir who rendered selections of Masonic music in a very efficient manner. The interludes and symphonies also introduced by Bro. Shakespere materially enhanced the general effect.

#### South America.

**BUENOS AYRES.**—Excelsior Lodge (No. 617).—The installation of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st June, instead of on St. John's Day, which fell on a Sunday. Lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after the private business had been dispatched visitors were admitted. Commissions from the lodges Star of the South, No. 1025, Unione Italiana, Obediencia a la Ley, and the Argentine Grand Orient attended the meeting, and finally Bros. G. J. Ryan, D.D.G.M. Argentine Republic; J. T. Ramsay, acting D.G.S.W.; A. R. Martin, acting D.G. J.W.; C. T. Mold, D.G. Sec.; C. F. Collins, acting D.G.S.D.; J. Scott, acting D.G.J.D.; J. Rich, D.G.S. of Works; and G. Stearn, D.G.P., were admitted and received in due form.

The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. R. B. Masfield, being absent from the city, having gone to Rosario and Córdoba to install the W.Ms. in the lodges there working under the Grand Lodge of England, the D.D.G.M., Bro. G. J. Ryan, had been appointed Installing Master, and took the chair, replacing the officers of the lodge by those of the District Grand Lodge. Bro. Ferdinand J. Morphy, W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by the outgoing W.M., Bro. F. R. Hancock, P.D.G. Org., and duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Order. Bro. Ryan then proceeded to invest the officers appointed for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Hopwood, S.W.; D. M. Munro, J.W.; C. T. Mold (P.M. and D.G. Sec.), Treas.; A. H. Weir, Sec.; S. Bowley, S.D.; J. T. Ramsay (P.M. and D.G. Treas.), M.C.; C. Buchter, Tyler. Bros. J. Dodd, J.D.; and R. O. Watson, I.G.; were unavoidably absent.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Morphy, thanked the members for the high honour they had conferred on him in electing him Master of the lodge. He also thanked the D.D.G.M. and other members of the District Grand Lodge for their attendance at the meeting, and in conclusion he welcomed the various lodges and brethren who had attended the ceremony.

Appropriate speeches were also made by several of the brethren, and at 11 p.m. the lodge was closed in due form.

The banquet annually given by the Masons of the York Rite took place on Saturday, the 23rd June, when a large number of brethren, including Bro. A. G. Goodall, representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of New York, met and passed a pleasant evening, enlivened by speeches and songs.

#### South Africa.

##### ST. JOHN'S DAY AT THE CAPE.

From the "Cape Times," June 25th.

Yesterday was the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, but most of the Masonic ceremonies which are fixed for this occasion by the lodges in this town took place on Saturday. The day was one of the finest that could have been desired, and there was a large gathering of the sisters and "profanes"—the latter term is of course strictly limited to its Masonic meaning—in the grounds of both the Goede Hoop and the British Temples. In the former the Spes Bona band performed a selection of music, and in the latter an excellent programme was rendered by the band of the A. and S. Highlanders, whose services the members of the British and Carnarvon Lodge had been fortunate enough to obtain. The performance of these selections served to delight the sightseers while the ceremony of installation was taking place in the Temple.

The first installation ceremony of the day was that of the W.M. and officers of the Goede Hoop (Dutch Constitution), which took place in the temple of that lodge at noon, the Installing Officer being Bro. P.G.M. D. P. Faure. The sister lodges under the several Constitutions were well represented, and the most hearty congratulations were extended to Bro. Advocate Jura upon his installation as Master of this lodge. The following is a list of the office-bearers who were severally invested with their descriptive collars: Bros. H. P. du Preez, D.M.; W. L. Bovell, S.W.; C. J. Muller, J.W.; Johan Jansen, Orator; R. W. Robins, Treas.; J. de V. Heckroodt, Sec.; H. Ruperti, Master of Ceremonies; C. M. de Wet, Ambassador; S. N. Ponder, Almoner; J. J. Jantzen, Architect; J. C. Piton, 1st Prep.; G. H. Bindon, 2nd Prep.; F. H. Skead, Dep. Orator; P. J. van Coller, Dep. Sec.; P. Ahnelt, Dep. Treas.; De de V. Leibbrandt, Dep. Ambassador; G. J. Hoffman, Treas. Benevolent Fund; E. L. E. Brandt, I.G.; K. N. de Kock, Dep. Master of Ceremonies; L. Knab, Org.; and A. J. Roux, Tyler.

From here the brethren proceeded to the Temple in Roeland-street, to be present at the installation of the W.M. and officers of the British (334 E.C.) and the W.M. and officers of the Carnarvon (1735 E.C.) lodges. The gathering was a large one and included a great many visitors from the country lodges. The lodge having been opened in due form, was taken command of by R.W. District G. Master, C. A. Fairbridge, and the officers of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa (W. Div.), Bro. T. J. C. Inglesby, the W.M. elect of the British, occupying the S.W. chair, and Bro. S. Giddy, the retiring W.M., the J.W. chair. Bro. P. M. Riddelsdell was appointed installing officer, and performed the ceremony in an impressive manner, the S.W. chair being occupied by P.D.G.R., Bro. W. M. Webster, while Bro. Inglesby took over the duties of W.M. The retiring Master, Bro. R. W. S. Giddy, having been invested with the collar of I.P.M., the officers of the lodge were then invested as follows: Bros. H. G. Morton, S.W.; T. W. Cairncross, J.W.; J. W. Wells, Treas.; W. E. Goodman, Sec.; R. Day, S.D.; R. Standford, J.D.; W. J. Hadfield, Org.; J. Hendy, G. Stigant, W. Cairncross, and J. A. Floreen, Stewards; Searle, I.G.; and G. Wright, Tyler. In the course of the ceremony the I.P.M., Bro. Giddy, took the opportunity of paying a high and well deserved compliment to the services of the Secretary, Bro. W. E. Goodman. It had been intended, he said, to present him on this occasion with a jewel, as a token of the appreciation in which his services were held by the lodge. Unfortunately, however, the jewel itself had not yet arrived, but he, the I.P.M., felt it to be only right to thus publicly acknowledge the manner in which their genial and energetic Secretary had fulfilled the duties of Secretary. The moment the jewel arrived he would have the greatest pleasure in handing it to him. A few complimentary remarks were also paid to the Secretary by the W.M.

The R.W.D.G.M. then proceeded to reobligate Bro. G. Brittain as W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, after which the officers were invested as follows: Bros. the Very Rev. Dean Clarke, S.W.; G. Richardson, J.W.; H. A. Bam, Treas.; J. H. Shipley, Sec.; Stanley, S.D.; Shipley, J.D.; Watson, I.G.; and G. Wright, Tyler. The District Grand Master said he had to announce with the deepest regret, in which he was sure all the brethren would share, that the address usually given by the Grand Chaplain, the Dean of Cape Town, would be omitted this year in consequence of the serious illness of the dean's father. The address to the Master and Wardens was delivered by Bro. Riddelsdell, P.M., and that to the lodge in general by Bro. D. G. R. Webster.

Having marched round the grounds of the lodge in accordance with ancient form, a number of the brethren then proceeded to assist at the installation of the W.M. and officers of the Lorne Lodge (654 S.C.), which took place in the Temple of Goede Trouw in St. John's-street. Bro. Capt. Penfold was re-elected and duly installed as R.W.M., and the other officers were as follows: Bros. W. McLeod, D.M.; D. Robertson, S.M.; J. Tibbits, W.S.W.; S. E. M. Ross, W.J.W.; A. Rawbone, S.D.; W. H. Dunkley, J.D.; J. L. Cobbin, I.G.; and J. White, Tyler.

The banquets took place in the evening, and at each the usual Masonic toast list was done full honour to. The officers of Grand Lodge and the British and Carnarvon Lodges sat down to a most inviting-looking table laid out under the superintendence of Bro. Wright at the lodge in Roeland-street. The District Grand Master presided, and was supported by the Hon. R. Southey, P.P.G.M.; W. T. Hawthorn, D.D.G.M.; the W.Ms. of the British and Carnarvon Lodges, &c.; and the evening was enjoyably spent. At the Goede Hoop the newly-installed W.M., Advocate Jura, presided, supported by the D.G.M.M., J. H. Hofmeyr; the P.G.M., D. P. Faure; H. P. du Preez, D.M.; and others. Here, too, a capital banquet had been provided by Bro. Roux, and during the evening several interesting speeches were made in proposing and responding to the several toasts. The customary congratulations were exchanged between the two lodges, a deputation consisting of District Grand Registrar Webster, Secretary W. E. Goodman, and Bro. P. J. Aubin, having been deputed by the District Grand Master to convey the good wishes of the officers and brethren attending the joint banquet to the W.M. and brethren of the Goede Hoop, while a deputation, consisting of Bros. De Wet, Piton, and Leibbrandt, conveyed a similar expression of good feeling to the Grand Officers and British and Carnarvon Lodges from the Goede Hoop. The officers and brethren of the Lorne also dined together in the evening, but this was rather more in the nature of a private gathering than an ordinary banquet.

This morning the installation of the W.M. and officers of the Goede Trouw Lodge (Dutch Constitution) will take place, followed by a banquet in the evening. The following are the officers who have been elected: Bros. O. Dalton Douallier, W.M.; H. W. Dieprink, D.M.; A. Zoutendyk, S.W.; M. Brasch, J.W.; H. W. Dieprink, Orator; J. L. Commaile, Sec.; N. M. McIntyre, Treas.; A. Roll, Ambassador; H. Jones, M.C.; R. Stuart, Almoner; T. P. Miles, Architect; T. A. Smart, Preceptor; F. J. J. Schipper, Org.; and G. Villa, I.G.

Sir Edwin Saunders, dental surgeon to her Majesty the Queen, has presented the leasehold premises, No. 39, Leicester-square, adjoining the Dental Hospital of London, and valued at £2400, to the authorities of that institution for the purpose of its enlargement.



Miss Caroline Hill has just been married in America to Mr. Herbert Kecey, also an actor.

Lord Garmoyle, eldest son of Earl Cairns, is going to marry in the autumn Miss Fortescue, who is playing in "Iolanthe" at the Savoy. She will practically then win a peer's hand. In the opera she has many such suitors.

The Lyceum closed on Saturday, Bro. Henry Irving making an eloquent and opportune speech at the close. Again and again were he and Miss Terry called before the curtain. To a person the whole audience rose and wished a hearty "good-bye."

Mr. Charles Wyndham and his company have arrived in Liverpool from America. Before landing they gave an entertainment on board for the benefit of the Liverpool Orphanage, which realised a goodly sum. This is another example of the charity of the theatrical profession.

At the Avenue "A Dream, or, Binks's Photographic Gallery," a musical satire on photography, has taken the place of genuine comic opera. Mr. Willie Edouin has been in London before, but this time he brings from America a number of new amusing characters and a select company of ladies and gentlemen. The piece is a mixture of drama, comedy, burlesque, and comic opera. It begins and leads to nothing. Nevertheless an evening's good amusement can be found at the Avenue just now. One may almost say it is written for Mr. Willie Edouin's gratification, as were it not for him the thing would be flat. There are several opportunities for some good songs with pretty harmonies. One of the chief attractions is Miss Atherton, who, sitting behind a picture frame, gives a representation of portraits of celebrities such as the Prince of Wales, Henry Irving, Miss Eastlake, and Rip Van Winkle. For a harmless but thin sort of entertainment we recommend readers to go to the Avenue Theatre.

"Virginia and Paul," the last addition to comic opera, cannot be classed as a brilliant work. Mr. Solomon instead of writing so much, would do better to study a little more and compose his operas less rapidly. The present one at the Gaiety is to a great extent like operas of other composers. We understand that Mr. Solomon is engaged on another opera; we hope it will be more original than "Virginia and Paul." This comic opera being played at the Gaiety during the tour of the regular Gaiety company is chiefly remarkable for introducing to the stage a young talented popular American actress, Miss Lilian Russell. She has decided to settle in England for some years, and if one may judge from her debut, is likely to become a favourite. Miss Russell is good looking and has a fine presence. Her voice is sweet, but requires careful training. She dances well. Altogether one may say there is the groundwork for a good actress and singer. We hardly think in Mr. Solomon's opera she can be seen to the best advantage. Mr. Stephen's plot of "Virginia and Paul" is not by any means too clear. The principal person is one Nicholas de Ville, a sort of Mephistopheles. By some magic he changes the love of two couples, making Paul become the lover of Lady Magnolia, and Virginia falls in love with Robinson Brownjones, a railway guard. We were not well able to follow the story in the second act. In the end the magic closes and the lovers are restored to one another. Miss Russell's song about the wedding day is certainly her best. If a little timid, she is always in tune, and does not overact her part. It was pleasant to meet Mr. Elton again after his tour in America. There is a song especially for him, as in "Billie Taylor." Miss Maud Taylor always looks nice; but one cannot hear a word of her singing. Miss Pedley and Miss de Wyndall make the most of their minor parts, and are welcome additions to the cast. We are sorry to see Mr. Arthur Williams so unsuited with a part. The railway guard, to which he does justice, is not nearly a good enough character for him. He puts into it plenty of fun; but then one knows that he could do much better. We understand Mr. Williams goes to the Alhambra on its reopening. No doubt during the interim "Virginia and Paul" will hold together audiences at the Gaiety; but the return of Bro. Hollingshead's regular company will be hailed with delight.

Whatever doubts there may have been as to the wisdom of producing "M.P." when reintroducing the late T. W. Robertson's comedies have been set at rest by the splendid reception it has obtained at Bro. Toole's theatre. "M.P." is certainly the weakest of all Mr. Robertson's plays, but with such an excellent company as are now playing it, it is made very interesting, and sparkles with plenty of fun from beginning to end. We have no hesitation in saying that those who have not seen it before when played by Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft should go and see it just now. We are not in a humour to begin a strict comparison with the present representation and that of years ago at the old house in Tottenham Court-road, nor do we think that the admirers of the Bancrofts will wish to say that this comedy is not being played by a most efficient company. The management hope to put before the London public "Caste," "Ours," "School," "Home," "Dreams," &c. With such a beginning they may expect to be well supported by playgoers. There can be no doubt about the venture. The rights of these plays have fallen into the hands of Mr. T. W. Robertson and Miss Maud Robertson his sister. Mr. Robertson says it is his strict intention to abide by all the good traditions of the past, and to endeavour to do that justice in their reproduction to which we have been accustomed, and which was due to the very admirable manner in which Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft always presented the pieces to the public. Messrs. Robertson and Bruce, in arranging with Bro. Toole for the first revival of "M.P.," had the object in view of producing it in the theatre most adapted in size to that in which it originally saw the light, so that together with the best talent available to recreate the characters employed, it might have the author's intentions rigidly

carried out. Mr. Robertson hopes that in this, his first London venture, he may not only have our best wishes in the present, but the approbation of the public in the future, and with their aid to keep his father's hitherto honoured name and memory as fresh in the minds of to-day as in the past. It is true there did seem a little doubt whether the interest of a play founded on the general election times of open voting would have so much interest now we have resorted to the ballot; and also that a play in which the love making is simple and without excitement would hold an audience together. But, as we have said, these doubts are banished.

For several reasons we have been unable ere this to notice the successful and powerful play of M. Sardou, translated by Mr. Herman Merivale for the English stage. Bro. Bancroft did well to purchase the English rights of representation, and to enlist Mrs. Bernard Beere in the cast. It is a great step from Robertson's comedies, which the Haymarket have lately produced, to a French modern melodrama. The performance altogether is of a kind to arouse sharp excitement. The dialogue has been translated as closely as possible and the characters left unchanged. The results have justified the action. But not only that, Mrs. Bernard Beere went to Paris and carefully studied Mdm. Bernhardt's rendering of "Fédora" and is now playing in the most painstaking way of the celebrated French actress. Her gestures have been closely copied. Every one knew of the way "Fédora" had been received in France and it was the problem to be solved would Mrs. Bernard Beere as an actress represent her character as Mdm. Bernhardt, would Mr. Merivale as adapter, and Bro. Bancroft as manager, make it the talk of London as it has been in Paris? The answer can only be Yes. There are many who saw it played in French at the Gaiety a few weeks ago and prefer the Haymarket production. Mrs. Bernard Beere has never done anything better. She is to be credited with a fine piece of carefully studied acting and such as few of our actresses can hope to surpass. The plot of "Fédora" is somewhat familiar. The first act opens with a scene in which Fédora vows by the deathbed of her betrothed to avenge herself upon his murderer, whom she strongly suspects to be Louis Ipanoff. The dying man is brought home to his house at St. Petersburg at midnight, where Fédora anxiously awaits him. Mrs. Beere well expresses her agitation before the police officers, who cannot at once arrest the murderer. In the second act Fédora has followed Ipanoff to Paris. She vows she will bring him to her feet and wring from him the confession of his crime. She believes him to have been connected in a Nihilist plot, and as this offence, being political, cannot be punished in a foreign country, she proceeds to obtain a punishment by means of her own, legal or not. She confides to her friend, M. de Sirieux, one of the French Embassy at St. Petersburg, her suspicion and scheme for avenging herself. De Sirieux is of great help with his cautionary advice. He sees that Fédora is half in love with the man she expects is the murderer of her betrothed. She makes use of the Countess Olga, whose flirtation with a fiddler or any one who approaches her is the only piece of comedy in the play. At the countess's house Fédora is told by Ipanoff, when he has declared his love for her, that he killed her former love, though she only knows now that he was ignorant of the light in which they stood to one another. The conversation is broken off here by a ruse of Fédora, to be resumed in the evening. In the meanwhile she places secret police outside her rooms, who have instructions to carry off Ipanoff at the dead of the night when he will be leaving her, and take him to Russia, where she will follow him. But when the conversation is resumed she learns that Ipanoff had some justification for taking her lover's life. He tells Fédora how he was married and loved his wife passionately, and that he found out that his wife and Fédora's husband met one another frequently and when he traced his wife's guilt he killed her betrayer. When she throws her arms round Ipanoff's neck, having learnt the truth, Mrs. Beere, by her picturesque energy in the closing of the act, obtains a well-deserved triumph. At the risk of her own character, she keeps him in her own apartments that he may not go out to be arrested by the men whom she herself has set there and yet dare not confess to him. In the last act Ipanoff discovers who it is has traced him from town to town and set spies at him, that every movement of his is known and every letter opened and read. He has never been able to comprehend this. By her betrayal of him she has indirectly been the means of the deaths of his mother and brother, to both of whom he was devotedly attached. We were in such a bad position for hearing that we were unable to understand how Fédora caused the deaths of his brother and mother. He now turns for revenge. By this time they are married. He dashes his wife from him, whilst she winds her loving arms around his neck. In her extremity she takes poison, not being able to bear the reproaches, and dies at the feet of Ipanoff. This last act is altogether the most thrilling. First, the husband learning that it is his wife who has betrayed him and his family; his sorrow for the deaths of his mother and brother; then his cry for vengeance; then his trusting Fédora from him, and her piteous appeals for forgiveness which he cannot grant; then her elaborate death scene, full of startling details. Mr. Corbhan, who plays Ipanoff, grasps the fact that when a man is deeply wronged and shows his anger he does not necessarily speak in his loudest conversational tone. Bro. Bancroft is Jean de Sirieux, and Miss Calhoun, the American actress, is the Countess Olga, Mrs. Bancroft having gone abroad for a holiday. The other characters, of which there are several, although in the hands of first-class artistes, do not call for any special mention. Bro. Capt. Bashford, brother-in-law of Mrs. Bancroft, is now the secretary or manager of the theatre. A new comedy by Mr. A. W. Pinero will be the next production here.

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Bro. the Crown Prince and the Princess of Prussia will again visit England this autumn.

Bro. the Lord Mayor intends to spend his vacation in Scotland.

Bro. Major Campbell, the City Marshal, although unable to resume his duties, is, we are glad to say, able to leave his room.

According to statements now current in Canada, Lord Chief Justice Coleridge will visit Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto during his tour in America.

According to a decision of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, being a Deist is not a disqualification for initiation, but the applicant must believe in God and the immortality of the soul.

Bro. G. R. Sims, the well-known author (son of Bro. G. Sims, of Aldersgate-street), has given the children of Orange-street School, Southwark, a treat. The elder ones were taken to Ashstead Woods, while the younger ones were entertained in the school-room.

Princess Beatrice is expected to pay a visit to Aberdeen on or about the 23rd of September, to open a bazaar in aid of a fund for extending the Sick Children's Hospital. It is expected that her Royal Highness will on the same occasion open the Duthie Park recently presented to the city.

Comp. J. T. Wilson was installed M.E.Z. of the St. Hilda's Chapter, No. 240, South Shields, on the 18th ult., by Comps. B. Levy, P.P.G.H., and J. S. Wilson, P.P.G.J. Comps. M. H. Dodd and G. S. Shotton were installed respectively into the Second and Third Principals' chairs.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., was so much gratified on the occasion of his visit to the Butchers' Almshouses, Walham Green, on the day of the garden party, that he, with Mrs. Marshall and Miss Marshall, visited the inmates on Saturday, and gave each married couple two pounds of tea, and to each widow and widower one pound of tea and some money. These kindly gifts were well appreciated.

At a meeting of the committee of the Sunday Society, held on Sunday, at the Grosvenor Gallery, Mr. Robson J. Scott in the chair, Mr. Mark H. Judge proposed the adoption of a memorial to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, President of the Fisheries Exhibition, and the Committee of the Exhibition, to allow the collection to be opened to the public on some few Sundays before its final close.

The new grand Central Station Hotel, Glasgow, in connection with the Caledonian Railway, has been opened under the management of Bro. C. Lord, formerly of the Cannon-street Hotel. It is of great size, there being no fewer than 550 apartments within the building, giving accommodation for over 420 guests, in addition to 170 servants and officials. The *Illustrated London News* has a capital engraving of the building.

On Friday, the 27th ult., the annual distribution of prizes awarded to the successful scholars of the City of London School took place in the great hall of the school, on the Victoria Embankment. Bro. the Lord Mayor, who presided, was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and amongst those present were Bros. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Sheriff Savory, A. J. Altman, E. Walford, Sir John Bennett, H. B. Marshall, and Major T. D. Sewell.

On a recent occasion a newly-installed W.M., when investing his officers, having appointed two young lawyers as Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon respectively, addressing them on their particular duties said, "If unfortunately a dispute should arise between any of the brethren it will be your duty to endeavour to heal the breach, and to hold out to them the olive branch of peace." Considering the profession of the S.D. and J.D., something like an audible smile disturbed the solemnity of this part of the proceedings.—*Rough Ashlar* (South Australia).

The memorial stone of a new Wesleyan Chapel was recently laid at Englishbatch, near Bath, under agreeable circumstances. Mr. W. Stoaite, of Watchet, in laying the stone, placed £50 thereon, and said the difficulty of obtaining a suitable piece of land had been overcome by the kindness of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in leasing an excellent site on merely nominal terms. The land belongs to the Somerset portion of the Duchy of Cornwall, and he questioned whether a ceremony of that kind had ever taken place under such favourable auspices.

Bro. Harry Marks having invited the members of the Iron-Bound Club of Instruction to a day's outing at the Island Hotel, Eel Pie Island, Twickenham, on Monday, the 23rd ult., about 25 of the brethren went up the river Thames by steamboat, having a very enjoyable ride. After a most recherché banquet had been partaken of, and the usual loyal toasts had been given, a presentation, in the form of a silver snuff-box, a silver cigar case, and match-box, was made to their much-esteemed Preceptor, Bro. William Musto, sen., P.M. 1349 and P.Z. 933, who was evidently taken by surprise at the presentation, and responded with much good feeling to the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren present.

The scheme for raising the French men-of-war which are sunk in Abukir Bay is, it is stated, in a fair way of being successful. The position of five of the nine French ships of the line, said to have been sunk by the British fleet under Nelson, has been ascertained. The operations are being carried out under the supervision of Lieut. Ponsonby, late Royal Navy, and the results obtained hitherto are very satisfactory. Among the many articles already brought to the surface from around and about the sides of the ships are three cannons, two of which are of brass, the third being made of iron, and a considerable amount of copper sheathing and large pieces of lead that had evidently been used as ballast. A quantity of iron work, cannon balls, grape shot, &c., have also been found, and secured, in addition to several swords, cutlass blades, and flint muskets. Among the swords discovered is one of great value.

The Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, Garston, held its installation meeting on the 25th ult., Bro. W. Olver, the S.W., being installed in the Master's chair.

The newly-elected Grand Master of New York is but 42 years old, and a Mason of only 15 years' standing. He is a millionaire.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has given his consent to preside at the anniversary dinner of the Royal General Dispensary, Bartholomew-close, at the Albion, on Friday, October 19th.

Bro. Alderman Sir S. H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P., will sail on Saturday, the 18th inst., upon a voyage round the world. He expects to return to London in time for the reassembling of Parliament next February.

It is reported that the coloured Grand Lodge of Missouai has 88 working lodges, with a membership of 2103. This shows an increase over the previous year of 220. Pennsylvania has had two coloured Grand Lodges; these have now united but we have no statistics from them.

The State apartments of Windsor Castle are now open for public inspection between the hours of eleven and four o'clock. They will be accessible during the absence of the Court every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday until further notice.

A meeting will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on August 10th, at four o'clock, when a committee will be formed to consider any suggestions that may be made in reference to erecting a monument to Captain Webb, and assisting his widow and children.

A Russian schooner is shortly to start from Archangel for Nova Zembla to visit the fishermen's refuge and meteorological and salvage stations recently established there by the Minister of Marine. It is proposed to send a vessel to these inhospitable shores every year with various kinds of provisions; and for the purpose of studying the flora and fauna, and the situation of the Samoyed colonies.

Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. and Sec. of the Brixton Mark Lodge, No. 234, informs us this lodge will hold an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the purpose of advancing to this ancient and honourable Degree, Bro. George Anthony Metzger, of Sierra Leone. A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners will afterwards be held.

The experiments with the electric light from the Garrison Point Fort, Sheerness, which proved very successful last week, were resumed at a late hour on Wednesday night. Advantage was taken of the presence of the iron-clad *Repulse*, which was at anchor between the *Nore* and *Mouse* light vessels, and a course of signalling operations between the fort and the *Repulse*, by means of the electric light, were kept up for a considerable time with great success.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., Prov. G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, on Tuesday presided at a meeting of "Old Westminsters," in the Westminster School, on the occasion of the presentation to Dr. Scott, who is retiring from the head mastership of the school, of a memorial of his 28 years' service. The memorial, for which over £1200 have been collected, consists of a foundation for a "Scott Library" and a silver cup and pair of candlesticks.

Near Aldershot on Monday the divisional troops, under command of General Sir Daniel Lysons, took part in a sham fight. The Duke of Cambridge was present, accompanied by Bro. Lord Wolseley, Sir Arthur Herbert, and other officers of the headquarters' staff. The northern army, defending a position on the Fox-hills, was commanded by the Duke of Connaught (who was considered to have had the best of the engagement), and the southern by Sir Frederick Fitzwygram.

Grouse prospects on Deeside this season are exceedingly varied. In the uplands, owing to the severe snowstorm, the coverts are very thin, and the birds small. In the lower districts more favourable reports are given. The birds are of a fair size, and the coverts range from seven to nine, the birds being already strong on the wing. There is no sign of disease. Pheasants, black game, and partridges are abundant. From other districts of Aberdeenshire the reports are very encouraging for sport on the twelfth.

The novel feat of crossing the Channel on a tricycle formed so as to answer the purpose of a boat, has been performed by a person named Terry, as part of the programme of a velocipede journey from London to Paris. The adventurous traveller, after having safely performed the water passage, left Calais early on Monday morning, and continued his journey to Paris, carrying with him his oars and other tackle. Terry's frail craft shipped a great deal of water on nearing the French coast, where it was rather rough. It is said the construction of the machine has occupied the inventor twelve months. The machine was an object of great curiosity amongst the French people.

Bro. Dr. Benjamin Franklin's long lost but now found manuscripts known as the "Stevens Collection," that of Mr. Henry Stevens, G.M.B. (Green Mountain Boy, alias Grand Master of Bibliography) is well described in the *Magazine of American History* for June. This collection was purchased for the United States by Act of Congress, approved in 1882, and is in excellent condition. It includes Franklin's autograph journal of his negotiations in London in 1775; the records of the Paris Legation, 1777 to 1782, seven volumes; Journal of the Peace Commissioners, 1780 to 1783; Franklin's correspondence with David Hartley, etc. The publication of the manuscript treasures will be eagerly looked for.—*The Keystone*.

A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the close of the meeting of the Brixton Mark Lodge, for the purpose of elevating to this quaint and interesting Degree Bros. Metzger, Alfred Tattersall, R. H. Coulton, and other approved candidates. Also to en throne (by special dispensation from M.W. Bro. the Right Honourable Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M.) Bro. George Joseph Dunkley, P.P.G. Organist of Middlesex and Surrey, the W.C.N. elect of this Royal Ark Mariner Lodge. Bro. Dunkley is also W.M. elect of the very prosperous Mark Lodge to which this lodge is attached, and will be installed into the chair of A. on Saturday, the 10th of November next.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa have determined to erect a fire-proof building for its library. The cost will be about 12,000 dollars.

A convention has been concluded between Great Britain and the Republic of Chili for the settlement of the claims of British subjects.

The Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753, held its installation meeting on the 25th ult., when Bro. J. Evans, the S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's-wood.

Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C. East Lancashire, on the 25th ult., installed the Master elect, Bro. Irving, into the chair of K.S. in the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730, Chorley.

The *Central News* learns that H.M. Corvette Canada, which was some days overdue, arrived at Halifax, N.S., on Wednesday. Prince George and all on board were well.

Bro. Alderman Staples will to-day (Friday) distribute the prizes to the children of Aldersgate Ward, National, Packington, Farringdon Within Ward, and St. Alphege Society's schools.

It is now definitely arranged that the American Minister will unveil the memorial bust of Henry Fielding on Tuesday, the 4th of September next. It will be placed close to the busts, in the Somerset Shire Hall, Taunton, of Locke, Blake, and Pym.

Sixteen beacons have been erected on the Maplin Sands to denote the course to be taken by Government ships on their trials on the measured mile. The beacons were made by convicts at Chatham and fixed by mechanics from Sheerness Dockyard.

The committee of the Society which has lately been formed for the purpose of promoting State emigration have decided to hold a public meeting in support of the society's objects. It is expected that the meeting will be held at the Mansion House about the middle of August.

A complete edition of *Oliver Twist* at the extraordinary low price of one penny has been issued by the Liverpool Bon Marché. The work which consists of upwards of 100 pages in double columned type, is enclosed in a neat cover, and bears a portrait of Dickens.

Bro. David Steinhauer has been installed W.M. of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326. The ceremony took place on the 21st ult., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, and was performed by Bro. Rayham Henry Thrupp, G.A.D.C., D.P.G.M. Middx.

A report just published gives very full details regarding the progress and present condition of M. de Lesseps's great project for constructing a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama. That the work is being prosecuted with great energy and on a very complete scale is sufficiently attested by the information comprised in this interesting paper.

Legacies amounting in the aggregate to nearly £40,000 to various societies and institutions connected with the diocese of Exeter have been bequeathed by Dean Boyd. £15,000 is left to the fund for the augmentation of poor livings in the diocese and city; £5000 for the benefit of choristers leaving the cathedral; £5000 to the fund bequeathed by Bishop Philpotts for the establishment of a diocesan training college; and £10,000 for University education of the sons of necessitous clergy. There are numerous smaller legacies to the charitable institutions of Exeter.

"Pilgrim's Progress" is the title of a 12 page circular giving full particulars of the proposed storming of San Francisco, in August, by a battalion of Knights Templar of New York, on the occasion of the 22nd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, August 21-24, 1883. This "trip of a life-time" is to commence on the 7th of August, and end on the 1st of September. The circular is very graphic, enticing, and full of the proposed pleasures of the occasion. Cost, 250 dollars. Ladies will accompany many of the Sir Knights.—*Hebrew Leader*.

The employes of Messrs. F. Allen and Sons, the well-known confectioners of Mile End, E., numbering about 110, held their annual beanfeast on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Bull Inn, Swanley, Kent, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Allen, one of the firm. After a most enjoyable dinner, which was excellently served by Mr. Hutton, the worthy host, the usual loyal and other toasts having been duly honoured, the company dispersed to amuse themselves with cricket, swings, roundabouts, aunt sallies, &c., until 5.30 p.m., when dancing commenced and was kept up with spirit until the time of departure, 7.45. Everything went well, and the party reached Canal-road about midnight, thoroughly well pleased with the day's outing.

The *Daily News* has published a very interesting article on the Dead Sea Canal scheme. It says the proposal to connect the Mediterranean and the Red Sea by means of the River Jordan and the Dead Sea is a very bold one, and should it be carried out will produce some very striking results. This proposal is in some respects a rival plan to the Suez Canal, and if carried out it would seriously affect the monopoly claimed by M. de Lesseps for his Company. Measured roughly on ordinary maps the canal would be about 230 miles in length, while the Suez Canal is only 100 miles. This new water-way is proposed to begin at Haifa, in the Bay of Acre, just under the shadow of Mount Carmel, finishing at Akabah, at the end of the Gulf of Akabah, the eastern fork of the northern extremity of the Red Sea, the Gulf of Suez being the western fork. This line is very nearly the same as part of Mr. Lawrence Oliphant's railway scheme, which he suggested in connection with the idea of colonising the land of Gilead. It has to be remembered in considering this route that the Dead Sea, which is 46 miles long, is 1292 feet below the level of the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, and to avoid the number of locks the Canal would otherwise require to let ships down 1292 feet, and again the same number to raise them up to the level of the Red Sea at Akabah, a gigantic scheme has been suggested, which is no less than to restore the old connection between the Red Sea, and flood the Dead Sea and Jordan Valley again to its old level, meaning that a depth of 1292 feet of water is to be placed over its present surface. Some parts of the Dead Sea already give soundings of a depth nearly equal to this, and in one place it is over 1300 feet.