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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Bro. General BROWNRIFF, G.C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. There was a large attendance of brethren. As had been suggested, and as we somewhat anticipated would be the case, the Confirmation of the Revised Constitutions stands over until December, as well as the Report of the Building Committee about the new Masonic Hall. We think Grand Lodge came to a very reasonable and wise conclusion, and in the best interests in the one case of the peace and welfare of the Craft, and in the other of a "thorough" and expert completion and carrying out of a most important undertaking.

WE regret to note on the part of several indiscreet writers an attempt to make a distinction between the provinces and the metropolis, or to seek apparently to create feelings of distrust and ill-will between them. We are assured curiously enough it is the policy of some brethren to "stir up" the provinces. Why, we know not, or cannot even profess to understand. The question of Past Masters affects the provinces really no more than the London brethren, and any idea or theory to the contrary is an absolute absurdity. We have enjoyed a longer provincial experience than most of those who have taken up the subject, and we repeat, and many of our provincial brethren will agree with us, that the inconveniences of the present system constitute a "minimum," whilst the irregularities and injustice of this rash change will create a "maximum" of inconvenience and annoyance which in the end will be unbearable. We feel sure that before very long, if we do create such a revolution in our whole lodge life and arrangements, we shall have to come back to Grand Lodge to restore the old provision of the Book of Constitutions.

OF all the absurd theories started ament this vexed question of the Status of Past Masters is, that the London lodges created the distinction between the Past Masters *in* the lodge and the Past Masters *of* the lodge for their own purposes. Those who thus write must be utterly ignorant of Masonic law and Masonic prestige. The difference between Past Masters *in* the lodge and Past Masters *of* the lodge has always been recognized, and for this reason. "Of the lodge" is a technical expression, implying actual service in the chair for one year, and no joining Past Master *in* any lodge (and many they are and have been) has ever been looked upon as a Past Master *of* the lodge. Where the bye-laws state that a Committee is formed of the "Past Masters of the lodge," Past Masters merely *in* the lodge, as our Bro. LETCHWORTH, for instance, must well know, are excluded from that Committee, and, despite all these new "glosses" and attempts to minimize the effects of clear words, very properly and legally so. Indeed, the very complaints from the provinces,—for all the complaints come from the provinces,—prove that such is the state of things. The real objection of London brethren to the change lies in this, that, as a rule, the London lodges have a goodly array of *actual* Past Masters. They, therefore, do not wish to make two sets of Past Masters in a lodge,—those who have sat in the chair, and those who have not, and yet with equal rank and privileges, as they feel pretty sure such a needless and unwise change will lead to constant bickerings and unpleasantness. They object also to calling a brother Past Master *of* a lodge when he is not really and truly so, and again they naturally dislike and resent the strange and new doctrine, that because a man pays a certain sum of money, he is to dub himself a Past Master *of* a lodge which he has never served as Worshipful Master. We are referred by those who promote the change to the power of exclusion. Certainly! and if this clause is confirmed we feel pretty sure we are correct in saying no joining Past Master will hereafter be admitted into lodges with a good show of Past Masters and a number of independent members. The only result will be to shut out joining Past Masters from other lodges. For these and many other like reasons the London brethren, from no selfish or unsound motives, doubt the need of the change proposed, and consider it inopportune and uncalled for.

WE never reply to personal attacks or notice invidious remarks. "THREE-FOUR-ONE" "runs very close to the wind" in what he says about our editorial remarks as regards the discussions on the "Past Master's embroglio." 1. We presume, in the first place, that we have a right to an opinion of our own on the subject. Have we not? 2. We suspect that our experience of this question and of lodge management, which dates actually from 1845, may enable us to form as correct a judgment Fraternally and Masonically as even our severe critic "THREE-FOUR-ONE." Were we merely a "London brother," as some put it, we could not expect apparently much deference to our opinion, but when we add that our provincial experience is as long, if not longer, than most of those who demur to our conclusions, or deprecate

our expression of any opinion at all, we hope we have said enough to assure our readers, that we write both with a full sense of our responsibility, and complete knowledge of the subject.

WE wish to make a confession to our readers. We are accused of dogmatism, and dictation, and want of courtesy in expressing our opinions, and heaven knows what else besides, in respect of the status of Past Masters, &c., and yet it seems to us that the sound old motto of the *Freemason* from its very first is made good week by week,— "a fair field and no favour." Into the great collar question we cannot even profess to enter: it is above us and beyond us altogether. We think Past Masters ought to wear their collars on all occasions when they meet their brethren and regret that the Board of General Purposes did not see its way to recommend so reasonable a concession. But as to whether Past Masters in Grand Lodge should wear the Past Master's collar *over* or *under* their provincial collars we cannot afford time to discuss, as it appears to us such a petty and really unimportant matter. It seems almost the difference, we say it respectfully, between "tweedledum" and "tweedledee," inasmuch as those very Past Masters have already passed the Scrutineers, and therefore it cannot matter "one brass farthing" as we commonly say, whether they wear their collars "over" or "under." We think it somewhat questionable policy, and to say the truth not quite in Masonic good form, to accentuate the difference, as between a "Grand Lodge uniform," &c. No doubt the Past Masters attend qua Past Masters, and not as Provincial Grand Officers; but the Provincial Grand Lodge system has been so enlarged and developed since the original idea of Grand Lodge Representation and Constitution was propounded, that we think reasonable concessions to the "amour propre" and legitimate feelings of our provincial brethren should be made, alike in good Masonic feeling, and for the best interests of our united Craft. There are so many important questions before us, that we really cannot find room or space, as we said before, to devote to the "Great Collar Question." We always write honestly, and we hope our readers will prefer "Downright Dunstable" to a non-natural and sophisticated expression of opinions, which may impart anything, or mean nothing at all.

AS many of our readers may not have seen the following amusing leaderette in the *Standard* of Saturday last, we beg to call their special attention to it, as it must make them laugh: "Freemasons will be sorry to hear that the colony of Victoria has seceded from the Mother Lodge. The movement has been carried out in a friendly way, but, as we gather, without reference to the authorities at home. It would seem that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria has long been impatient of the dilatory and expensive correspondence laid upon it by the parent Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. The matters referred were mostly trivial, but they occasioned 'the remittance of large sums of money, for which there is no return.' Accordingly, the 95 provincial lodges discussed their grievance, and they resolved by a majority to make their Grand Lodge independent. It was decreed and performed with all ceremony. If the Freemasons of Victoria had real ground of complaint, it is to be hoped that the English authorities concerned will take warning. For these movements are very infectious, and one great force of Masonry would be lost if it were split up into many sections. There is very little chance that Australia will acknowledge one Grand Lodge for all the colonies of that vast island, and we may be quite sure that the smaller the number of dependent circles the more strongly will eccentricities be displayed." We hardly know which most to admire,—the astounding incorrectness or exaggeration of the writer, we hardly think a Freemason. There are not 95 lodges in Victoria, but 100; 75 English, 15 Scottish, and 10 Irish. Of these no English lodge, and only a few Scotch and Irish lodges, have joined this absurd movement. The alleged Grand Lodge is a "bogus" one. Where or how the writer has seen or heard that the 95 lodges discussed the suppositious grievances, and by a majority desired to form a Grand Lodge, we know not. As we said before, the English lodges and brethren,—the vast majority, more than two-thirds,—have nothing to do with these abnormal and illegal proceedings. There are confessedly no complaints against the English Grand Lodge, and though some are faintly alleged against the Irish and Scottish Grand Lodges, we apprehend unjustifiably. A greater parody on the facts of the case we have never seen, and, if it is written by a Freemason, utterly inexcusable, as we had already given the facts of the case in the *Freemason*.

WE call attention, with much pleasure and sincere congratulation, to the presentation by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, on Tuesday last, to our distinguished correspondent and friend, one of our greatest Masonic writers—Bro. W. J. HUGHAN—of a Masonic jewel, with a purse of £275. We feel sure that no brother deserves better of his province or the Craft for those unceasing labours of his which he has so faithfully carried out in his various important capacities.

MANY of our readers, especially our Kentish brethren, will read with deep regret of the great loss which has fallen upon our distinguished brother, Lord HOLMESDALE, Provincial Grand Master for Kent. All our readers will share with his own province, and his many friends, in the warmest feelings of sympathy and condolence.

WHAT IS UNOCCUPIED COUNTRY?

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

Until late years "Unoccupied Country" was held to be any district of certain definite and national limits in which no Masonic lodge was to be found. The claim of "priority" of Masonic settlement was never raised, inasmuch as in the Colonies and Dependencies of Great Britain, the three Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland claimed to exercise and did exercise a "concurrent jurisdiction" in Masonic amity and with an "entente cordiale." As the American Grand Lodges multiplied and new States were formed, this usage became somewhat inconvenient for them both on the ground of "priority" and also for other patent reasons, and they therefore adopted this most peculiar theory, that no territory was occupied that had not *one* dominant Grand Lodge, and that in fact a country or district which had concurrent jurisdictions at work, but not one Grand Lodge, was "unoccupied country." This idea, resolutely adhered to, necessarily led, and was intended to lead doubtless, to the increase of Grand Lodges, and if it suits the Masonic "meridian" and mind of America I do not see that we have anything to do with it in England, either in respect of criticism or even of comment. It is the American law on the subject, and there we have it.

But this American law is now claimed in other countries, and for other purposes, and as it is, as far as Freemasonry generally is concerned, utterly unsound and untenable, I think it well to allude to it fully, as I undertook, to-day, the more so, as it is made to play a conspicuous part in some recent movements and proceedings. An amusing illustration of its utter unsoundness occurs in the Gibraltar case. A brother with honorary rank in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, not, I believe, a subscribing member of any lodge at the time, was entrusted by the Grand Master of Manitoba, for the purpose of establishing a lodge in Tangiers (Morocco), with a warrant, or charter, giving permission to meet temporarily in Gibraltar, and subsequently at St. Roque, in Spain. I say nothing here of the oddity of the proceeding of giving a warrant for a lodge in Tangiers to meet in another jurisdiction temporarily. I never heard of such a case before, and I do not believe any precedent exists for such a peculiar course of action. We were all naturally astonished in England, as the District Grand Master of Gibraltar, E.C., was, at such a proceeding, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, called the attention of the Grand Master of Manitoba to the subject.

And then it seemed that, adopting the American theory of "unoccupied territory," because three jurisdictions were at work,—the English, Scottish, and Irish Grand Lodges,—they claimed in Manitoba to have a right to issue a warrant for a lodge to be founded in Tangiers, to meet temporarily in Gibraltar, because, though there were several lodges working at Gibraltar, there was not one dominant Grand Lodge, and so it was "unoccupied territory." No doubt Morocco was unoccupied territory, and, strictly speaking, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba could warrant lodges there; that point in the abstract has never been disputed, but in the concrete it might seem a question of common sense, that the District Grand Master of Andalusia, the head of one of the oldest Provincial Grand Lodges in existence, might have been consulted primarily as to a lodge in a place not many miles across, rather than, I think, that a warrant should be sent across the Atlantic from Manitoba. But sufficient. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba behaved most gracefully the moment H.R.H. the Grand Master called their attention to the subject, and I only mention the fact to show how the American theory of "unoccupied country" works.

We in England know nothing, and can know nothing, of such refinement and subtlety of Masonic canons. We cannot admit, for instance, that, though a district has been occupied for 150 years by an English Provincial Grand Lodge in full working order, because there are three legal jurisdictions existent and concurrent there, therefore that is "unoccupied country." According to our views, there might be a fourth jurisdiction also working; but the absolute necessity of *one* paramount authority is not to us at all clear, nor does it rest on any Masonic law whatever that we wot of.

Some of the arguments in favour of the so-called Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria are based upon this same chimera, and their foundation is justified on this very ground that there are three Grand jurisdictions, and not one Grand Lodge. Victoria is still, according to American ideas, naturally and Masonically "unoccupied country;" though there are in Victoria, *e.g.*, 75 English lodges working under an English District Grand Master, and 25 Scottish and Irish lodges, it is still, according to this remarkable notion, positively "unoccupied country." In fact, according to the American view, Germany, with eight German Bodies, is also "unoccupied country," Masonically, at this hour, and I venture to conclude my paper with this "Reductio ad Absurdum," as I hope to convince many of my readers, and even some very good friends in America and Canada how utterly and hopelessly unsound and untenable this "unoccupied country" doctrine is, if universally and generally applied, though it may from peculiar causes and special reasons be found to work well in America.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, presided, with the Rev. H. G. Morse as Senior Warden, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn as Junior Warden, and there were also present among others the following:

Bros. Rev. W. Oswald Thompson, G. Chap.; John Derby Allcroft, G. Treas.; Sir John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Ernest Emil Wendt, D.C.L., G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Dr. Ralph Gooding, G.S.D.; Frank Green, G.J.D.; T. H. Devonshire, G.J.D.; T. Bolling Bolton, D.G.D. of C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, A.G.D. of C.; Col. James Peters, G.S.B.; Col. F. Gough, G. Std. Br.; W. G. Cusins, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, G.A. Sec.; L. F. Littell, G. Purst.; Wm. Stephens, G.A. Purst.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; Col. W. Ramsay, P.D.G.M. Punjab; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Hon. Mr. Justice J. Gibbs, P.D.G.M. Bombay; W. H. Dillet, P.D.G.M. Bahamas; John Havers, P.G.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. Thomas Cochrane, P.G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G.C.; H. Mawdsley, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville H. Burney, P.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; Robert Freke Gould, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Capt. Nathaniel G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, P.G.D.; J. Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.; Reginald Bird, P.G.D.; C. A. Merton, P.G.D.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; J. D. Hayes, P.G.D.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; G. Burt, P.G.A.D.C.; Jno. Messent, P.G.S.B.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; J. V. Collins, P.G.S.B.; G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Jas. Brett, P.G.P.; and W. Clarke, P.G.P.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication of the 6th June, and of the Special Grand Lodge held at York on the 18th July, were read and confirmed.

On the motion that the minutes of the Special Grand Lodges of 29th June and 8th August be confirmed, Bro. JAMES HENRY MATTHEWS, P.M. No. 109 and 143, moved as an amendment,

"That in order to afford the Craft sufficient time for due consideration of the amendments in the proposed revise of the Book of Constitutions, as carried at the Special Grand Lodges of 29th June and 8th August, and the proceedings of which Special Grand Lodges could only be issued a few days before the meeting of this Grand Lodge, resolved that the confirmation of the minutes of such Special Grand Lodges be postponed until the Quarterly Communication in December next."

This was not, he said, an ordinary case of verification of minutes, because if they now confirmed these minutes they would be finally confirming the alterations in the Book of Constitutions. He thought they ought not to do so without due consideration, and he submitted that when it was considered that the papers containing the alterations had only been placed in the brethren's hands within the last 10 days, that would be thought not sufficient time for brethren to reflect upon them. (Cries of "Oh, oh," and laughter.) The alterations were very extensive. In the next place, the Special Grand Lodges in question were held at the end of June and in August, when men of business took their annual holiday, and consequently those Grand Lodges were not extensively attended. (Cries of "Oh, oh," and "No, no.") He knew it very well. Besides which, there were many hundred lodges working in the colonies and India, of one of which he was happy to say he was a P.M. A colonial lodge could not possibly know what alterations were passed—(Hear, hear, and "Oh, oh")—when the information was only issued 10 days ago. Those lodges would say, "Why this hurry? Why not give us time to consider these alterations?" If the confirmation of these minutes was postponed till December, those lodges would have no cause to complain. (Cries of "Oh, oh," "No, no," and Hear, hear.) Let the provincial brethren speak for themselves; he spoke of lodges in which he was specially interested, and he knew how deeply they felt, and it was on their behalf he spoke now for the first time in Grand Lodge. He had not anticipated that there would be any objection to this; he thought his proposal a reasonable one, and had not consequently asked any one to second it; and, feeling confident it would be adopted, he now left it in the hands of Grand Lodge.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH seconded the amendment.

Bro. H. C. TOMBS, Prov. Grand Secretary for Wilts, objected to the amendment, which he considered almost an insult to Grand Lodge itself. (Cries of No, no.) Everything had been done in the most strict and formal and considerate manner. The notices of the proposed alterations in the Book of Constitutions were issued by the Grand Secretary many, many months ago. This was not a matter which had arisen since the 8th of August; it had been going on for months and months, and he was perfectly sure that the whole of Europe and the world had had an ample opportunity of considering the new Book of Constitutions—(Hear, hear,)—and also of considering all the circumstances under which the Special Grand Lodges were convened. Months were given between the issuing of the notices of the proposed alterations and the calling of the Special Grand Lodge of 29th June. The President of the Board of General Purposes said on the 29th June that upwards of 800 amendments and amendments had been proposed and that these had been carefully considered by the Board of General Purposes, who were the representatives of the whole Craft. They were really now trying the Board of General Purposes. (Cries of No, no.) Pray allow him to say that the Board of General Purposes did their work very properly, and as soon as they were in a position to do so they issued broadcast the whole of the amendments, some of which they approved of, and some of which they did not see it in their power to recommend to Grand Lodge. Upon that the Grand Secretary convened a meeting for the 29th June and that meeting was very largely attended. (Cries of No, no.) The President of the Board of General Purposes and the other members of that Board attended, and very full explanations of the various amendments up to clause 183 were given, and those clauses were very carefully considered, voted, and determined upon. (Hear, hear.) Again, on the 8th August another Special Grand Lodge was called to consider the remainder of the Book of Constitutions, and it was then completed. He was very sorry for himself that that meeting took place when he was having a little holiday and he could not attend; but for all that he felt himself bound by everything that took place then. It was unfair and improper treatment of Grand Lodge. On the 29th June one brother whose form was very well known came in as late as nine o'clock and wanted a different course pursued to that which had been pursued up to that time from four o'clock in the afternoon. (Cries of disapprobation.)

Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, P.G.D., excitedly protested emphatically against such a statement being made. It was an improper thing to tax a brother with coming down at nine o'clock and interfering. If the brother came down at nine o'clock no doubt he would give a very good reason for it. He said most emphatically it was an improper charge. It would be in the recollection of Grand Lodge—(Order, order.)

Gen. BROWNRIFF called Bro. Stewart to order.

Bro. TOMBS thought Bro. Stewart ought to know him too well to think that he would make an unfair attack on a brother. What he said was true, and he was under the shelter of the wing of the President of the Board of General Purposes. The brother he spoke of came in at nine o'clock in the evening, when the Grand Lodge had been at work for five hours, and proposed a different scheme to that which had been followed all the afternoon. (After numerous interruptions and calls to order Bro. Tombs concluded by asserting that the minutes ought now to be put for confirmation.)

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART felt it his bounden duty to oppose Bro. Tombs's suggestion. When they had brethren there from the provinces those brethren should know what they were going to sanction. The Book of Constitutions was materially altered, and it was a book which every brother was compelled to abide by. He was perfectly ignorant of the reason why some brethren had turned round.

Bro. F. BINCKES said he was the brother alluded to by Bro. Tombs as having come into Grand Lodge at nine o'clock on the 29th of June. He had been engaged up to that time in Masonic duty. The discussion was then proceeding in a certain way, and he admitted that he stated that that way did not give the brethren a fair opportunity of judging of the various amendments and alterations proposed. He did not ask that all the proceedings should be gone over again, but he asked that when an alteration was proposed the context should be given in connection with it. When he was overruled by the Grand Master in the chair he did not say a word, but he did as he hoped he always should do on the ruling of a Master, sit down.

(Cries of "Question.") He now supported the proposition for the adjournment of the confirmation of the minutes simply on the ground that as the alterations were important a great deliberative assembly like Grand Lodge should not be called upon to give further consideration hastily or without the fullest deliberation. Time ought to be afforded to every man of intelligence to settle the laws of the Order which were to bind them for many years. With regard to the remark that they were casting a slur on the Board of General Purposes, he begged to say that the revision of the Constitutions had been what he might call, for want of a better term, the joint work of the Board of General Purposes, acting with and for and on behalf of the Grand Lodge. They had given the Craft certain notions and certain suggestions, and had called on the Craft to concur with or refuse certain propositions. He hoped the Board of General Purposes would receive the loyal support and co-operation of Grand Lodge, and that there would never be any difference on this question, or jealousy or rivalry between the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Lodge. Bro. Matthews had referred to distant District Grand Lodges, and hoped that, on their account, a postponement would be allowed. He supported that appeal. Let them wait to hear what was the opinion of the colonial brethren. If they could not get it by December let them further postpone the consideration till March or April; do anything rather than run the risk of imperiling the best interests of Freemasonry by hastening the settlement of the Book of Constitutions. He hoped there were some brethren there over whom he had not lost the influence he once possessed, and he asked them to give a fair consideration of this question. They might do mischief by considering it now. They could not do wrong by deferring it. Surely they were not so wound up to their own metropolitan or provincial wisdom that they could not have some consideration for the wisdom of their fellow Masons at a distance, who were as much the subjects of the Grand Master and members of Grand Lodge as themselves. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON rose merely to say that the Board of General Purposes had no feeling whatever in the matter one way or the other. If it seemed reasonable to Grand Lodge that the confirmation should be postponed, the Board of General Purposes should, through him, by all means postpone it. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. JOHN HAINES, P.G.W., advised the brethren not to be in a hurry. There was no good to be got by hurrying, and if it was necessary, let the consideration of these alterations stand over for months. (Hear, hear, and cries of No, no, and considerable confusion.)

Bro. RAYMUND H. THURPP said there were 500 colonial lodges that would look with much interest for a report of these proceedings, and he hoped that Grand Lodge would wait for some months before proceeding to settle those alterations. (Hear, hear.)

General BROWNRIGG thought it was useless to continue the discussion any longer, and therefore put Bro. Matthews's amendment, and declared that the ayes had it.

There were loud cries for a division, but General Brownrigg said he had given his decision.

Bro. LE FEUVRE, Prov. Grand Secretary Hants and Isle of Wight, drew General Brownrigg's attention to Section 9, page 28, of the Book of Constitutions, which stated "that if two members demand that the votes be counted, brethren in favour of the motion shall pass to one side of the Grand Lodge, and those against it to the other when they shall be counted by the G. Deacons, the mover and seconder of the motion, and two of its opponents."

General BROWNRIGG: Yes; but if you read the last line of the clause you will see it adds "provided such demand appear reasonable to the Grand Master;" and I do not consider it reasonable. (Laughter.)

The following recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter were then moved, seconded, and carried:

The widow of a brother of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle, Cornwall...	£100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, Camberwell	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, Brighton...	50	0	0
A brother of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 837, Ripon, Yorkshire	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Truth, No. 944, Bombay	50	0	0
A brother of another Lodge	50	0	0
A brother of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, Dulwich	50	0	0
A brother of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, London, P.G.P.	150	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

"To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.
"The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of August instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £4165 15s. 1d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants wages £100. (Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

"Freemason's Hall, London, W.C., 21st August, 1883."

The report of the Special Building Committee, which we printed in extenso in last week's *Freemason*, was brought up by Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, Chairman of the Committee, who said that to put the Committee exactly in their right place, that it was not his intention to go so far as to move that the report be agreed to, because he did not think that the reference to the Committee went the length of it. They were directed to consider the question of reinstating, or enlarging, or removing the old Masonic Temple recently destroyed by fire, and to obtain and submit to Grand Lodge plans and estimates for the same, and to deposit such plans and estimates in the Grand Secretary's office or other convenient place for the inspection of the Craft. They looked upon it that their appointment, which was of a double character—four of their number being appointed by Grand Lodge, and four by the Board of General Purposes—conferred on them a Stewardship for the time being. They were not instructed to become advocates for this or that course of action, but they considered that they were to exhaust enquiries as fully as possible, and to report to Grand Lodge amply and fully. He did not know that any one of the brethren who signed the report was to be considered by having signed it to have pledged his own personal opinion either to the question of reinstatement, enlargement, or removal. He and they thought, and Grand Lodge would no doubt agree with them, that they were to bring the result of their enquiries before Grand Lodge and leave it to Grand Lodge to do what it pleased with those figures and those facts. Going very shortly into them he would suggest that the first thing they had to do was to get in the insurance money. That they did, and they did it he thought and hoped satisfactorily. They were well and carefully advised by the Grand Superintendent of Works, and having very practical men on the Committee he the more thought the settlement was satisfactory. The insurance officer treated them with thorough liberality. Dwelling on the

other parts of the report and coming to the question of removal they did their best to make enquiries of practical men and they came to the conclusion that removal to the Thames Embankment, which was the only other site to be entertained for a moment, was out of the question. Drawing upon his memory the site on the Embankment would cost £100,000. This Grand Lodge could not afford. All this had been set out in the report. They then came to the question of enlarging and rebuilding the Temple. They went to Mr. Bacon and Messrs. Spiers and Pond, the lessees and tenants of Grand Lodge and thoroughly explained the position to them, and they were informed that any information they might give or terms offer were only to enable the Committee to form a report, and would in no way prejudice them. Those gentlemen met the Committee in a very fair and candid spirit. The affair was not arranged at one meeting, for there was a good deal of pro-ing and con-ing in the matter. When the matter was last before Grand Lodge he stated that he believed the cost of the rebuilding to Grand Lodge would be about £500 a year. He did not think that from the figures now presented that estimate would be considered unreasonable. It came to a large sum no doubt; but all these matters involved expense. The plan had been placed in the library of Grand Lodge, and the estimates, as far as they went, might be looked upon as ample as could conveniently be prepared. It would have been out of the question to get builders' estimates and details. If they had, Grand Lodge would have said they had gone beyond their powers. The figures were the result of the taking out in quantities, and were not guess work. He now merely moved that the report be received and entered on the minutes as a part of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and he thought it would be well that they then and there left it for Grand Lodge to take up or put down, or receive or reject.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, as one of the Committee, seconded the motion.

Bro. G. P. BRITTON, P.M., moved that as the brethren had not seen the plans, the adoption of the report should be deferred till the next meeting.

General BROWNRIGG thought discussion should be avoided as it was merely moved and seconded that the report be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. JOHN HAINES ventured to think that if nothing more were done than was conveyed in their motion Grand Lodge would practically have done nothing. It seemed that the Board were not prepared to go further. Now, he thought it was hardly fair to start a hare, and then say "do nothing." He was surprised at the very bald proposal that had been made. The Board should have come to a definite proposition, and not to put before Grand Lodge a proposition so strange.

Bro. BINCKES rose to order. The motion was that the report be received and entered on the minutes. The discussion could not go on on that motion.

Bro. HAINES submitted, and the motion that the report be received and entered on the minutes was carried.

Bro. BINCKES moved, and Dr. RAMSAY seconded, a vote of thanks to the Committee for their report.

The vote was carried unanimously.

Bro. H. MAUDSLAY, P.G.D., enquired whether the Committee had directed their attention to the purchase of property to the west of the old Temple? All the information seemed to refer to the property eastward of Freemasons' Tavern.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS wished to know whether the documents in Grand Secretary's office were limited merely to the plans that referred to the absolute report which Grand Lodge had before it, or whether there were any alternative plans differing from the plans the Committee had laid before Grand Lodge. He begged to be allowed to express the opinion that Grand Lodge ought not to be limited to one plan, or to any number as long as they could succeed in obtaining a diversity of opinion and ideas to be submitted to the Craft in order that they might be able to select what would be best for the purposes of the Order. With that view he begged to suggest that prizes should be offered for first, second, or third plans to be provided by brethren of the Craft who were architects, and who were willing to enter into competition. Judiciously advertised before the Craft, no doubt a series of designs could be obtained which would be gratifying to the brethren and would enable the Craft to have a building worthy of its great name and influence.

Bro. Gen. BROWNRIGG suggested that Bro. Stevens should give notice of this as a motion.

Bro. STEVENS said he would give notice for next meeting.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON said the plans were not doubled, or trebled, or quadrupled; they simply referred to the recommendations contained in the report. They were prepared by the Grand Superintendent of Works, and the Committee did not think they were justified in going to any one else. The Grand Superintendent of Works was an official of Grand Lodge, and he prepared the plans and estimates at the special request of the Committee without any idea that suggestions of commissions would be placed in his hands. The Grand Superintendent of Works thought also that while he held his office he was bound to prepare these plans, and he did so to the best of his ability, and without any payment for his services.

Bro. STEVENS said he did not object to the plans.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART said it was impossible for the Committee to proceed further until Grand Lodge gave them permission, because if Grand Lodge made up their minds to go to some one else it would be perfectly useless to ask for plans. They must take the decision of Grand Lodge whether they would adopt the proposition of the Committee or not. If they did, then it would be the bounden duty of the Committee to get those plans and let them be inspected by every brother, and every brother would have an opportunity of making a motion upon it.

Bro. JAMES LEWIS THOMAS thanked the brethren for passing a vote of thanks to the Committee.

Bro. BINCKES then proposed "That the consideration of the report of the Building Committee as now received and entered on the minutes be adjourned for consideration till the Quarterly Communication in December next."

Dr. RAMSAY seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL, P.M. No. 1607, moved

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Bro. Perceval was understood to support his motion by the argument that the present mode of giving notice was unsatisfactory, but he was very distinctly heard on account of the great noise which prevailed by brethren leaving Grand Lodge, and the talking aloud of those who remained.

Bro. ABNER TORKINGTON seconded the motion, which was put and carried amidst laughter. Grand Lodge was then closed in form and adjourned.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONS.—A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The second paragraph of the second column of page 409 of the *Freemason* for August 11th runs thus:—"Lord Holmesdale then move to omit clause 94 which was postponed on the 29th June. The clause was as follows:—"the Deputy Provincial, or District Grand Master, the Provincial or District Grand Wardens do not take any rank out of their Province or District," &c. The clause "was omitted and clause 297, as amended, was ordered to stand part of the Constitutions."

I have just seen the printed report of the proceedings of the Special Grand Lodge of the 8th ult. (officially issued by the Grand Secretary) and I find the following at the end of that report:—"Memo.—Rule 94, postponed from last meeting, having now being considered:—Resolved that it stand."

As the number of brethren who read the *Freemason* is much greater than the number who have any opportunity of reading the official Grand Lodge reports—a great many brethren deriving their knowledge of Grand Lodge transactions solely through your journal—you may perhaps think it advisable to correct the error in question, not necessarily by publishing this letter, but in any way you may deem convenient.—Yours fraternally,

Sept. 5th, 1883.

CONSTITUTIONS.

STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read over the long correspondence in your columns last week, but see nothing particular to comment upon or answer. I note a reproduction of a "fad" in very fervent language, and without the slightest attempt to reason on the part of almost all who take up the injured Past Masters' side, and therefore do not propose to continue the discussion this week, the more so, as before this meets the eyes of your readers Grand Lodge will have postponed the confirmation of the Constitutions until December or have confirmed or non-confirmed the alteration in our Book of Constitutions. My own strong objections to a senseless and revolutionary change are unremoved, and I am glad to see that my views are shared in by seven out of the twelve correspondents who sent communications last week. An eighth seems to lean to the same side.

But here the matter must rest for the present. I am struck, as all must be, with "Three-Four-One's" letter. Unless the *Freemason* is to be "a dumb dog," you cannot, with your honest opinions on the subject, have spoken otherwise than you have done. Perhaps your plain speaking has offended those who put declamation and personality in the place of argument and logic.—Yours fraternally, LEX.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although this matter will doubtless be settled before this can appear in your columns I cannot refrain from making a few observations upon the correspondence which appears in your last issue. The first and most important question seems to me to be whether a Past Master has any rank at all in any lodge; if so, what is his position? Now on referring to the present Book of Constitutions I think a complete answer to this can be found. On page 17, last paragraph, the order of precedence runs thus:—"The Master, Past Masters, and Wardens of Grand Stewards Lodge and of every other lodge." I think therefore that as Past Masters precede Wardens in Grand Lodge they must undoubtedly do so in their own lodge. Furthermore, supposing that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was to retire from the Grand Mastership to-morrow, would he not always retain his rank as Past Grand Master, and according to the same table of precedence follow the Pro G. Master, or would he return to the rank and file? Also Past Prov. G. Masters follow the Present Prov. G. Masters, so I think should Past Masters rank next to the W.M. of a lodge so long as they continue subscribing members.

If, however, as some of your correspondents contend, P.Ms. have no rank or status in their own lodges, why make so much fuss about a joining P.M.? The remarks made by your correspondent "Three-four-one" as to an Installed Master are well to the point. An Installed Master possesses secrets which are not entrusted even to a Warden, it seems, therefore, rather incongruous to place him lower down in the scale than those not possessed of these secrets.

Bro. W. G. Speth travels very wide of the mark in attempting a comparison between an ex-Lord Mayor and a P.M. As Freemasons we are governed by a Grand Lodge, and every lodge, although allowed to make its own by-laws is bound to do so in conformity with the laws and regulations of each Grand Lodge. Can he point out any grand corporation or municipality which governs the whole of the corporations? His remarks that all corporations are

subject to the laws of the realm as settled in Parliament is simply absurd. There is a wide difference between imperial and municipal government; as to his suggestions that a P.G.W. of Middlesex becoming through a change of residence a P.G.W. of Yorkshire, this is expressly provided against in the Book of Constitutions, page 51. Again, Bro. Speth says if a brother is a Past Master of Lodge 1000 and leaves it and joins lodge No. 500, he still is a P.M. of the former lodge. Let me ask Bro. Speth how he would gain admittance to Grand Lodge after he had left Lodge 1000, as that lodge would not return his name to Grand Lodge after he had ceased to subscribe thereto? How, therefore, could the Grand Pursuivants pass him?

I now come to the argument of "P.M. of a Country Lodge," whose analogy, although intended as evidence against the amendment, is the strongest which can be adduced in its favour. He first says that after a brother has served the office of Immediate Past Master he ought to go back amongst the ordinary members of the lodge, and then goes on to say that an ex-Lord Chancellor will always command the respect due to one who has served so high and important an office, and that he ranks among his peers according to the date of his patent. This is exactly what the supporters of the amendment want to arrive at for a joining Past Master. They want him to rank among the Masonic peers according to the date of his obtaining his patent, which is created when he is installed as Master of a lodge. If, as our friend at first argues, a Past Master ought to be sent back amongst the rank and file, then, by the same reasoning, an ex-Lord Chancellor ought to return to his friends at the Bar, leaving his title and pension behind him.

Our Bro. "T.M.M.C.O." as well as Bro. Gould speaks of a Past Master's degree. For some time past several lodges in Lancashire have tried to establish such a degree, but they have been severely called to account by the higher authorities and told that there is no such degree—that by installing a brother as W.M. you confer rank only, not a degree, and if the supporters of the Emulation working are to be taken as an authority the Board of Installed Masters never goes out of the Third Degree. How then do your correspondents make out the rank of Past Master to be a degree? Possibly the best solution of the problem would be the adoption of the amendment proposed by Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and yet that would prevent many good men from becoming joining members of a lodge with such a retrograde position only offered him.—Yours faithfully,
MANENNIENSIS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
No law can make a brother a Past Master of a lodge if he has not passed the chair of that lodge; he can only be a Past Master in the lodge he joins until he passes the chair. I myself am an old Past Master of 33 and 452, and had to work through 1601 and 1719 to be a Past Master of those lodges, and so it must always be. Past Masters are members of the "Standing Committee," but Past Masters in a lodge are not. Bro. Turner should know that any Past Master is eligible for the chair of a Principal in a Royal Arch Chapter.
30th August, 1883. MAGNUS OHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Why the present controversy should have arisen seems to me a mystery. How can a brother be a Past Master of a lodge when he has never occupied, or, better said, been installed in the chair of that lodge? Was he ever the master of that lodge, if not, how can he be a Past Master of it, and is it common sense to call him such?

Again, is it not customary for most lodges to grant a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master? Is a joining Past Master of another lodge entitled to such jewel? would his new brethren vote him such? If he is to be known as a Past Master of the lodge, why should he have to appear in lodge without the jewel, which all the other legitimate Past Masters of the lodge, by reason of their having been duly installed therein, and having carried out its duties creditably during their year of office, have the satisfaction of wearing? What must visiting brethren think of a Past Master of a lodge who, apart from his fellows, cannot show on his breast the token of esteem the brethren are in the habit of exhibiting towards their Past Masters.

In common sense, a Past Master of a lodge must mean a Past Officer of it, and how can a joining member be such until he has passed through his year of office in it?

Is a Past Warden of one lodge to be considered a Past Warden of any other which he joins? If a Past Master is to be entitled to such privileges, may not we, who are Wardens, equally well aspire to them?—Yours fraternally,
J.W. 1777.

A QUEER CASE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
A case has recently come under my notice which appears to me to be in direct opposition to the Constitutions, and a gross breach of faith between the brethren of the lodge concerned. I therefore deem it my duty to lay the facts before you, so that you and your numerous readers may be able to express an opinion thereon.

At a recent meeting of the lodge in question, a gentleman was proposed for initiation, and on being balloted for two balls were found against the proposition, which under the bye-laws of the lodge are sufficient to veto it. A suggestion was then made that the ballot box may not have been properly examined and that the balls may have been left in the box by mistake, and a second ballot was ordered, with the same result; again it was suggested that another ballot should be taken, and accordingly after a diatribe as to the excellence of the character of the gentleman proposed for membership, and an elaborate explanation of "how to vote," the box was for the third time passed round, and again two balls appeared against the proposition, nothing further could now be done, and the gentleman was declared not elected. A few days after, I understand every member present in the lodge that evening was waited upon by the W.M. of the lodge, and asked to sign a paper certifying that he "did not place a BLACK ball against the proposition." As, I believe, each member signed this paper, the advice of the P.G.M. has been taken, and the result is, it is stated, that the candidate's name will again be placed before the lodge for election.

What I am anxious to know is this—was the W.M. justified in allowing the ballot box to go round three times?

Was he afterwards acting within the laws of the Constitutions in requesting members to sign a paper showing which way they had voted? And is it constitutional to again place before the lodge for election the name of a gentleman who was rejected at a recent meeting on three successive ballots?—I am, sir, yours faithfully and fraternally,
MELIORA.

August 31st, 1883.

[We are of opinion decidedly that though a W.M. may in bona fides, for fear of a mistake, send the ballot box round twice, as is often done, he cannot and ought not to do it a third time, and certainly not advocate the claims of the candidate, thus rendering the idea and object of the ballot nugatory. The W.M. acted very illegally in calling on the brethren to sign such a paper, and we recommend the brethren aggrieved to appeal to the Board of General Purposes. A recent decision against disclosure of the ballot is quite to the point. Some bye-laws say a candidate rejected cannot come up for a certain time; but if there is no limit of time in the bye-laws, we apprehend, however much against "good form," there is nothing illegal in the action of those who wish to secure the election of the rejected candidate.—Ed. F.M.]

A FRIENDLY QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I wonder much who inspired a recent article in the Standard in respect of the bogus Grand Lodge of Victoria. The audacious statement therein made that 95 lodges determined to form a Grand Lodge is indeed a vivid contrast to the fact, that 75 English lodges held aloof, and even of the 25 Scottish and Irish lodges, it is not yet clear that a majority has consented.—Yours fraternally,
ANTIPODES.

THE VICTORIAN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I have been watching and studying the correspondence respecting P.M. I now wish to make a few remarks. I quite agree with "Manicum" for every one knows the rank a brother must hold before he can attend Grand Lodge, he being a P.M. says to other P.M.s. we will pass this and have all the honours to ourselves (quite the reverse, to his obligation). Now there is a lot to say about the Victorian Grand Lodge, does our Brother Antipodes bear any animosity towards Mr. G. Coppin, M.L.A. Perhaps he was one of the Bill Posters &c., &c. I must defend those who are to far away to defend themselves for a part of my obligation in the 3rd degree demands I should do so, remember he his a member of one of the home constitutions though he has lapsed in arrears of subscription, but here is a man that has been nearly ruined by floods, fires, &c., to which colonials are so subject, let me now tell you it was his brother Masons that started him a fresh for we have no work in the Colonies one for rich and one for poor. We work on the 5 points of fellowship and we have the old Irish saying of one man is as good as another in fact better if any brother has visited the colonial lodges he will not be able to say he has herd the obligations and lectures tore to peices and stuck together by prompting by a dozen officers. I think my few remarks will remind some of my brethren that they should not say things behind a brothers back unmasonic and should ask himself if he has any faults then instead of nuckle-rapping he would remember the duties of a mason,—I Remain, Sir and Bro.,
A NEWZEALAND & AUSTRALIAN F. & A. MASON.
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[We print the above "verbatim et literatim" as a Masonic curiosity.—Ed. F.M.]



THE MAGAZINES.

We do not know how it is, but we think a sort of "gentle dulness" has fallen over our September serial literature. It may be the weather; it may be the cholera; it may be the "1st of September and the partridges;" it may be countless other good reasons and shrewd causes; but so it is undoubtedly.

"Longman's" continues with its staple story, which is coming to a dénouement. Bret Harte "In the Carquinez Woods" poses and propounds "more suo;" the story is a little too sentimental and wild for us. Mr. Proctor writes learned on the "Gambling Game of Poker," in much vogue in the United States; and lo and behold! we have given you the "cream" of the magazine.

"The Century" is this month not quite up to its level. "Cape Cod," "Indian War in the Colonies," "Professor Agassiz's Laboratory," the "Musk Ox," "A Burns' Pilgrimage," and "Love in Old Clothes" are all interesting, readable, and "edifying." It has also its staple imaginative contributions.

"Temple Bar" greets us with "Belinda" and "Ione Stewart." "The Captain's Story" is a sad commentary on Irish life and manners. "A Cleft Stick" is a little far-fetched, is it not? For the rest we refer our readers to "Temple Bar."

"All the Year Round" contains "Jenifer," "Along the Silver Streak," "An Alibi and its Price," "Twixt Cup and Lip," is well written, and several other leaflets deserve perusal.

"The Antiquary and Bibliographer" pursue the "even tenour of their way." Caxton's "Game of Chess" with illustrations claims consideration. The remaining articles are purely Dryasdustian and perhaps are most relished by a select order of readers.

We hear of a new magazine called the "Illustrated," shortly to appear. Some of our great writers have promised to help.

"La Chaine D'Union" for August is before us, and contains much that is interesting to French Freemasons. The annual meeting of the Grand Orient is at hand, and Bro. Hubert, the editor and proprietor of the "Chaine D'Union," seems to anticipate fresh changes. We shall keep our readers "au courant." There is one remarkable letter in this number, which if space and other claims permit, we shall translate for next week's Freemason.



223] ST. MARY'S LODGE, No. 63, LONDON.

Bro. W. Hollingworth desires to know if any other lodge than No. 63 has twice held the same number at different epochs. I presume it is thought a most unusual occurrence for lodges to be so numbered, but as a matter of fact it is not so. Of existing lodges Nos. 2 to 20 have enjoyed the same numerical position from 1814 to 1832, and then to 1863 (the last change), and No. 1 has been so distinguished from its origin (apparently in 1759). Then again of the "Moderns" (so-called), 33, London, was the same number in 1770, and 46, London; 48, Gateshead; 51, Colchester; and 52, Norwich, were so numbered respectively in 1781; 55, London, was 70 in 1814 to 1832, and 1770 to 1780; 58, London, had the same number given it in 1781 to 1792. Of the "Ancients," No. 79, Greenwich, was 93 at constitution, and also in 1832 to 1833, and No. 81, Woodbridge, was 96 on being warranted, and so at the change in 1832 to 1863. Brethren will find these numbers by consulting Bro. Gould's two grand volumes ("Four Old Lodges" and "Atholl Lodges") and my "Masonic Register." I am much interested in lodge histories, and have done my best to induce brethren to become historians of their own lodges by assisting them, when desired, as far as possible. I should much like a copy of the work edited by Bros. G. Kelly and Hollingworth, if they would oblige me. I should not ask, of course, if money could procure one.
W. J. HUGHAN.

224] THE "CHARLES SACKVILLE" MEDAL.

The friendly discussion which has been waged for some time in the Freemason respecting the year when the medal was struck which is known by the title as above has proved both interesting and instructive, but has not been finally disposed of, for "Dryasdust" has put himself in communication with Bro. Findel, so as to discover if such a medal exists in the Minerva Lodge collection. Bro. "G. B. A." has stuck to his colours most manfully, and has spared no pains to verify his statements. It is singular that the authority of Bro. W. F. I. Marvin, M.A., the author of "The Medals of the Masonic Fraternity" (Boston, U.S.A., 1883), has not been quoted thereon. It is No. 1 in his invaluable work, and Bro. Marvin states correctly that it is No. 1 in Bode's "Almanack, &c.," of A.D. 1777, an engraving of obverse and reverse being given. It is desirable to note that it was engraved in 1733 according to inscription on medal (obverse "I.N. 1733," reverse "L. Natter, F. Florent.") Merzdorf says but one specimen is known, which was in the "Hammerstein collection." It is said to have been struck in silver, and several casts have been taken in lead. It is number one in work by Zacharias (Dresden, 1840-6), as also in Dr. Merzdorf's volume (Oldenburgh, 1851), under Italy. Marvin says an impression in silver "formerly existed in the valuable collection of Masonic Medals in possession of the lodge Minerva of the Three Pains at Leipsic, but is said to have disappeared."
W. J. HUGHAN.

225] SONGS OF THE COLLEGIA.

Like our Masonic fraternity, songs or hymns seem to have formed part of the Roman Collegiate customs. Meril, in his "Poesies Populaires Latines," before the twelfth century, gives us a form of the hymns belonging to the "Fratres Arvales."
MASONIC STUDENT.

226] LES FRERES PONTIFES.

Mange Agricol, in his "Histoire de St. Benezet," Aix, 1707, tells us that in the twelfth century religious orders were formed under the patronage of the Bishops to build bridges, keep them in order, and protect passengers. They also built hospitals to receive poor travellers, and hence they were called "Frères Hospitaliers," "Frères du Pont," and sometimes "Frères Pontifes," from "Pons" or "Pont," a bridge. The superiors of these orders took indifferently for titles the names of "Priors" or "Commanders." These Sodalities seem first to have sprung up in Provence. In 1176, the Hospital of Bonpas, on the banks of the Durance, an institution to help passengers, had a head who was reputed to be a holy man, Benezet, or Benoit, as he was termed, who seeing how well his establishment did, went to Avignon to form another, the Bishop, who was then called "Pons," assisting him with all his influence. In 1187 the bridge was nearly finished, and though Benezet had died, he was succeeded by a Jean Benoit, who obtained permission to build a church, to have a chaplain, and a cemetery for his little fraternity. Agricol mentions a Bull of Incorporation of Pope Clement, of 1189. These fraternities were ultimately connected with the Templars and Hospitaliers, and had a white dress given them by Leo X. They seem soon after to have become mixed with the "Frères or Pretres Blancs." I can find no trace in regard of the badge of "arches" said to have been worn on their dresses, though it may be so. Raynour and the Monk of St. Denis, as well as Gregoire, have written about them, and perhaps other works are extant; but I am not quite sure in which work the Bulls are preserved. Agricol cites them. The result of his work is, in his own words, "The existence of an Order, which existed for several centuries, whose object was to build bridges, or to keep boats at the rivers, and hospitals, to protect passengers from the robbers and dangers and cruelties of those times."
MASONIC STUDENT.

227] MAKING MASONS FOR TWELVE SHILLINGS.

Who are the historians who relate "that previous to 1717 so low had Masonry fallen that it was a common thing in passing along the streets of London and Liverpool, particularly by the river-side, to observe large printed signs placed over doors of alehouses and sailors' boarding houses with the words, 'Masons made here for Twelve Shillings?'" I will be glad of the titles and dates of the histories referred to, with the extracts bearing on the subject.
GEORGE MARKHAM TWEDDELL.

It ought to be generally known that Rose's Lime Juice Cordial supplies a delicious cooling drink in water—effervescing in all mineral waters—wholesome and refreshing in summer. Purchasers should order Rose's Cordial, Wholesale Stores, 11, Curtain Road, London, and Leith. N.B.—[Advt.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
CORNWALL.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D.

The annual meeting of this province was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at St. Austell. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the Prov. Grand Officers and other brethren met with an admirable reception at the hands of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 496, under whose banner the Prov. Grand Lodge was held. The arrangements were excellent, and there was a large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province. The brethren assembled at the Market Hall, where the upper market was tastefully fitted up as an improvised lodge embellished with a large collection of flags, banners of the Order, and Masonic insignia. The R.W. Bro. the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, presided, supported by the following officers: V.W. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. F. Harvey, 450, P.G.S.W.; W. F. Newman, 75, P.G.J.W.; Bro. the Rev. R. F. Frazer Frizell, 893, vicar of Millbrook, P.G.J. Chap.; W. Bros. W. L. Fox, 75, G. Reg.; Wm. Tweedy, 331, P.G. Treas.; E. D. Anderton, 431, P.G. Sec.; John Jose, 331, P.G.S.D.; A. Vine, P.G.S. Wks.; Jos. Rawling, 1071, P.G.D.C.; C. Rapson, 699, P.G.A. D.C.; T. B. Richards, 557, P.G.S.B.; E. Edwards, 131, P.G. Purst.; William Rooks, 131, P.G.A.G. Purst.; Dr. William Mason, 496; Dr. H. de Legh, 856; Dr. A. A. Davies, 977; Jno. Polkinghorne, 1151; J. P. Creber, 1164; T. H. Gibbons, 1272, P.G. Stewards; Bro. Jno. Langdon, 131, P.G. Tyler; W. Bros. T. Gill, 967, Clerk Assist. to P.G. Sec.; James Lovell, jun., 121, P.P.G.O.; Wm. Guy, 496, P.P.G.D.C., Auditors P.G. Lodge; E. Milford Cook, P.P.G.J.D.; Chas. Truscott, jun., P.P.G.S.B., members of the Committee of Relief; Thos. Chirgwin, 131, P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; J. C. R. Crewes, 131, P.P.G.A.D.C., Assist. Sec. Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. There were also the following Past Officers present: Bros. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. of England, P.P.G. Sec.; Edmund Carlyon, 499, P.P.G.J.W.; E. T. Carlyon, 331, P.P.G. Sec.; F. J. Hext, 330, P.P.G.S.W.; John Peter, 557, P.P.G.J.W.; F. W. Dabb, 589, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. F. B. Paul, 496, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Bros. Harry Tilley, 75, P.P.G. Reg.; John Ninnes, 699, P.P.G. Reg.; J. H. Ferris, 331, P.P.G. Reg.; J. P. Smith, 450, P.P.G.S.D.; J. H. Levin, 121, P.P.G.J.D.; John Paull, 699, P.P.G.S.D.; John Dennis, 330, P.P.G.J.D.; S. Serpell, 331, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Middleton, 131, P.P.G.S.D.; S. Holloway, 131, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Tonken, 977, P.P.G.S. Wks.; G. B. Pearce, 450, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W. Devon; W. E. Michell, P.P.G.S. of W.; P. F. Simcoe, 789, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Neale, 510, P.P.G.S. of W.; Thomas White, 510, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Crossman, 970, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; William Rowe, 330, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. W. Chigwidden, 510, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Jeffery, jun., 318, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; T. C. Polglase, 75, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; Josiah Austin, 1099, P.P.G.O. Devon; George Barnes, 1164, P.P.G. Purst.; H. Trembath, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Pascoe, 1006, P.P.G. Purst.; John F. Hooper, 1006, P.P.G.O.; R. White, 121, P.P.G.O.; Thos. Davey, 589, P.P.G.S.B.; W. A. Gerry, P.P.G.O.; F. B. Williams, 977, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Carter, 75, P.P.G.O.; A. T. Grant, 318, P.P.G. Purst.; Thos. Heath, 1136, P.P.G. Stwd.; James Wearne, 1272, P.P.G. Stwd.; P. Giles, 496, P.P.G. Stwd.; Samuel G. Moyle, 699, P.P.G. Stwd.; John Beaglehole, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. Beale, 977, P.P.G. Tyler; P. Carroll, 330, P.P.G. Tyler; Wm. Lean, 699, P.P.G. Tyler; T. Harding, P.M. 970; George Varcoe, W.M. 977; M. Nettle, W.M. 1151; J. Turner, P.M., and George Woolcock, P.M., 557; Walter Giles, P.M. 496; F. Holman, W.M. 121; R. Lean, P.M. 131; R. Angel, W.M. 131; J. C. Barrow, W.M. 1544; W. B. Carne, P.M. 893; J. M. Pascoe, W.M. 318; W. Vincent, I.P.M. 1544; J. Wallace, P.M. 75; George Timmins, P.M. 1006; Samuel G. Bake, P.M. 1151; W. Bailey, P.M. 1544; A. Brickwood Hutchings, P.M. 893; W. A. Bennett, W.M. 699; H. Martin Harvey, P.M. 789; John Brewer, W.M. 496; William Huthnance, P.M. 450; T. S. Smith, P.M. 496; James P. Polglase, W.M. 75; C. Slade, P.M. 977; John Treverton, W.M. 330; W. Coath, P.M. 893; W. J. Trythall, W.M. 589; J. J. Hawken, P.M.; James Reynolds, P.M. 331; G. H. Small, I.P.M. 121; J. Tregoning, I.P.M. 331; F. J. Lee, P.M. 699; W. H. Clark, P.M. 1071; E. Herring, I.P.M. 1071; W. K. Baker, I.P.M. 1272; F. J. Hext, jun., P.M. 330; A. O. Michell, P.M. 121; Geo. Darke, P.M. 1136; W. D. Rogers, P.M. 75; W. B. Morris, I.P.M. 131; A. Luke, P.M. 977; W. Paynter, P.M. 330; O. Colmer, P.M. 510; N. Pellow, I.P.M. 1151; John F. Clemow, W.M. 1785; F. Bray, I.P.M. 1785; W. H. Roberts, P.M. 1785; James Pool, P.M. 450; R. b. Shipkin, J. W. Higman, J. O. Job, P.Ms. 496; Edward Jennings, P.M. 967; F. S. Hawke, F. Johns, P.Ms. 1164; W. Bartlett, P.M. 856; John Estlick, I.P.M. 699; R. Hooper, P.M. 570; J. T. Brooking, P.M. 1071; John Kittow, Dr. Wm. Andrew, P.Ms. 789; E. C. Vosper, W.M.; R. Pearce, J. Pearce, James Gourlay, P.Ms. 1071; Wm. Boxhall, W.M.; H. H. Kidd, Jos. Bassett, P.Ms. 856; A. J. M. Walker, W.M. 205; T. Cook, W.M.; John G. Henwood, P.M. 970; Jacob Grigg, P.M. 496; W. R. Evans, W.M. 893; W. H. Watkins, W.M. 331; W. J. Tredinnick, J.W. 496; John H. Cousins, S.W. 557; Geo. Bray, J.W. 1529; B. Houseley, S.W. 496; Wm. Ellis, S.W. 318; J. Hosken, S.W. 893; S. A. Bersey, J.W. 893; Edward Vine, S.W. 1544; H. Searle, S.W. 699; W. Simmons, S.W. 131; T. C. Mack, J.W. 131; G. T. A. Staff, S.W. 1272; A. White, S.W. 1136; G. P. N. Glencross, S.D. 510; Joseph Sarah, J.W. 589; T. R. Tuckey, S.W.; T. S. Bailey, J.W. 1151; W. P. Pope, S.W. 1785; Charles Tyack, S.W. 1006; John Tregoning, jun., S.W. 331; T. H. Spear, S.W. 330; B. G. Derry, J.W. 330, 856; T. D. Deeble, S.W.; Geo. Burns, J.W. 1071; Jos. Doney, S.W. 856; J. De C. Treffry, S.W. 977; W. E. Fulford, J.W. 1954; H. C. Welch, S.W. 967; H. Worsdell, S.D. 967; and A. P. Davis, D.C. 977.

Bro. WILLIAM TWEEDY, Prov. Grand Treasurer, reported the receipts for the year to be £230 10s., payments £119 13s., balance in hand £110 17s.

Bro. E. D. ANDERTON, Prov. Grand Secretary, reported that the whole of the returns had been sent in at the proper time. The brethren now numbered 1,471, against 1,522 in the previous year.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER inquired if the secretary knew of any cause for the reduction in the number of brethren? Bro. ANDERTON explained that no brethren were returned this year but those who had paid up their dues. There were many brethren absent from some of the lodges, particularly among lodges in the eastern part of the province. The numbers in one lodge had declined over fifty, and this had arisen from many brethren engaged in mining, mining engineers, and others, having gone abroad. Other brethren were at sea. The names of those who were returned, but they were not reckoned now as subscribing members. Many of those brethren would, no doubt, again appear at intervals, and there could not be said to have been any real decrease. A fair increase of new members had been made during the year. There had been 90 initiations in the province. In some cases he feared there had been even to much precipitation in accepting candidates.

Bro. T. CHIRGWIN read the report of the Treasurer and Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. It showed for receipts, subscriptions, and donations, £172 7s.; interest on funded money, £121 9s.; balance from end of 1882, £242 5s.; total, £536 2s.; payments, £314 3s., leaving a balance in hand of £221 18s. Total capital invested, £3372 10s.; annual interest thereon, £149 19s. The present election of an annuitant to fill the vacancy declared at the last annual meeting resulted in the election of a brother from Boscawen Lodge, 699, Chacewater. On a petition for an educational grant to the child of a late brother of the Cornubian Lodge, 450, Hayle, a grant was made of £15 for four years. No other petitions had been received. Since the last annual meeting the capital account has increased £170, and there was an increase of £40 in the annual subscriptions and donations as compared with the corresponding period of last year; but this was partly accounted for, to a large extent, by the Phoenix Lodge returns for last year being included with the present year in the account. There were now three annuitants receiving £20 a year each, and three children receiving educational grants of £15 a year each. The grant to the candidate for an annuity, and the educational grant were carried by overwhelming majorities. The only differences of opinion entertained by the minorities, were as to the amounts of the grants.

The Committee of Relief reported that having considered the four petitions presented, they recommend that £30 be granted, £10 to the widow of a brother of the Cornubian Lodge, 450, Hayle, £10 to the brother of the Phoenix Lodge of Prudence and Honour, 331, Truro, £5 to the widow of the brother of the True and Faithful Lodge, 318, Helston, and £5 to the widow of the brother of Tregulow Lodge, 1006, St. Day.

Bro. C. TRUSCOTT, jun., the manager of the Cornish votes to the Central Masonic Charities, presented his report. It stated that in October, 1882, for the Girls' School there were seven vacancies and 20 candidates, for the Boys' school 12 vacancies and 62 candidates; in April 1883, for the Girls' School 22 vacancies and 28 candidates; for the Boys' School 13 vacancies and 65 candidates; in May 1883, for the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons 30 vacancies and 50 candidates, widows of Masons 19 vacancies 70 candidates. Having no candidate for either of the Schools, the votes of the Province were lent and exchanged. For the Benevolent Institution there was one candidate, a widow from the Druids Lodge, 589, Redruth, and she had been elected with 1900 votes, as fourth on the list of 70 candidates. The Province had still on loan 463 votes for the mens' and 313 votes for the widows', and owed nothing. For the 1884 election, there were two candidates for the Benevolent Institution for widows. During the past year Bro. Colvill, P.M., 330, had served as steward to both the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and Bro. Bake, P.M. 1151, had served as steward to the Girls' and Boys' School, and to the Benevolent Institution. There were now from this province on the Benevolent Institution three aged Masons, receiving £40 each; three widows, receiving £32 each; and one widow for three years, at £20 per annum, making the total received from the London Charities annually £236. The province had made a fairly good addition to its votes over 1882, but at the same time, though some lodges subscribed liberally, the greater number subscribed very little, and, considering the benefits the province received from the great Charities, he appealed to those lodges to endeavour to increase their subscriptions. He also pointed out that nearly one-half of the votes from the province came from only five subscribers—the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Lodge, and Bros. Anderton, Hughan, and Bake. To assist in furthering the cause of the Charities, he suggested that each lodge should appoint annually a Charity Steward to obtain subscriptions, to control the voting papers and forward them to the Prov. Manager; and, in fact, to be the medium of communication between the lodge and himself. Bro. Hughan was about to leave the county, but he did not leave it in spirit, having some months since kindly pledged all his votes for life for the use of the province, viz., girls, 18; boys, 45; men, 16; widows, 16; total 95 votes. Bro. Truscott also referred to the great loss the charity cause for the province had sustained in the death in April last of Bro. John Coombe, of Hayle. That brother was always most zealous and ready to assist the charity cause in every way, and to him he (Bro. Truscott) had been indebted for much support.

A grant of twenty guineas was made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Fund for Widows, the money to be placed on the list of Bro. Bake as a Steward for the year.

The Truro Cathedral Fund Committee's report was read by the Treasurer to the fund (W. Bro. William Tweedy). Since the last meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge there had been received 12 months' dividends on Consols, £8 10s. 9d.; St. Austell Lodge, £2 2s.; Liskeard Lodge, £10 10s.; W. Bro. Emra Holmes, £10 10s.; donation, £5; Falmouth Lodge, £9 10s. 6d.; making, with the balance of £9 16s., a total of £55 19s. 4d. £46 4s. had been invested in the purchase of Consols, making in the names of the trustees £320, and leaving a cash balance in the hands of the treasurer of £9 19s.

Bro. ANDERTON strongly urged that the Cathedral Fund Committee should call a meeting at an early period to decide in which way the fund should be expended in connection with the Cathedral. He knew many brethren who were desirous of subscribing, but they first wished to know how the fund was to be used. He believed a decision on that point would largely increase the fund.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER entirely concurred in Bro. Anderton's remarks. The time was fast approaching when the money should be used. It was, therefore, very desire-

able that the subscriptions should be all got in, and, no doubt, that would be furthered by a definite resolution for the application of the money.

At this stage of the proceedings the brethren adjourned in procession to St. Austell Church, headed by the bands of the Charleston Artillery Volunteers and St. Austell Rifle Volunteers. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. Frazer-Frizell from 19 v. 2 chapter St. John, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The offertory amounted to £9 15s. 10d. At the close of the service the brethren reformed in procession and returned to the Market Hall.

On resuming business the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said the next business was to present a testimonial to Bro. Hughan. Bro. Hughan was sent for and on his arrival the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe addressing him said he had a pleasurable duty to perform which was, however from another cause painful. Bro. Hughan's approaching removal out of the province was very much regretted by the brethren and by himself. They could not allow that removal to take place without tendering to him some mark of their appreciation of all the work he had done in the province and for the Order. With that view he was deputed to present him with a P.P.G. Secretary's jewel, which he might say was one of beautiful workmanship, and in it a purse containing 275 sovereigns. The jewel bore the following inscription—"Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, 4th September, 1883. Presented to W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M. 131, Past S.G.D. of England, P.P.G. Sec., on his leaving the county, by the brethren of the province, together with a purse of sovereigns, as a token of their fraternal regard and esteem." His lordship then pinned the jewel on Bro. Hughan's breast and presented him with the purse, which was a handsome ring and tassel purse in gold thread, the gift of Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, London.

Bro. HUGHAN, in acknowledging the gift, said he came into that province some 20 years since. He was then perfectly unknown to any Mason in the province, nor did he know any brother there. His certificate was his only introduction. From that time he had received nothing at their hands but continued kindness, which had now culminated in the handsome testimonial presented to him that day. The jewel he should feel a pleasure in wearing as long as he lived. He had been previously presented with a Past Master's jewel from Fortitude Lodge, at Truro, and then with a centenary jewel of that lodge. He should place the present one with those jewels, as tokens of their continued kindness. To the subscribers he felt very grateful for what they had done. Reference had been made by the Provincial Grand Master to his merits; but he feared they were overrated. He had also to thank very gratefully the Testimonial Committee, to whom he was much indebted for their zealous kindness. As to what he had done for Masonry, he could only say that as long as he was able he should never cease to work for the Order. He was about to remove to Torquay; but the brethren should remember that that was not a removal from them. They had only to change the address to Torquay instead of Truro; and he would assure them that any letters in reference to the institutions of Freemasonry in that province would meet with as prompt attention as before. When he came into Cornwall there were only 500 Masons; there were now nearly three times that number. The great majority of the subscribers must be unknown to him and he to them except by repute. With reference to what he had done for the Charities, his exertions on their behalf would never cease as long as he could aid them. He would say no more than that he felt he could not express as he wished how highly he appreciated the gift they had made to him. (Cheers.) Bro. Hughan then explained at length the various alterations contemplated by the revise of the Constitutions, the adoption of which was to be considered by Grand Lodge in London on the morrow.

The Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant-Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund were re-elected, and W. Bros. J. Thomas, of Redruth, and W. Middleton, of Truro, were elected Auditors.

The offertory received at the church was awarded—one-fifth to the rector for charitable purposes, two-fifths to the Masonic Annuity Fund, and the other two-fifths to the St. Austell Coal Club.

Bro. W. J. Johns, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg., was elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested the following officers:

Bro. Sir Chas. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart.	Dep. Prov. G.M.
W. Tweedy, 331	Prov. G.S.W.
C. Truscott, jun.	Prov. G.J.W.
The Rev. Frazer Frizell	Prov. G.S. Chap.
The Rev. H. H. Treffry, 1954	Prov. G.J. Chap.
T. Heath, 1136	Prov. G. Reg.
W. J. Johns, 131	Prov. G. Treas.
E. D. Anderton, 331	Prov. G. Sec.
Jas. Lovell, jun., 121	Prov. G.S.D.
J. O. James, 318	Prov. G.J.D.
J. T. Brooking, 1071	Prov. G.S. of W.
J. Wearne, 1272	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Poole, 450	Prov. G.A.D.C.
V. G. Bake, 1151	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Beaglehole, 510	Prov. G. Purst.
W. Rooks	Prov. G.A. Purst.
C. E. Juleff	Prov. G. Org.
H. M. Harvey, 789	
E. Jennings, 967	
W. Bailey, 1544	Prov. G. Stwds.
A. B. Hutchings, 893	
W. J. Henwood, 970	
R. Lean, 131	
W. Real, 496	Prov. G. Tyler.

W. Bros. Small, 121, and Mason, 496, were elected the Prov. Grand Auditors. The Relief Committee were re-elected.

After the close of the lodge, over 200 of the brethren lunched together at the Assembly Rooms, when the Prov. Grand Master presided.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held on the 28th ult., at Barnstaple. Business commenced with the meeting of the Committee of Petitions at 11 a.m. The Chairman of the Committee, R.W. Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M., presided, and among the brethren present were W. Bros. J. E. Curteis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., the representative of the committee in London; J. W. Cornish, the Provincial Grand Treas.; W. S. Pasmore, P.P.G.R., Prov. G.L. Auditor; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C., the Hon. Sec.; and the lodges were represented by the following brethren: W. Bros. John Stocker, P.P.G.T. 39; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.S. of Works, 70; E. A. Lyons, W.M. 105; W. T. Maynard, P.P.G.T., 106; W. G. Rogers, P.M. 112; Samuel Jones, P.P.G.J.W., 112; F. H. H. Orchard, Prov. Grand Stwd., 164; J. E. Curteis, P.M. 189; Henry Welch, P.M. 202; Wm. Browning, P.P.G.D.C., 223; J. W. Cornish, P.M. 223; Major G. W. Davie, W.M. 251; R. Cawsey, P.M. 230; G. Merrifield, P.G.S. of W., 282; Capt. Webb E. Elphinstone Stone, R.N., P.G.S.W., 372; Henry Arcott, I.P.M. 489; James McLean, W.M. 954; Henry Cole, P.P.G.S.D., 1091; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of Wks., 1099; George Evans, P.P.G.S.D., 1181; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; W. Jenkins, W.M. 1212; John R. Lord, P.P.G.S.B., 1247; E. T. Fulford, P.M. 1254; G. Godtschalk, P.P.G.D., 1255; F. Sanders, P.M. 1284; W. Bradnee, P.M. 1402; John G. Kevern, P.M. 1550; W. Brodie, P.P.G.D., 1753; and Robert Hambly, I.P.M. 1855.

The SECRETARY reported that the Committee during the year had been successful in the election of one widow, and had greatly assisted the election of one aged Mason. The number of votes during the year shewed a slight increase over last year, but it was still a matter of regret that so large a number of votes were diverted either by inattention or by being given to candidates in direct opposition to the interests of those who had the first claim upon the sympathy of Devon. Lodges 489 (Bideford), 666 (Princeton), 1396 (Newton Abbot), 1486 (Kingsbridge), 1855 (Plymouth), also chapters 159 and 189 (Stonehouse), and 710 (Totnes) had not sent in their votes to the Committee. The sub-committee appointed to consider the claims of Bro. George Taylor on behalf of Worcestershire as to the payment of 326 votes made to that brother by Bro. Godtschalk on behalf of Devon, had met at Exeter, reviewed the whole of the correspondence in reference to those votes, and had come to the decision that Bro. Godtschalk was fully justified in the action he took. The votes were repaid, as stated in his report. At the meeting of the Committee at Plymouth, on January 30th, a grant of £5 had been made to a widow of lodge 39, Exeter, and another £5 to a widow of lodge 202, Devonport. At the meeting of the Committee at Exeter, April 3rd, £5 had been granted to a decayed brother of lodge 372, Budleigh Salterton. This report was received and adopted. The petitions for relief received were then considered, and resulted in the following votes: £5 each to a decayed brother of 372; to a widow of 251 (Barnstaple), with a recommendation that a further £10 be granted by Provincial Grand Lodge; to a widow of 156, Plymouth; to a widow of 1212, Stoke, with a recommendation of a further £10 grant; to a widow of 489, Bideford, with a recommendation of a further £5 grant; to a decayed brother of 1205, Stonehouse; and to a widow of the same lodge, with a recommendation of a further £10 grant.

The proposition by W. Bro. J. E. Curteis on the agenda, "That the sum of 100 guineas be recommended to be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of W. Bro. C. Godtschalk," was unanimously adopted, with the alteration of the amount of the money to 75 guineas, that being considered as much as the funds would admit with due regard to other claims.

W. Bro. Godtschalk's proposition that a recommendation from that committee be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge, "That a brother, being a paying member of a lodge in the province, and who is a Life Governor of each of the great Masonic Charities, or a Vice-President of one of those Institutions, be, by virtue of such qualification, a member of the Committee of Petitions," was adopted by a large majority with an alteration confining it to Vice-Presidents only, and the addition that such brother should place his votes at the disposal of the committee.

The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled at the Music Hall at 2 p.m., where Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by the following officers of the year: V.W. Bro. W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. Capt. W. Elphinstone Stone, R.N., 372, P.G.S.W.; Joseph Harper, 251, P.P.G.J.W. pro. tem.; the Rev. R. Granville, 489, and the Rev. H. B. Grimaldi, P.G. Chaplains; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.G. Treas.; J. Brewer, 251, P.G. Sec.; W. B. Colston, 248, and Mark Farrant, 112, P.G.S. Deacons; Thomas Saunders, 421, P.G.J.D.; George Merrifield, 282, P.G.S. of W.; James Murray, 1402, P.G.D.C.; C. H. Edmonds, 444, P.G.S.B.; C. W. Holdstock, 666, P.G. Purst.; C. H. Cooper, 105; F. H. H. Orchard, 164; H. F. Willey, 1284; James Thorne, 1332; Fred. Palk, 1358; F. Littleton, 1847, P.G. Stewards; and P. L. Blanchard, 444, P.G. Tyler. There was a large attendance of the brethren, among whom in addition to the above officers were the following: R.W. Bros. William Kelly, P.P.G.M. of Leicestershire and Rutland; H. H. Locke, 39, P.D.G.M. of Bengal; V.W. Bro. the Rev. H. G. Morse, G. Chap. Eng.; W. Bros. Samuel Jones, 112, P.P.G.J.W., Mayor of Exeter; W. Colston, 39, P.P.G.S.W.; Robert Brewin, P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 189, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. Dr. W. L. Pope, 1138, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. E. A. Lester, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. Thomas Russell, P.P. Grand Chaplain Oxon, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Wm. Whittley, 156, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain; John Stocker, 39, P.P.G.T.; R. B. Twisse, 105, P.P.G.T.; W. T. Maynard, 106, P.P.G.T.; T. Perry, P.P.G.T.; S. Jew, 1847, P.P.G.T.; Henry Cole, 1091, P.P.G.S.D.; George Evans, 1181, P.P.G.S.D.; Wm. Brodie, 1254, P.P.G.D.; John W. Chanter, P.P.G.S.D.; L. D. Westcott, 70, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; E. Aitken Davies, 1099, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Browning, 223, P.P.G.D. of C.; Charles S. Wiltshire, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. E. Dewans, 234, P.P.G.O.; John R. Lord, 1247, P.P.G.S.B.; George Whittley, W.M. 156, P.P.G.O.; D. Box, 156, P.P.G. Purst.; Charles William Kite, 472, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; J. Edwards, 231, P.P.G.O.; H. Welsh,

202, P.P.G. Purst.; D. Attwood, 1135, P.P.G. Purst.; G. Bishop, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wood, 421, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. F. Quicke, 39, P.P.G.O.; J. Sampson, W.M. 1254; T. Waldo How, P.M. 89; B. J. Fisher, P.M. 444; J. Oliver, P.M. 1138; J. Baker, P.M. 421; R. E. Holmes, W.M. 1255; T. Goodall, P.M., Sec. 1550; J. Weary, I.P.M. 954; J. Moysey, I.P.M. 223; T. C. Lewarn, P.M. 223; R. Dickson, W.M. 1205; J. Lister, P.M., Treas. 1855; J. McLean, W.M. 954; T. B. Parnell, P.M. 39; T. D. Ford, I.P.M. 1091; G. W. Dairie, W.M. 251; J. H. Stephens, P.M. 1847; F. Sanders, P.M. 1284; W. Jenkins, W.M. 1212; Henry Stocker, I.P.M. 39; Jas. Rendle, P.M. 1247; J. Pickings, W.M. 1099; W. Cocks, P.M. 106; C. Watson, P.M., Treas. 954; R. P. Morrison, P.M. 251; J. P. Heath, P.M. 39; John James, P.M. 105; J. Dêve, W.M. 223; W. B. Maye, P.M. 710; W. Gregory, I.P.M. 1254; W. Bradnee, P.M. 1402; J. Lane, I.P.M. 1402; A. W. Palk, P.M. 1358; J. G. Kevern, P.M. 1550; W. Powell, P.M. 1205; G. R. Barrett, P.M. 1255; C. Pope, W.M. 1125; T. Parkhouse, P.M. 1125; R. G. Papps, W.M. 1125; J. B. Crabb, P.M. 1125; P. Rousham, I.P.M. 1855; E. T. Fulford, P.M. 1254; J. Page, P.M. 39; T. Ebsworthy, P.M. 251; G. J. Pepprell, W.M. 1402; G. H. Sellick, W.M. 1550; J. Whitford, W.M. 230; R. Hambly, I.P.M. 1855; R. A. Penrose, W.M. 1247; H. J. Trethewey, P.M. and W.M. 159; J. Ausley, W.M. 1332; R. Lose, jun., W.M. 1847; I. Viggers, W.M. 202; T. Gibbons, P.M. 1205; P. J. Dunn, J.W. 1205; T. May, S.W. 1099; H. Rogers, J.W. 1099; W. C. Cuddeford, J.W. 156; J. Cobbedick, J.W. 1091; W. J. Lavers, S.W. 1255; W. W. Crimp, J.W. 1255; J. Hagley, S.W. 1885; J. Elliott, J.W. 1247; J. Alger, J.W. 39; P. Knight, S.W. 1402; C. J. C. Mountmay, J.W. 1135; J. Jolliffe, S.W. 954; W. M. Ridland, J.W. 230; E. Pillar, J.W. 105; J. Delaney, S.W. 666; E. B. Thompson, S.W. 156; F. K. Stevens, S.W. 1332; J. Facer, J.W. 1332; J. W. Trevan, S.W. 159; James Lose, J.W. 1847; A. H. Gliddon, S.W. 1212; W. Bickle, J.W. 1212; W. Mountjoy, S.W. 421; C. Organ, S.W. 202; C. Price, J.W. 202; J. B. Skinner, S.W. 1855; R. S. Smith, S.W. 1205; R. King, jun., S.W.; S. Barry, S.W. 251; J. J. Selton, J.W. 251; and J. Gifford, S.W. 105.

The SECRETARY reported 2341 subscribing members in the province for the 49 lodges that had made their returns. The largest lodge was No. 202 (Friendship), Devonport, 124 members; the smallest, No. 1332, Crediton, 17 members.

The Treasurer's report shewed a balance in hand of £150. The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund shewed no new feature. The Committee of Petitions' report was a résumé of the business transacted by the Committee in the morning. The report was received and adopted, with the exception of the clause recommending that vice-presidents of the great Masonic charities should be members of the Committee. That clause was struck out as a similar notice of motion was to come before the Provincial Grand Lodge at a subsequent stage of the business. The By-laws Revision Committee reported that they had been unable to enter upon any revision through the new Constitutions having not yet been settled by the Grand Lodge of England. The Committee for purchasing collars and jewels to complete the regalia of the Provincial Grand Lodge reported that the collars and jewels that were required had been purchased of Bro. Kenning, of London, by Bro. Samuel Jones. The regalia had all been renovated or renewed, and was now complete and in perfect condition. The cost had been £38 8s.

W. Bro. E. T. Fulford, 1254, Semper Fidelis, Exeter, was elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year. W. Bros. J. E. Curteis and W. S. Pasmore were re-elected Auditors.

- The Provincial Grand Master invested the following brethren as his officers: Bro. W. G. Rogers, 112 ... D. Prov. G.M. " The Rev. W. Whittley, 156 ... Prov. G.S.W. " Major C. W. Davie, W.M. 251 ... Prov. G.J.W. (Barnstaple) " The Rev. H. B. Grimaldi, 164 ... } Prov. G. Chaps. " The Rev. H. Hebb, 444 ... } " E. T. Fulford, 1254 ... } Prov. G. Treas. " D. Box, 1855 ... } Prov. G. Reg. " Jno. Brewer, 251 ... } Prov. G. Sec. " T. Waldo How, 189 ... } Prov. G.S.D. " H. F. Willey, 1284 ... } Prov. G.S.D. " C. H. Cooper, 105 ... } Prov. G.J.D. " F. H. H. Orchard, 164 ... } Prov. G.J.D. " Jas. Thorne, 1332 ... } Prov. G.S. of W. " W. Bennet Maye, 710 ... } Prov. G.D.C. " J. P. Heath, 39 ... } Prov. G.D.D.C. " T. Parkhouse, 1125 ... } Prov. G.A.D.C. " James Rendle, 1247 ... } Prov. G.S.B. " T. Gibbons, 1205 ... } Prov. G. Org. " F. Palk, 1358 ... } Prov. G. Purst. " R. Cawsey, 230 ... } " R. P. Morrison, 251 ... } " J. Ripper, 1212 ... } Prov. G. Stwds. " George Huxham, 1254 ... } " George R. Barrett, 1255 ... } " P. L. Blanchard, 444 ... } Prov. G. Tyler. " John Rogers ... } Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The rank of Past G.O. was conferred on the Prov. G. Pursts. of the past year.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave the customary address to the brethren upon the state of affairs in the province. On this occasion his lordship congratulated the brethren upon the prosperity of Masonry in the Province. The misunderstanding with Bro. Taylor, the representative of Worcestershire, was settled, and he was gratified to have found that Devon was in the right. One of the oldest lodges in the Province had during the year brought itself under his serious displeasure by irregular action. The errors he believed had arisen through want of more careful attention to the rules of the Order, and he was afraid there had been some similar misdoings in the Province. At present he had looked over the matter with moderate censure, but he hoped it would be a warning to all the lodges, as after what had occurred he should consider any repetition of similar conduct with greater gravity. Some doubts he understood had risen as to the regulations in reference to costume on attending lodge meeting. For the information of the brethren he would state that the regular costume at all meetings by day was black coats and trousers and white ties, and for evening meetings full evening costume was indispensable. At all lodge banquets masonic clothing was also requisite, but that he thought might be met by wearing the collars only, as the aprons would be

inconvenient. There was one change he wished, with the consent of the lodge, to make, and that was that the Secretary and Treasurer's reports should be printed prior to the annual Provincial meetings and distributed to the brethren.

This proposition was unanimously accepted by the lodge. The PROV. GRAND MASTER added that they were no doubt aware that the circumstance of this being the centenary year of the Loyal Lodge had caused the annual meeting to be held in Barnstaple. The Provincial Officers and all the brethren would, he was sure, congratulate their brethren of that lodge on meeting them on that auspicious occasion.

The proposition to add the Life Governors and Vice Presidents of the great Masonic Charities subscribing members in the province to the Committee of Petitions, was, after a spirited and lengthy discussion, negatived by a large majority.

In the evening the annual banquet was held at the Royal and Fortescue Hotel. Over eighty brethren were present. The P.G.M. presided, and a pleasant evening was passed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CORNWALL.

As we announced in a paragraph last week, the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge took place at Hayle on the 30th ult., under the banner of the Cornubian Mark Lodge, No. 87. Business commenced with a convocation of that lodge, which was opened at 12.30 p.m., in the Freemasons' Hall, when a brother was advanced with the usual formula to the degree of M.M.M., the following being among the principal officers of the lodge who officiated: Bros. N. J. West, P.M., W.M.; J. Wearne, S.W.; W. King Baker, J.W.; G. Stevens, M.O.; F. J. Vivian, S.O.; R. Hawkins, J.O.; G. T. Olver, S.D.; Robt. Williams, J.D.; Joseph G. Osborne, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; J. P. Smith, Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; and Jas. S. Bray, Tyler. The ceremony was carried out with a closeness of attention to the beautiful ritual of the degree, and an ability in delivery that drew warm encomiums from the visiting brethren. R.W. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., 18, the Prov. G.M.M.M., was present with his officers, and the hon. baronet at a subsequent stage of the proceedings expressed his warm admiration of the working of the Cornubian Lodge.

The business of the entertaining lodge having been completed, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at two p.m. by R.W. Bro. the Prov. G.M.M.M., with the largest attendance of brethren ever yet known in the province, the following officers being present: W. Bros. Thos. Chirgwin, J.P., P.M. 78, D.P.G.M.M.M.; Nicholas J. West, P.M. 87, Prov. G.S.W.; William Guy, 275, Prov. G.J.W.; James Pool, 87, Prov. G.M.O.; William Tweedy, J.P., P.M. 78, Past D.P.G.M., Prov. G. Treas.; W. J. Johns, 78, Prov. G. Sec.; Richard Carter, Prov. G.I. of W.; Samuel Harvey, 78, Prov. G.D. of C.; William Rooks, 78, Prov. G.I.G.; John de Cressy Irefry, Prov. G.S.S.; Joseph G. Osborne, 87, Prov. G.J.S.; and John Langdon, 78, Prov. G. Tyler; W. Bro. Hughan officiated as the Chaplain. Among the other brethren who attended were the following Past Officers: W. Bros. William James Hughan, 78, P.P.G.S.W.; William Mason, 96 and 275, P.P.G.S.W.; Samuel Mitchell, 101, P.P.G.J.W.; Frank Harvey, 87, P.P.G.S.W.; Charles Truscott, 275, P.P.G.J.W.; F. H. Pool, 87, P.P.G.M.O.; T. C. Polglase, 94, P.P.G.J.O.; George H. Eustice, 87, P.P.G.I. of W.; Johnson Q. James, 175, P.P.G.S.D.; W. D. Rogers, 94, P.P.G.I. Works; W. E. Michell, 206, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. William Mason, 78, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Wearne, P.P.G. Stwd.; and Jno. H. Higman, 275, P.P.G. Stwd. and Bro. Dr. Henry de Legh, P.M. 78; R. Parsons, I.G. 78; John Estlick, W.M. 101; Lieut. G. H. B. Reed, R.N., J.W. 94; George Simmons, S.D. 94; William D. Rogers, S.W. 94; W. A. Bennett, J.W. 101; R. R. Old, I.G. 101; J. M. Richards, M.O. 175; and H. P. Vivian, J.O. 73.

W. Bro. TWEEDY, Prov. Grand Treasurer, reported a balance in hand of 11 guineas after all the liabilities had been met.—The W.Ms. presented their individual reports of the condition of their lodges. On the whole, their reports were very favourable, each of them reporting either an increase or maintenance of the number of members and satisfactory balances in hand.

W. Bro. W. J. JOHNS, Prov. Grand Secretary, reported that there were eight lodges in the province and over 240 members, showing an increase of 20 members over last year's returns. The financial position of the several lodges was considered to be satisfactory. The application made by Bro. Hicks, P.M. 206, Fort Lodge, Newquay, with reference to holding their meetings six months in the year at Newquay and six months at St. Columb, to enable the brethren residing at a distance to attend more regularly, had been granted. The R.W.P.G.M.M.M. had stated that he himself had no power to grant such permission, but he promised that the matter should be brought before the M.W. the Grand Mark Master, which was accordingly done. On the circumstances being submitted to the M.W. the Grand Mark Master, he granted the application, in the hope that the alteration would increase the success and prosperity of the lodge. The sum of £5, voted at the last Provincial Grand Lodge to Bro. Hughan for the purpose of defraying the cost of printing a directory of the Mark lodges and higher degrees of the province would not be required and could be disposed of in such manner as the brethren might think desirable. Bro. Hughan had taken the responsibility on his own shoulders as far as the expense was concerned. Both reports were adopted.

W. Bro. HUGHAN declined to accept any remuneration personally, but it was resolved to insist upon the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge being permitted to mark their appreciation of his services by voting £10 towards the testimonial about to be presented to him at the coming meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy, Past D.P.G.M.M.M., was unanimously re-elected the Prov. G. Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Master invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:

- Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, 78 ... Dep. Prov. G.M. " Chas. Truscott, 178 and 1275 ... } Prov. G.S.W. " F. H. Pool, 87 ... } Prov. G.J.W. " Johnson Q. James, 175 ... } Prov. G.M.O. " Jno. F. Hooper, 101 ... } Prov. G.S.O. " Richard Carter, 94 ... } Prov. G.J.O.

Bro. H. F. Whitefield, 206	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Wm. Tweedy, 78	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wm. J. Johns, 78	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Samuel Mitchell, 101	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Jos. G. Osborne, 87	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Jno. Estlick, 101	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Samuel Harvey, 78	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Dr. H. de Legh, 78	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Samuel Graham Bake, 78	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Lovell	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Wm. Rooks, 78	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" H. J. Warren, 87	...	
" Jno. Jeffery, 175	...	Prov. G. Stvds.
" W. J. Trythall, 78	...	
" John Langdon, 78	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

On thanks being voted to the Cornubian Lodge for the very satisfactory manner in which they had received and provided for the entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge, R.W. Bro. Sir CHARLES B. GRAVES-SAWLE expressed his gratification at the capital manner in which that lodge was conducted. Sir Charles remarked that what he had just witnessed of the working of that lodge had given him a great deal of pleasure. It was a most able and masterly carrying out of the work, and was an example to the brethren present from the other lodges which might, from introducing a spirit of emulation, tend much to improve the general working of the lodges in that province. The next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Falmouth.

At the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge a large party of the brethren lunched together at the White Hart Hotel. The R.W. the P.G.M.M. presided.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution, held on the 1st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bro. Joyce Murray, Vice-Patron, in the chair, Bros. Richard Tyrrell, T. B. Marshall, Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. Ramsay, L. Ruf, J. L. Mather, Alf. Williams, C. H. Driver, D. M. Dewar, Jehanger H. Kottari, Fredk. Adland, W. Maple, Chas. Belton, G. P. Britten, C. F. Matier, G. P. Gillard, F. Binckes, Secretary, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the General Committee of the 4th of August were read and verified, and those of the House Committee of 24th idem, were read for information.

One petition was considered and deferred for medical evidence as to the nature of an illness of the deceased father of the petitioner, alleged to have caused the loss of his employment, and the consequent discontinuance of his lodge subscription when a Mason of only two years' standing.

One outfit vote of £5 was passed in favour of a former pupil at the Institution.

A purchase of £1000 East India 4 Per Cent. Stock in favour of the Preparatory School Building Fund was authorised, thus raising that fund to £9000 at the present time.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.



Craft Masonry.

JARROW.—St. Bede Lodge (No. 1119).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Grange-road, when the interesting ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master elect for the ensuing year was duly performed in the presence of a large gathering of members and visiting brethren. Among others present were Bros. Thomas Renton, P.M. and W.M. elect; James Ponder, P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; James Sedcole, J.W.; J. Armstrong, J.D.; D. W. Voss, Org.; J. Witter, P.M.; J. R. Small, I.P.M. 94; John Usher, P.M. 481; W. Bidlette, 315; James Montgomery, P.M. 991; G. S. Shotton, I.P.M. 240; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 240; Thomas Binks, S.W. 240; and William Davidson, J.W. 1970.

The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Hugh Golder, W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Thos. Hook and Bartholomew Pickard, both of whom were declared duly elected. The Auditors' report was then read, which showed the lodge to be in a progressive state. The ceremony of installing Bro. Thomas Renton, P.M., into the chair of K.S. was then performed by Bro. Ponder, P.M., and having been regularly saluted in the three degrees the W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year: Bro. Hugh Golder, I.P.M.; J. Sedcole, S.W.; Armstrong, J.W.; M. H. Dodd, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Ramsay, Sec.; Thomas Robinson, Treas.; H. Soderberg, S.D.; J. Robinson, J.D.; J. Poits, I.G.; Negal Brown, S.S.; Samuel Thompson, J.S.; D. W. Voss, Organist; and J. Horner, Tyler. The Worshipful Master was congratulated by the visiting brethren present, after which the lodge was closed in love and harmony, and the brethren, to the number of upwards of 50, adjourned to the County Hotel (Bro. Edward Forster's), Ormonde-street, where a first-class dinner was set out in excellent style. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thos. Renton, W.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. J. Sedcole, S.W.; and the south by Bro. J. Armstrong, J.W.; and among others present were Bros. H. Golder, I.P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M., D. of C.; G. H. Dexter (Mayor of Jarrow); H. O. Duffell (ex-Mayor of Jarrow); J. Witter, P.M.; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 240; J. Montgomery, P.M. 991; J. R. Smart, P.M. 481; G. S. Shotton, I.P.M. 240; and others. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. H. Golder, I.P.M., proposed in excellent terms "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Thos. Renton," which was received with enthusiasm; and the Worshipful Master responded in suitable terms, and said he had every hope, judging from what he knew of his officers and members of St. Bede Lodge, of a harmonious and prosperous year of office.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations, and a very enjoyable night was passed.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The numerous members of this lodge, after two months' summer vacation, again assembled at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 28th ult., for the purpose of resuming their Masonic duties. This meeting was the last of the current business year, and the unabated interest felt by the members in the continued prosperity of the Dramatic Lodge was shown by an attendance of about 60 brethren actually connected with the lodge, besides whom there was a numerous representative of visitors from neighbouring lodges. As there was a full and important programme of business to be got through the meeting was summoned for two o'clock, and promptly at that hour the lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. Savage, W.M. There were also present during the successful meeting Bros. H. S. Alpass, Grand Std. Br. England; J. Bell, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Atkinson, I.P.M.; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W.; R. Burgess, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; O. Sanderson, S.D.; Dr. Whittle, J.D.; J. Orr Marples, I.G.; J. J. Monk, Org.; J. Cantor, Assist. Org.; H. Round, Std.; C. Buchanan, Std.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

The "rank and file" of attendance included Bros. W. Hildyard, G. H. Allen, H. Cooke, J. Reay, S. Mattison, W. G. Stone, J. Rawthorne, J. Ballard, G. E. Redmond, J. Chambers, F. Macpherson, J. Macpherson, S. Hines, P.M. 1052; J. H. Greenwood, D. Cumming, E. Dottridge, Tudor Rogers, J. Boardman, L. S. Dewar, P. Lowndes, H. Holden, T. L. Duncan, E. Brammall, A. Harrison, W. J. Campion, J. S. Hall, J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; B. Hughes, I. Jacobs, J. F. Ainscow, F. Duncanson, A. Beddoe, W. H. Owen, P. Buck, W. Bromley, J. T. Bromley, and others. The visitors included Bros. Herr Dobler, 349 (S.C.); J. Pendleton, W.M. 241; Lewis Peake, W.M. 1035; R. Foote, P.M. 1505; H. H. Smith, W.M. 1505; A. O. Leoffler, 25 (Pernambuco), and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. R. E. C. Batty, Mr. John Gallaway, and Dr. T. W. O. Pughe, and the voting was unanimously in their favour. Being in attendance, they were admitted to the privileges of the fraternity with much impressiveness by the W.M., who received admirable support from his officers. Bro. E. Dottridge was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. After the transaction of the ordinary Masonic business, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the votes of the brethren were unanimously given in favour of Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, the S.W., who was accordingly elected to the chief office in the lodge, a compliment which he acknowledged in a few well-chosen sentences. Bros. J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; Bros. Reay and Parker, Auditors; Bros. Bell, Sandbrook, Atkinson, Savage, Reay, and Hines, members of the Committee of the Fund of Benevolence; and Bros. Ballard, Mattison, and Cumming, representatives of the lodge on the Hall Committee. After dinner in the banqueting room a choice musical programme was given by Bros. Macpherson, Greenwood, Stone, Cantor, Batty, Monk, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge met for the first time after its vacation on the 1st inst., at its usual place of meeting, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., when there were present Bros. Ferrer, W.M.; Gribbell, S.W.; Weeden, J.W.; Gillen, S.D.; Ashton, J.D.; Forss, I.G.; Lorkin, acting Preceptor; and Galer, Sec.; also Bros. Brasted, Recknell, Fenner, R. W. Pearcey, Powell, Daniels, Cleverley, Hall and Rhodes.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted having offered himself as candidate the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Fenner then worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Daniels, of the Cornwallis Lodge, and Bro. Gellen, of the Skelmersdale Lodge, were elected joining members. Bro. Gribbell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday, the 8th inst. Our esteemed Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. of Norths. and Hunts., has accepted an invitation of the brethren to work the ceremonies of consecration and installation on Saturday evening, the 22nd inst., at seven o'clock, on which occasion the members will be pleased to see as many members of the Craft present as can make it convenient to attend.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; J. J. Thomas, S.W.; S. J. Humfress, J.W.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; C. R. Wickens, J.D.; M. J. Green, I.G.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; H. E. Dehane, P.M., Sec.; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; G. Coop, H. Robinson, and W. Death. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the First and Second Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Coop was raised. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously carried for the useful piece of furniture, so necessary for the proper carrying out of part of the ceremony, presented by Bro. M. S. Rubenstein, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren were invited to attend the opening meeting, on Tuesday, September 4th, of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 4th inst., at Bro. Monks, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton. The W.M., Bro. R. Poore, was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. G. W. Knight, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; Henry M. Williams, Secretary; S. Richardson, S.D.; E. Bye, jun., J.D.; A. E. Albert, I.G.; Thos. Poore, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; F. Wootton, H. Hooper, C. J. Axford, Jas. Worstencroft, and W. H. Simons. A meeting was afterwards held of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association, when two ballots of £5 5s. each were secured by Bros. James Warren and Pulley. These amounts make a total of £89 5s. sent to the Charities in but a few months.

YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS.

The Charitable Society bearing the above quaint appellation, and which is a modern resuscitation of the almonry formed in the 12th century, by Prior Rahere, in the parish of St. Bartholomew-the-great, London, held its third anniversary meeting on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., at the school rooms attached to St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, the use of which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Society by the late rector, the Rev. J. Abbiss. "Ye Rahere Almoners" owes its existence, as a modern society, to the initiative of a well-known member of our Masonic Craft, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., whose happy inspiration has received most cordial support, as well from brother Masons as from gentlemen of influence connected with the district which is the scene of its operations. Foremost amongst the earnest workers on behalf of this Institution is Mr. Thomas Sangster, of Long-lane, Smithfield, upon whom, as its Grand Recorder, the secretarial business devolves, merits especial mention, as it is chiefly through his indefatigable exertions that its success has been secured. Another Freemason, Bro. Joseph Young, holds the third permanent office, that of Grand Chancellor (or Treasurer), and has been prominent in respect of good and zealous service. For the first time, however, since the society was instituted a Freemason is now the presiding officer, Bro. A. C. Morton, C.C., having been, as will be noticed in the following report, unanimously elected to the position of Grand Prior.

The Chapter General, which comprises the officers of the Grand Council and the general body of subscribers, was numerously attended, and business was opened by the Grand Prior, Frater Raymond Griffiths, at the appointed hour. The Auditors' report was read and received, and gave general satisfaction. It referred to the great advantage derived at the annual festival held at Cannon-street Hotel on the 23rd October last, by the support of the late Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Bart., G.J.W.), as Chairman; of the Sheriffs of London, Bros. Alderman De Keyser and Joseph Savory, who supported him, and of other members of the corporation who were then present. Both financially and reputedly this Festival was a great success. The Chapter General then proceeded to decide on suggestions made for revision of the rules rendered necessary by practical results of working during the past three years, and these were generally adopted.

The election of officers of the Grand Council for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Fratres A. C. Morton, Most Worthy Grand Prior; Raymond Griffiths, Most Worthy Past Grand Prior; J. Hollinghurst (Churchwarden), Most Worthy Past Grand Prior; James Stevens, Very Worthy Grand Counsellor*; Horatio Owen, Very Worthy Grand Hospitalier*; Thomas Sangster, Very Worthy Grand Recorder*; Joseph Young, Very Worthy Grand Chancellor*; Joseph Williams, Worthy Sub-Prior; Joseph Balderson, Worthy Remembrance*; Harry Bennett, Worthy Warden*; A. E. Lmdin, Worthy Proctor; Capt. C. Robertson, Worthy Chief Almoner; Joseph Covington, Worthy Assistant Almoner; C. G. Hofman, Worthy Bursar; J. W. Higgins, Worthy Warder; James Loaring (Organist of St. Sepulchre's), Grand Minstrel; W. Brew, Grand Chamberlain; and J. H. Utting, Grand Deacon.

The auditor's report and balance-sheet, with an address and the list of officers for the ensuing year and donors and subscribers, was ordered to be printed for general circulation, and the thanks of the meeting having been given to Frater Past Grand Prior Raymond Griffiths, Chapter General was closed, and the fratres adjourned to the Barley Mow Tavern, Long-lane, where a substantial repast was provided for them by Frater Deverall. The newly-elected Grand Prior, Frater A. C. Morton, presided, and, in addition to those already named, Fratres J. Lidiard, E. Homer, Sargeant, J. Smith, T. Lmdin, H. R. Johnson, and others were present. After grace, the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

The GRAND PRIOR, in a brilliant speech, proposed "Success to ye Antiente Fraternitie of ye Rahere Almoners," referring to the resuscitation of the ancient almonry under its modern title, and in accordance with the spirit of the present age. He also referred to the capital report and balance-sheet which had been presented, which was, if anything, more favourable than that of last year. He concluded by coupling with the toast the name of Frater James Stevens, the Worthy Grand Counsellor, with whom lay the honour of having originated the resuscitation of the ancient almonry.

The toast was enthusiastically received and Frater STEVENS responded, expressing the great pleasure which, not only himself, but all associated with the Fraternitie, must of necessity feel in witnessing the successful results of their joint efforts.

The alms chest was then passed round, the amount collected being £1 10s. 6d.

Frater JOHN LIDIARD (Churchwarden of Clapham) proposed "The Health of the Most Worthy Grand Prior, Frater Morton," in terms of high appreciation and ability, in respect of the several public services rendered by him in connection with important offices he had occupied as his predecessor in the churchwardenship, and on the vestry and Board of Works for the locality in which they both resided.

The GRAND PRIOR responded in suitable terms. Amongst several other toasts, which included "The Past Grand Priors, Fratres Hollinghurst and Griffiths," "The Grand Chancellor, Frater Young," and "The Stewards," that of "The Very Worthy Grand Recorder, Frater Thoma Sangster," proposed by Frater Stevens, being received with much enthusiasm.

Frater SANGSTER, who was loudly called for, responded in brief terms, stating that his thanks could be best expressed by "deeds, not words," and a continuance of all those good services which those present so heartily acknowledged.

The evening's proceedings were enlivened by abundant harmony under the direction of Grand Minstrel Frater Loaring, and terminated at a reasonable hour, amidst mutual expressions of congratulation on a most successful gathering. We were given to understand that the annual festival of this Society will be held in October. At present, however, the date, place of meeting, and other arrangements are not settled. From our experience of past entertainments given by "Ye Antiente Fraternitie," we look forward to a gathering of no small importance.

* The officers marked thus are permanent appointments.



The Queen has subscribed £200 to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the distress occasioned by the cholera in Egypt.

Lord Hartington, Prov. G.M. Derbyshire, accepted the invitation of the Master Cutler of Sheffield to be present at the banquet on Thursday last.

Mrs. Horace Marshall, wife of Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., will on Monday next lay the memorial-stone of a new Wesleyan Chapel, at Plaistow (London over-the-border).

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their children, left London on Tuesday morning for Dover on their way to Berlin, on a visit to the Crown Princess of Germany.

The meetings of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, were resumed on Thursday evening last, at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, when the ceremony of initiation was worked by Bro. Sudlow, P.M., Preceptor of the lodge, and the Fourth Section of the First Lecture by Bro. Tanqueray.

A royal warrant of some interest to our "citizen soldiers" has just been issued, it specifying the changes that have been carried out with respect to the names of the Volunteer battalions that have now been attached to the line regiments of the regular army.

By command of the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G. Master Cheshire, the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Stalybridge, at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 26th inst., under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.P.G. Master. The brethren will walk in procession to St. Paul's Church, and afterwards dine together at the Town Hall.

Nothing has yet been determined with regard to the removal or restoration of the Queen Anne statue, which has so long disfigured the front of St. Paul's. The question of its restoration and preservation has, however, been submitted to the City Architect, Bro. Horace Jones, P.G.S. of W., who will report upon it in due course. If any such scheme should be adopted, the expense will probably have to be paid out of the City's cash.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales arrived at Balmoral Castle on Tuesday, attended by Lieut. F. B. Henderson, R.N. Bro. Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C., Garter King of Arms, also arrived, and the Queen afterwards conferred the Order of the Garter on the Prince. Her Majesty received the insignia from Sir Albert Woods, and having delivered the Garter to his Royal Highness invested him with the Ribbon and George. Princess Beatrice was present at the investiture.

The Province of Victoria, Australia, or rather certain Masonic lodges therein, are ambitious to have a Grand Lodge; but there is considerable opposition. Already rival Masonic sheets have been started to further the rival causes. This is not healthy Masonry. A copy of the *Victorian Masonic Journal*, of June 9th, the organ of the opposition to the proposed Grand Lodge, is before us. The brethren of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales are doing what they can to aid the new movement, which does not dignify it in the eyes of conservative Freemasons.—*Keystone*.

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket-Book" for 1884 is in course of preparation for publication on the 1st of November next. Forms for collecting the necessary information have been sent to Secretaries and Scribes E, and the publisher will feel obliged by their being returned to him at the office of the *Freemason* at the earliest possible moment after receipt. Also, in the event of such forms not reaching the officers of those lodges or chapters whose arrangements for meetings have been altered since the last issue, a memorandum enclosing particulars is respectfully solicited.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa, P.G.O., has presented to the Naples Royal College of Music the manuscript score of four operas and four ballets. The operas are *L'Imaginaire*, *Il Sospetto Finesto*, *Il Delitto Punito*, and *Don Carlos*, of which the first was performed for the first time in 1825 and the second in 1826 by the pupils of the College of St. Sebastian. The ballets are *Il Castello di Kennilworth*, *Un'ora a Napoli*, *Sir Huon*, and *Almo*. On the first page of each score Sir Michael has written: "To the famous archives of the Naples Royal College of Music. In memory of M. Costa. London, August 15th, 1883." At the same time the illustrious director presented the bâton used by him for 10 years. It is of ebony with a coral pommel, and at the tip an effigy of Garibaldi, also in coral.

An International Smokers' Exhibition will be held during the National Exhibition and Market which opens at the Agricultural Hall on the 15th prox. The exhibition will be small but very interesting to those concerned, and will comprise a collection of tobacco, tobacco machinery, pipes, and all the appliances of smoking, and will be held in the King Edward's Hall, an annexe of the Great Hall. Arrangements have been made by which visitors will be admitted to both exhibitions on payment of the same fee, or with the same tickets. It is anticipated that several of the foreign tobacco régies will avail themselves of this opportunity of placing their manufactures on a firm footing in the English market, and contributions of importance are expected from the meerschbaum and amber industries of Vienna and Paris, the briar-root pipe manufactures of Paris, the Jura, Nuremberg, and Fürth, and the tobaccoists' sundrymen of Ruhla-bei-Eisenach, &c.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When the nerves are strained and overwrought, disease may eventuate, unless some restorative, such as these purifying Pills, be found to correct the disordering tendency. Holloway's medicine gives potency to the nervous system, which is the source of all vital movements, and presides over every action which maintains the growth and well-being of the body. No one can over-estimate the necessity of keeping the nerves well strung, or the ease with which these Pills accomplish that end. They are the most unfailing antidotes to indigestion, irregular circulation, palpitation, sick headache, and costiveness, and have therefore attained the largest sale and highest reputation.—[ADVT.]

Princess Beatrice has consented to open the Duthie Park, Aberdeen. Her Majesty the Queen had been asked to perform the ceremony, but declined.

Bros. Thos. Renton, P.M., was installed into the chair of K.S. in the St. Bede Lodge, No. 1119, Jarrow, on the 29th ult.

A sub-committee appointed by the Joint Committees of the Masonic bodies of Philadelphia have prepared a plan for the organization of a Masonic Home in that jurisdiction.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Frederick, Hereditary Prince of Denmark and brother of the King of Greece, was nominated during his recent stay at Athens Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Greece.

Advices from Quebec state that her Majesty's ship Canada, with Prince George of Wales on board, has arrived in Quebec Harbour. Prince George is now visiting Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne.

At an International Firework competition, which took place at Boston on Saturday, and at which the leading American pyrotechnists were represented, the judges unanimously awarded the first prize to Bro. James Pain, of London.

Mr. Cromwell Fleetwood Varley, F.R.S., M.I.C.E., &c., the eminent electrician, who it will be remembered, as the electrician of the Electric and International Telegraph Company, was the first to successfully lay a cable across the Atlantic, died unexpectedly at his residence, Cromwell House, Bexley-heath, on Sunday last.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart. (who served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex in the year 1837), will, at the end of next month, enter his hundredth year, having been born in 1784. The idea has been mooted that the event might be made the occasion for an expression of the respect in which he is held.

The great vine at Hampton Court, which was planted in 1768 from a slip off a vine at Valentines, in the parish of Ilford, Essex, has this year produced 1300 bunches of grapes or 130 in excess of last year. This is not the greatest yield, however, as it has been known to produce as many as 2200 bunches in one year.

The opposition in the United States to the heavy duty on imported books, ostensibly levied for the protection of the American author, but in reality in the interests of American publishers issuing reprints of English works, is steadily gaining ground. The American Library Association at a recent meeting passed a resolution condemning the present law upon the subject as "anomalous, unnecessary, and unjust."

A total number of 2,200 trains leave London railway stations every 24 hours, whilst every hour between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m., 1600 trains start for the metropolitan termini, this being at the rate of two per minute. Of this number, 1750 are suburban trains, the remainder comprising the country and continental service. From Broad-street Station 395 trains daily start, and 312 leave Liverpool-street Station *per diem*.—*City Press*.

The Old Chancery Courts in Lincoln's-inn are in course of demolition, and it is expected that the whole of the ground will be cleared by the end of next month. The Chancery Appeal Court close by, which was at one time used as the dining hall by the students and members of Lincoln's-inn, will not be pulled down. When the two courts opposite Lincoln's-inn gateway are removed, a very good view of this hall and of the old Lincoln's-inn chapel, which has recently been restored, will then be obtainable from Chancery-lane.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, to be held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, this (Friday) evening, there will be taken into consideration applications for assistance in the education of three children of a late brother of Antient Union Lodge, 203, Liverpool; two children of a late brother of Concord Lodge, 343, Preston; two children of a brother of Mariners Lodge, 249, Liverpool; and also applications for grants for advancement for children now on the foundation of the institution.

From the report of the German Royal Meteorological Institute we learn that there are now 169 meteorological stations spread over the whole kingdom of Prussia, of which the Schneekoppen Station, elevated 5176 feet above the level of the sea, is the most interesting, particularly since observations have been made there in winter. At that height the greatest cold recorded last winter was 0.4 deg. Fahrenheit, the greatest heat 71 deg. Fahr. The downfall was 1565 millimetres (in Berlin it was only 751 millimetres), while there were 277 foggy and 131 stormy days. The two next most elevated stations, Schneegrubenbaude, at 4470 feet, and Glatzer Schneeberg, at 3630 feet, have only begun to work since last November.

A Pre-historic Master Mason.—The *Builder* says that among the statues now in the Louvre which were discovered by M. de Sarzec is one of King Gudea in his office of chief architect. This remarkable figure, cut out of hard diorite with all the ornaments of the richly-embroidered robe and the fringes cut with the greatest care and attention to detail, with inscriptions as clear and sharp as the day they were graven, may be regarded as the earliest statue of an architect. Before the time when semi-mythical Memes (B.C. 3892) had laid the foundation-stones of the temple of Phtah, and more than 20 centuries before Setna, the chief architect of the "man queen" and lavish patron of the architect and builder, Queen Hatsu, had been rewarded by his royal mistress with a statue, there had been placed in the temple of the Thunder God a votive figure of the royal architect, who holds on his knee the tablet on which he has drawn the plan of the sacred edifice, which now yields up its buried treasures to the explorer. This we may now certainly regard as the most ancient plan of an edifice which is preserved in the annals of architecture.

"RUPTURES."—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and Co. (Limited) 228, Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell an IMITATION of our Moc-Main. J. White and Co. have not any agents.—[ADVT.]

The late Dante Gabriel Rossetti's house, 16, Cheyne-walk, has passed into the hands of the Rev. H. Haweis, on a long lease.

Messrs. Spiers and Pond intend, it is reported, to build a bijou theatre on a portion of the site when they reconstruct the Cock Tavern, Fleet-street.

Mr. James Russell Lowell, the United States Minister to this country, unveiled a memorial bust to Fielding, the novelist, at Taunton on Tuesday, and delivered an address upon the works of that writer.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser will preside at the 54th anniversary dinner in aid of the Butchers' Charitable Institution, which will take place on Tuesday, the 25th inst.

During the absence of the Queen and Court in Scotland, several alterations and improvements are being carried out at Windsor Castle. Prominent among these are the extensive works at the North Terrace.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council have decided to appoint a committee to confer with the River Tyne Commissioners respecting the practicability of making a ship canal from the Tyne to Solway Firth, with deep cuttings or locks near Hexham.

Lord Bective, M.P., Prov. G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland, and Lady Bective, signified their intention of being present at a public banquet to Mr. Alderman Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead at Kendal on Thursday.

Bro. James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will work the ceremony of consecration at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, on the 22nd inst., at 7 o'clock, at the Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, N. All brethren who can attend are cordially invited.

The penny (or rather two-cent.) postage system is to be introduced into the United States on the 1st of next month, on and after which date letters will be carried any distance within the Union, from New York to San Francisco, for instance, or from Chicago to New Orleans, for the sum answering to our penny.

The many and slow streams of lava lately issuing from the eastern side of the cone of Vesuvius have accumulated in considerable quantities and formed a small hill on that side of the mountain, entirely changing its contour at that part. The new lava is covered with beautiful white alkaline crystals.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has expressed to Bro. Captain the Earl of Yarborough his great approval of the way the members of the 1st Lincolnshire Light Horse performed their duty as escort, and the smart and soldierly bearing of the troop during the recent opening of the Park at Grimsby.

A ballot for each degree, we see it stated, is still required in the following Grand Jurisdictions: "Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Wyoming, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, and Illinois." We are inclined to think the list is too large. Certainly the growing and correct custom is to have but a single ballot for the three degrees.—*Keystone*.

Bro. Jas. Terry, P.M., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the 24th ult. rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation before a very appreciative gathering of the Craft at the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, in the Masonic Temple, Jersey, and on the 29th ult., at the Royal Sussex Chapter, meeting in the same place, Bro. Terry favoured the chapter with a splendid rendering of the ceremony of exaltation, there being two candidates, and at the conclusion of the work Bro. Terry was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Royal Sussex Chapter.

Our esteemed contemporary the *Keystone* has fallen into the error of calling Lord Carnarvon "Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England." There is no such title, though there are Grand Masters of provinces under the Grand Lodge of England. Lord Carnarvon is *Pro* Grand Master (taking the prefix Most Worshipful, the same as the Grand Master), and acts in the absence of the Grand Master, and is not to be confounded with the Deputy Grand Master. Concerning the title, "Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry" says: "Pro Grand Master.—An office peculiar to the English system. It was first created in 1782, and is called into activity when a Prince of the Blood Royal is Grand Master, and only then." We trust our confère will pardon our correction of his pardonable mistake. We have known more than one English Mason who has fallen into the same error.

We are glad to publish the following, taken from the columns of an evening contemporary, as another illustration of the spirited management of the "Old Drury," under the lesseeship of Bro. Augustus Harris: "A praiseworthy emphatic announcement has been made by the manager of Drury-lane Theatre, to the effect that the sale of programmes is in future prohibited in his establishment. Hitherto notices to the effect that 'No Fees' are to be inflicted upon visitors to many of the London theatres have been issued; but, in defiance of this loosely-worded edict, black mail has been generally levied by the attendants who show the audience to their seats and attend them in the cloak room. Mr. Harris has, however, given strict orders that the attendants in the front of his house are to receive no donations; and if the habitués of Drury-lane only second the manager's efforts, the system, which is not only unfair, but irritating as well, will speedily come to an end. Other managers, it is to be hoped, will follow Mr. Harris's energetic example, and let their servants know that any one of them found guilty of accepting gratuities will be dismissed the service. The managers of theatres, it is to be presumed, pay their employés fair wages for their services, and do not desire the public to contribute thus, as it were, surreptitiously to their support; and if the reprehensible habit ceases to exist in the 'National' Theatre, as a matter of precedent it will rapidly cease in other theatres as well."

MADAME TUSSEAU AND SON'S EXHIBITION.—Portrait Models of Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Comte de Paris, late Comte de Chambord, and M. Waddington. Costly Court Dresses from the first Parisian houses. Also Portrait Model of James Carey the former, Captain Webb (taken from life). Admission 1s. Extra rooms 6d. Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]

New Zealand.

CONSECRATION OF THE REMUERA CHAPTER, No. 1710.

On the 12th July, a large and influential gathering of Royal Arch Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, Remuera, to take part in the inauguration of the chapter attached to the lodge of that name. At eight o'clock the principals of the lately established Auckland Chapter, M.E. Comps. Skinner and Nelson (M.E. Comp. Moss Levy taking the place of M.E. Comp. Dr. Dawson, unavoidably absent) opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry. The procession then entered the chapter, which was subsequently duly consecrated, dedicated, and constituted by the M.E. Comp. the Rev. Wm. Tebbs, P.Z., who, as a member of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, acted as its deputy on the occasion. The exceedingly beautiful ritual included some well-executed music, of the execution of which Comp. Pooley had the conducting, and a well conceived and planned oration by M.E. Comp. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, who officiated as acting Chaplain. The duties of the Director of Ceremonies were admirably performed by M.E. Comp. Wade, the acting Scribe E. The chapter having been duly formed the principals were inducted and invested as follows: M.E. Comp. W. Lodder, as M.E.Z.; M.E. Comp. Captain Wildman (as deputy of Comp. Moat), as H.; and M.E. Comp. Cooper, as J. The chapter next elected Comp. Tebbs to be the first M.E.P.Z.; a motion also being tabulated to confer upon him the honorary membership of the chapter. The other officers having been elected and nominated respectively, were then duly inducted and invested: Comps. Wade, Scribe E.; Kitt, Scribe N.; La Roche, P.S.; Wade, Treas.; Pooley, acting Org.; and Tonge, acting Janitor. There were 15 nominations for joining and exaltation. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Tebbs for the present of a veil embroidered in gold upon white satin; also, a vote to those companions who had attended to assist in the ceremony. After the chapter had been closed, the companions sat down to an excellent supper, after which the usual toasts were enthusiastically drunk, the Janitor's toast bringing to a close a most enjoyable evening.

THE NEW FREEMASONS' HALL AT WARKWORTH.

We have been asked to print the following description of the above building, which is one of the best halls north of Auckland, and would be no discredit to any city in the colony, and eminently suited in every way for the purposes of Masonry for many years to come. The building has a frontage of 30 ft. to Wharf-street, by a depth of 60 ft., with walls 14 ft. high from floor to springing of roof. Outside is a base projecting 3 in. from face of wall. The style of the building is of a composite character, the front having rusticated quoins at angles supporting an Ionic entablature, in the centre of which is a pediment flanked on either side with blind balustrades and pedestals. The outside pedestals are surmounted with a splendid ball on each. In the centre of the pediment is a circular louver, with a rectangular one at the back gable for ventilation. Round the front louver is a ribbon with the device "Masonic Hall," and date of erection formed with raised letters. The entrance is gained by a flight of three steps (concrete finished off with Portland cement), on the landing of which is erected an open porch, composed of two Corinthian columns, supporting an entablature with sequential pediment, enriched with modillions, &c. On the either side of porch, the front of the building is pierced with a circular-headed window with pedimented hoods supported by carved trusses. Upon entering the building there is a vestibule ten feet by six feet six inches, with an ante-room on either side, ten feet by ten feet six inches, with doors opening into the main hall. The size of the hall is forty-eight feet by twenty-eight feet six inches, and is lighted by three circular-headed windows on the two sides. The height from floor to ceiling is nineteen feet. The ceiling over the two ante-rooms and vestibule will form the floor for gallery, if required at any future time. The roof is gabled. In the three alternate divisions of ceiling, ventilators are formed of frets with Masonic devices. Round the rooms, vestibule, and hall, a dado, four feet high is formed. The interior of roof and also dado are varnished, and the rest of the walls and ventilators are relieved by being painted a bluish tint. The architraves and doors are grained, and the outside painted in imitation of stone. The structure is of wood, covered outside with wrought rusticated boards, and the roof is shingled. The hall will be lighted by two chandeliers and eight reflecting side lights. The ante-rooms will also be lighted by reflecting side lights, and suitably furnished. The sittings are on a new principle, convenient and comfortable. In the hall, over the door leading from the vestibule, is a very handsome clock, presented by Bro. Howden. The building was designed and superintended by Bro. W. H. Skinner, of Auckland. The entire cost paid to the contractor, including extras, was £564.

The annual meeting of Lodge *Coromandel*, No. 456, I.C., was held at Coromandel, on June 25th. Bro. A. King, P.M., was installed W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Nazar, I.P.M.; S. Inder, S.W.; Archibald Kelso, J.W.; Chas. Grant, Treas.; J. D. Colebrook, Sec.; Lewis W. Edwards, S.D.; Samuel Merrick, J.D.; Edward C. Randle, I.G.; and Charles Coghlan, Tyler.

The installation of officers of the Lodge *United Service*, No. 421, I.C., took place at Auckland, on the 27th June, the D.G. Lodge, E.C., attending as a body, under the D.D.G.M., Bro. Lodder. The Prov. G. Lodge, I.C., was also represented. Bro. J. Seabrook was installed W.M., while the officers appointed and invested were as follows: Bros. J. Rule, I.P.M.; W. G. Allen, S.W.; R. Platt, J.W.; F. Roycroft, Treas.; W. J. Melton, Sec.; J. Goodacre, Chap.; E. Pollard, S.D.; W. Craig, J.D.; T. W. Allen, I.G.; Tonge, Tyler; W. J. Suiter, Lecturer; and Harling and Middleton, Stewards.

Lodge *Beta*, 450, I.C., held its installation on June 25th, at Hamilton, with the following results: Bros. W. Murray, W.M.; McLernon, S.W.; G. Edgecumbe, J.W.; S. E. G. Smith, Sec. and Treas.; Rev. O.C. Biggs, Chap.; Carson, S.D.; Coates, J.D.; Dey, I.G., and Pascoe, Tyler.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, September 15, 1883.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Lodge 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House, London-bdg.
 ,, 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st., E.C.
 ,, 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 ,, 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 ,, 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 ,, 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
 Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 ,, 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.
 ,, 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 ,, 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 ,, 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 K.H.S. 1, Mount Carmel, F.M.T.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
 Lodge 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
 Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.

Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
 Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st.,
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot. Balham, 7.
 Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30.
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 ,, 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 ,, 1042, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hl.
 Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 ,, 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.

Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Pleasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 7.45.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

No Meetings.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 St. Wm. Preston, Andrew's T., Baker-st., Manchester-sq., W.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Lodge 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 ,, 1767, Kensington, South Kensington Hot., Queen's-gate-ter., S.W.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 ,, 251, Tenterden, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, For the Week ending Saturday, September 15, 1883.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
 ,, 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
 ,, 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 ,, 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
 ,, 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
 ,, 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
 ,, 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
 ,, 1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow.
 ,, 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 ,, 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.

,, 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 ,, 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
 ,, 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 ,, 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.
 ,, 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 ,, 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
 ,, 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 ,, 1713, W. Ibrahim, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.

Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prestcot.
 ,, 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 ,, 323, Concord, Florist Hot., Stockport.
 ,, 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
 ,, 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 ,, 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
 ,, 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 ,, 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 ,, 1140, Ashton, Victoria Hot., Withington.
 ,, 1356, Toxteth, M.R., North Hill-street, Liverpool.
 ,, 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 ,, 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 ,, 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.

Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
 ,, 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 ,, 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
 ,, 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 ,, 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale Hot., Liverpool.
 ,, 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 ,, 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 ,, 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
 Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Ferry Hot., Rock Ferry.
 K.T. Precept 41, M.H., Wigan.