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THE Special Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, under the presidency of the Earl of CARNARVON, Pro G.M. Our noble brother opened the proceedings with a most eloquent and forcible address, and having moved the adoption of three addresses—to her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN, H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER, and H.R.H. the Duchess of ALBANY—was seconded by Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, Prov. G.M. for Hampshire, who, as usual, spoke with much force and effect. The three addresses were unanimously agreed to in solemn silence, and were most feeling, forcible, and appropriate. We shall all with one heart and mind give our cordial and sympathetic assent to the regrets and sentiments so admirably expressed by our distinguished Bro. the PRO GRAND MASTER.

THE Quarterly Court of the Girls' School and its Election took place on Saturday last. Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATION was re-elected, amid hearty applause, Treasurer, and Bro. ROBERT GREY'S motion was carried. Twenty-three girls were elected out of 35 candidates. There were issued new votes 33,784, and carried forward 12,271, in all 46,055. The highest successful candidate polled 2427 votes, and the lowest 1137. There were 34,793 polled for the 23 successful, and 8896 for the 12 unsuccessful candidates. Bro. MATIER, Chairman of the Board of Scrutineers, announced the really unaccountable fact that there were 42 voting papers, representing 83 votes, rejected. Twenty-one papers, with 42 votes, were not signed at all, and 21 papers, with 41 votes, either not filled in for any candidate or in excess of the number of votes. We cannot help feeling and saying that such great "laches" on the part of someone constitute a serious reflection on the carefulness and presence of mind of those who have the conduct of our elections. At the first blush the reality seems almost unrealizable and incredible.

THE Quarterly Court and Election of the Boys' School drew a fair number of the brethren together on Monday last. Bro. PLUCKNETT was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the usual normal business was transacted. Bro. MARTIN'S proposal for paying pupils in the School was rejected by a large majority. Bro. GODSON'S motion for a definite standard of examination was carried, and the report of the House Committee adopted and referred back for carrying out. The poll was then declared open, and after a very close and animated contest, the Scrutineers announced that the highest successful candidate had received 2911 votes, and the lowest 1760. There were it seems 47,000 votes issued and 19,000 carried forward. Bro. MATIER announced that the Scrutineers had dealt with nearly 51,000 votes for the successful candidates, that there were 251 spoilt votes; as usual, some voting papers not signed at all, some not properly filled in. Though "mistakes will occur in the best regulated families," yet we do not profess to realize the actuality of such remarkable carelessness.

A GOOD deal may be said "pro and con" the question of "paying pupils" in our Schools. At the first blush, we confess we doubt the advisability or practicality of the proposal. Our Institutions were designed for the thorough education of the indigent children of deceased or suffering Freemasons, and we fear that these propositions, however well intended, will land us eventually, as Bro. LE FEUVRE, from Hampshire, said very well, in great proprietary schools. Neither do we think that because the presentation system has been allowed, we therefore concede the principle of paying pupils side by side with foundation pupils, so to say. There is a tendency just now to keep changing all systems and schools, and the form and outcome of eleemosynary institutions, and we should prefer to "leave things well alone," and keep before us the great idea of our admirable Schools, homes wherein the indigent youth of both sexes of our Fraternity may receive a good, sound, serviceable, and useful education. At the same time we live in an age of movement and change. If there is any vitality or reality in the great and grave alteration proposed on Monday last in the constitution and arrangements of our Schools, it will

yet again come to the fore. As at present advised, we do not, we repeat, see what good can result to our Schools from so great a deviation from the original design, or that our present liberal arrangements and provisions do not cover all the known wants and fair requirements of our provinces and our Brotherhood.

WE understand, though on no official authority of any kind, that the appointments for Grand Officers have been made for 1884-85. Among those so selected by H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER are, we believe, Bros. Lord CREMORNE and the Lord MAYOR, Grand Wardens; Bros. Canon TRISTRAM and Dr. ROBBINS, Grand Chaplains; Bros. F. DAVISON and Baron DE FERRIERES, M.P., Grand Senior Deacons; Bros. Jas. Smith EASTES and E. LETCHWORTH, Grand Junior Deacons; Bro. Major E. LOCOCK, D.G.M. Lincolnshire, Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. Col. TAYLOR, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. GRIFFITHS-SMITH, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, Grand Standard Bearer; Bro. Professor E. M. LOTT, Grand Org.; and H. GARRON, Grand Assistant Pursuivant.

WE believe that Bro. MCINTYRE, to the great regret of all the Craft, retires from the office of Grand Registrarship, which he has filled so well, and is succeeded by Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C. In Bro. MCINTYRE the Grand Lodge loses a most able and conscientious adviser, one whom it will be difficult to replace, and than whom there is no more thorough master of Masonic Constitutional Law. We feel sure that we are expressing the feelings of the entire Craft when we repeat that his resignation of his high office will be universally regretted.

In the *Times* of Saturday last appears the following telegraphic message from Rome: "The *Osservatore Romano* and *Moniteur de Rome* publish this evening a brief official summary of the Encyclical letter which LEO XIII. has written on Freemasonry. In it His Holiness reminds the episcopate that many Roman Pontiffs, from CLEMENT XII. to PIUS IX., have denounced Freemasonry as an enemy, and pointed out the dangers to be feared from it. He describes them himself at length. He says that, notwithstanding their iniquities, the Masonic societies have succeeded in ingratiating themselves with both princes and peoples, causing the princes to regard the Church with dislike, and the peoples thus to regard both the Church and the princes; while in truth the Church seeks to accomplish the good of both the one and the other. Finally the POPE confirms and renews all the acts and dispositions of his predecessors against Freemasonry. He exhorts all the faithful to conform scrupulously to them, and points out to the bishops what means they should adopt to prevent the increase of this sect." In the *Standard* of Saturday we read: "The current statements respecting the expected Encyclical against Freemasonry are inexact. It has not yet been distributed to the Bishops, the intention being that it should be published in all parts of Christendom simultaneously. It has been first despatched to the most distant countries. I am informed that much of the information on which the Encyclical is based has been derived from a mass of documents which, somewhat more than a year ago, were communicated to the Pope by a personage in a high position who once was a Freemason." It would seem from the same authority that "The *Defense* of this evening publishes a detailed analysis of the Encyclical letter directed against Freemasonry shortly to be issued by the Pope. The letter points out that Freemasonry leads to the denial of God and of the immortality of the soul, thus destroying the moral basis of society, and ending in Communism, Socialism, and social subversion. His Holiness adds that secret societies excite the people, and bring about revolutions, whereas the church supports authority and teaches obedience. The Pope recommends the Bishops to unmask the workmen of Satan by preaching, pastoral letters, and the organisation of Catholic Societies." We await the full text of the Encyclical before we make any further remarks on this last development of the Church of Rome, agreeing as we do with the conclusion of the *Times* correspondent that "It is evident that the POPE judges, or thinks fit to judge, the Freemasons of all other countries from an exclusively Italian, or at any rate Continental standpoint." Even to take the "precis" of the alleged Encyclical, how can such foolish and petulant words be true of Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, than whom we venture to say a more loyal, reverential, charitable, and religiously minded body cannot be found on the earth's surface?

WE deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. DONALD DEWAR, the Assistant Grand Mark Secretary. He was well known to and highly appreciated by a large circle of Masonic friends, and his services to the Order have been continuous and conspicuous. His loss will be sincerely felt, and his departure from amongst us sincerely mourned.

H.R.H. THE GRAND MASTER and H.R.H. the Princess of WALES leave on Monday for Darmstadt, to be present at the marriage of their niece, the daughter of the lamented Princess ALICE. All the good wishes of the Craft will go with the Royal travellers and the QUEEN and members of the Royal Family assembled at Darmstadt.

### H.R.H. THE LATE DUKE OF ALBANY. SPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

On Thursday afternoon an Especial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of voting addresses of condolence and sympathy with her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the much regretted death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., acted as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., as Past Grand Master; Bro. the Earl of Milltown was present as Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. Victor A. Williamson as Grand Junior Warden. There were also present Bros. Rev. H. G. Morse, G. Chap.; Rev. W. Oswell Thompson, G. Chap.; Æ. McIntyre, G. Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, D.C.L., G. Sec. German Correspondence; Ralph Gooding, M.D., G.D.; T. H. Devonshire, G.D.; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; T. Dolling Bolton, D.G.D.C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, G.A.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. James Peters, G. Swd. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; W. G. Cusins, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; L. F. Littell, G. Purst.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Col. J. A. Lloyd-Phillips, P.G.M. South Wales; Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex; Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, P.G.M. Worcestershire; John Havers, P.G.W.; Lord Onslow, P.G.S.W.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G. Chap.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. A. Hill, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; J. S. Clabon, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; G. Plucknett, P.G.D.; Col. Somerville H. Burney, P.G.D.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; R. W. Wheeler, P.G.D.; Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; R. Gray, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; E. J. Baron, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande-Long, P.G.D.; H. G. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Reginald Bird, P.G.D.; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; T. Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C.; C. C. Dumas, P.G.A.D.C.; Willing, P.G.O.; J. Wright, P.G.P.; Hyde Clarke, Rep. G.L. Colombia. Amongst others present in the body of the Grand Lodge we noticed the Marquis of Hertford, Sir Matthew White Ridley, and a great number of the representatives of lodges in London and the provinces.

The GRAND SECRETARY announced that he had received letters from the Earl of Lathom and other distinguished Grand officers, expressing their regret at their inability to attend and also their entire concurrence in the object of the meeting.

The Earl of CARNARVON then rose and said: Brethren, it becomes my duty to undertake the melancholy task of asking your concurrence in three addresses of sympathy and condolence with her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Grand Master, and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany. My words need not be many on such an occasion, for there is but one thought in the minds of us all, and any expression of sympathy with those who are suffering from this untimely and sudden bereavement will readily find an echo with you. From all parts indeed of the country, from Parliament, from the Courts of Quarter Sessions, from Churches, from municipal assemblages, from wherever Englishmen have come together, has gone up a unanimous and very touching sound of sorrow; and now I have to ask Grand Lodge to join them in the same public tribute of deep regret. Brethren, I need scarcely remind you of the part that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany took in Masonic affairs. When in the University of Oxford, or shortly afterwards, in the Apollo Lodge he became Worshipful Master of that lodge. He became then afterwards Junior Grand Warden of England in this Grand Lodge; and finally he became the Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire; and I believe in each and all of those situations he endeavoured to fulfill the duties that were incumbent upon him, as he certainly took the liveliest and most marked interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Craft. English history has more than once had occasion to lament some young Prince cut off in the prime and pride of life, and many students will remember the expressions of national sorrow which those deaths have called forth; but never I think has there been greater sorrow felt and manifested than on this particular occasion, and never was there more real cause for it. The life of the Duke of Albany was a short one, measured by mere lapse of years; but in that short period he succeeded in making a career for himself, and leaving a mark upon his own generation. He had many difficulties to contend with. He was cut off by constitutional delicacy of health from the profession of arms, and was unable to serve as his brother in the naval service of the Queen; he was hindered all through life by repeated checks and interruptions which arose from feeble health. And yet, in spite of all that, he made his mark upon his time, and he left in the minds of his generation an affectionate remembrance of him. And for this reason—that there was no good cause which he was not ready to plead, and in which he did not interest himself; and whilst he, from his studious habits and his literary tastes, knew how to throw a certain thoughtful grace around almost everything which he said, more than this, over and above this, you might always detect the feeling of sympathy, and the kindness of a true and an affectionate heart; and this, I think, it was that gave him this hold upon his contemporaries. He has been cut off in the middle of that career, in the midst of all the promise, and has been taken away, as the best very often are taken away, in youth. Brethren, your sympathies will be, I am satisfied, heartily and freely accorded to those illustrious members of his family who mourn his loss—her Majesty the Queen, our illustrious Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and the bereaved widow. To all of these you will, I am sure, join with me in proposing a heartfelt vote of condolence and sympathy. If there be any one thing which could specially deepen your sorrow on this occasion, and could make this vote even more unanimous than I know it will be, it would be the recollection which must be fresh in your mind, of the touching and noble letter which we saw from the Queen published only a few days ago. In that letter she has taken, as on former occasions also, her loving subjects into her confidence. The duties of kings and queens and princes in this generation of ours are difficult and delicate, but where they are discharged in the affection of their subjects they become comparatively easy. That affection her Majesty has in no common degree, and that affection and those marks of loyalty must be her consolation in the midst of this great bereavement. Brethren, I have to ask you to agree to three addresses to her Majesty the Queen, to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master, and her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, which the Grand Secretary will read to you.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., in seconding the motion said: In the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, I have the pleasure of seconding these resolutions. After the sentiments which the Pro Grand Master has so eloquently expressed it is unnecessary to say much. All Englishmen mourn the loss of the Duke of Albany, cut off in the prime of life, with such bright promise for the future. He identified himself with many of the pursuits of Englishmen, he gave up much time to literary pursuits, and also in the cause of Charity he showed himself an eloquent exponent and assistant. But if Englishmen generally have cause to mourn his loss we as Masons have a double reason for doing so. He took the most active interest in the welfare of our ancient Fraternity. From the moment he was initiated into Freemasonry he served an office in the Apollo Lodge and speedily became its Master; and none can testify better than I am able to do to the duties which devolve upon the Master of that lodge—how necessary it is for him to make himself acquainted with the active working of the Craft and to practice all those offices which are necessary for an able and accomplished Master of a lodge to possess. He then rose to higher distinction, but he never relinquished that active interest in the welfare of the Craft which at the moment of his initiation he seemed to have contracted. Brethren, we need not entertain a doubt that if he had been spared to us he would have achieved further distinction and given greater promise for the future. But we must lament his loss; and if we do so those who are so nearly and dearly connected with him must do so in a double, nay in a tenfold degree; and therefore it is with the greatest gratification that I have the honour of seconding the motion that an address of condolence be presented to the Queen, one to the Grand Master, and one to the Duchess of Albany which now the Grand Secretary will read.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, then read the following addresses, which were put and carried unanimously:

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty,—We, the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and members of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, in Grand Lodge assembled, humbly beg to approach your Majesty to express our deep sorrow at the untimely death of your beloved son, his Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., and to offer our sincere sympathy for the calamity which has thus suddenly overshadowed your Majesty and the country at large.

"By his earnest recognition of the duties attaching to his exalted rank, by his strenuous efforts to promote the interests of art and literature, but beyond all by his generous sympathy and support to every movement tending to refine and elevate his countrymen, Prince Leopold attained in a high degree the esteem and confidence of the nation; while in the eminent position he occupied in Freemasonry he conspicuously exhibited those qualities which endeared him to the whole Fraternity and afforded a bright example of those virtues a true Mason should ever display.

"We pray the Almighty Ruler of the Universe to bestow on your Majesty all strength and support at this period of affliction, and to grant that your Majesty may long continue to reign in health, peace, and happiness over a loyal and united nation.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, this 24th day of April, 1884.

"ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Master.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary."

"To his Royal Highness, Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"We, the Pro Grand Master, Grand Officers, and members in Grand Lodge assembled, crave permission to express to your Royal Highness the deep sorrow with which we regard the decease of your Royal Highness's beloved brother, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, and our heartfelt sympathy with your Royal Highness.

"The career of the late Duke of Albany as a Mason not only evidenced his sincere attachment to our Order and the zeal and fidelity with which he discharged the high duties of his exalted position, but also his firm adherence to those great principles upon which Freemasonry rests, and of which his late Royal Highness was so illustrious an example.

"The Masonic Fraternity throughout the kingdom mourns the loss of so eminent a brother, while the feelings of respectful attachment and loyal devotion which it entertained to the Duke of Albany as a Prince of the blood Royal were shared by it with the country at large.

"We venture, therefore, to offer to your Royal Highness our sincere condolence and sympathy, and to renew to the head of our Order the warm expressions of our fidelity, and to the Heir apparent of this Realm those of our unabated devotion and loyalty.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, this 24th day of April, 1884.

"CARNARVON, Pro Grand Master.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary."

"To Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and members of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, in Grand Lodge assembled, beg to express to your Royal Highness our profound sorrow at the bereavement with which it has pleased the Great Ruler of the Universe to visit you in the untimely death of your beloved husband, his Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., and to assure your Royal Highness of our lively sympathy in your sorrows.

"Into the sacredness of that grief which your Royal Highness must feel we would not intrude; as Masons we deplore the loss of a most distinguished and true-hearted brother from our Order, and with the community we mourn a Prince of the highest promise, whose career—alas! too brief—had given rise to the brightest hopes, and endeared him to the hearts of all his countrymen. We respectfully offer our condolence to your Royal Highness on this sad occasion, and pray earnestly that in this time of great grief the Great Ruler of the Universe may support, strengthen, and comfort you.

"Freemasons' Hall, London, this 24th day of April, 1884.

"ALBERT EDWARD, Grand Master.

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary."

The Earl of CARNARVON: Before I close the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, it will be interesting to you to know that H.R.H. the Grand Master has undertaken to sign the two addresses to her Majesty the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, and has also undertaken their presentation. The address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales I have considered it my duty to sign, and shall present it now on behalf of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G. Purst., Senior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Purst., Junior Vice-President, the chair of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, F. R. Spaul, G. P. Britten, W. Mann, John Noble, Frank Richardson, E. F. Storr, W. H. Perryman, G. P. Gillard, Charles Dairy, Chas. F. Hogard, Thos. Cull, Thos. Gardiner, W.M. 1446; S. G. Bake, P.M. 1151; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; J. L. Hine, P.M. 62 and 1009; Henry Smith, P.M. 302; Mark E. Frost, P.M. 257; Wm. P. Brown, P.M. 90; Geo. Mansell, W.M. 1585; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; F. T. Mullett, P.M. 1556; W. M. Foxcroft, W.M. 177; A. Barfield, P.M. 35; C. F. Hilton, W.M. 1475; John Nixon, P.M. 217; Chas. T. Scawbutt, W.M. 206; Thos. Bull, P.M. 145; Chas. Tayler, W.M. 1624; W. Hamlyn, W.M. 1622; R. Loveland-Loveland, P.M. 1869; R. Jeffs, P.M. 435; R. A. Smith, W.M. 13; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512; Walter Wood, W.M. 193; Henry Nuding, W.M. 140; Robt. James Warren, P.M. 1437; Henry Cox, W.M. 1471; L. G. Langdon, W.M. 538; S. R. Walker, W.M. 733; F. Binckes, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; John L. Mather, P.M. 1471; James Moffat, P.M. 74; W. Watkins, P.M. 1429; James Terry, P.M. 228; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended at the March meeting to the Grand Master to the amount of £285. The new list contained the names of 36 candidates. One of these was dismissed, and six were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1000, which was composed as follows: Two, £100 each (£200); two, £75 each (£150); four, £50 each (£200); four, £40 each (£160); four, £30 each (£120); one, £25 (£25); seven, £20 each (£140); one, £15 (£15); and six, £10 each (£60).

The Board was then closed.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

**QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES.**

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton presiding. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON proposed and Bro. SAMPSON PEIRCE seconded the re-election of Bro. Col. Creaton as Treasurer of the Institution.

This was carried unanimously, and Bro. Col. CREATON acknowledged the vote.

The members of the General Committee were re-elected. Scrutineers of Votes for the election of the day were then appointed.

In accordance with the Notice of Motion that had been given, Bro. ROBERT GREY proposed: "That in consideration of the valuable services rendered to the Institution by Bro. Charles Hammerton, Honorary Rank, with the privileges attaching thereto, be conferred on Mrs. Hammerton." In proposing the motion, Bro. Grey said it required only a few words from him to introduce it. Bro. Hammerton's services to the Charities were well known to the Craft, and those who had worked with Bro. Hammerton need not be told what those services were.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The brethren then proceeded to elect 23 Girls out of an approved list of 35 candidates. At the close of the poll the following was the result:

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Tanner, Mary	2427	Woodward, Minnie	1356
Weber, Florence Alice	1905	Lyon, Hilda Sophia	1289
Motion, Florence Ann	1765	Thomas, Lillian Edith	1287
Vowels, Rose Ethel	1760	Haworth, Rose Lancaster	1285
Harrison, Lucy	1677	Pinder, Emily	1267
White, Fanny Margaret	1660	Capon, Edith Daisy	1252
High, Beatrice Mary	1633	Fruh, Lillian Caroline	1234
Bloomfield, Marion	1623	Wood, Mabel Kathleen	1217
Johnstone, Eleanor Alice	1531	Pincombe, Louisa Kate	1154
Owen, Amy M.	1410	Gooch, Kate Irene	1144
Hall, Emily Sarah Jane (last)	1402	Ochsenbein, Annie Lucie (last)	1137
Warner, Marion Anita (last)	1358		

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Scarle, Francis Alice	1106	Hurst, Olive Ann	714
Bromley, Maude Mary	1028	Bush, Florence Wilson	680
Bettes, Edith Ellen	1002	Hutchings, Jane Wheeler	630
Wheeler, May Amelia	891	Heath, Fanny	580
Beilby, Jessie Louisa	843	Relf, Florence Eleanor	502
Wright, Beatrice Elizabeth	783	Godfrey, Mabel Harriet	137

Votes brought forward from October Election ... 12,271  
 Votes issued for this Election ... 33,784

Total ... 46,055

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

**QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES.**

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Plucknett, Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, seconded by Bro. ROBBUCK.

Bro. ROBT. MARTIN then proposed the following motion: "To insert as Section 2 in Law 63, after the words thereof 'A lodge or Masonic body may, under similar conditions, place a duly qualified boy in the Institution by an annual payment of £50, the same to be paid in advance, in lieu of such sum of £178, provided that the lodge or Masonic body nominating such boy shall give such guarantee for the continuous annual payment of £50 during the time such boy shall remain in the Institution as the General Committee may require.'"

This was seconded by Bro. GLADWELL, and after full discussion it was rejected by a large majority.

Bro. A. F. A. GODSON then moved on behalf of the House Committee "That Rule 61 be amended so as to read in future 'All candidates for admission to the Institution (excepting those who before the passing of this resolution have been placed on the list of accepted candidates) shall, before admission, be required to pass an examination, or be certified by a competent person as having passed an examination, as follows:—If the candidate be under the age of nine years at the time of admission, the examination shall be in the First Standard of the Government Education Depart-

ment; if he be between the ages of nine and ten, he must pass in the Second Standard; and if over the age of ten years, then he must pass an examination equal to the Third Standard of the same.'"

Bro. GODSON in introducing this motion spoke of the utter want of preparation for admission according to the rules, many of the candidates scarcely being able to read or write.

Bro. RAMSEY seconded the motion, which was supported by Dr. Morris, the head-master, and others, and carried.

The report of the House and Building Committee was then presented, and the following motion based thereon was proposed by Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART and seconded by Bro. EDGAR BOWYER: "That this Court do authorise the purchase of the four freehold houses, being Nos. 1 to 4, Lindum Villas, Wood Green, with the freehold land attached thereto, being in all upwards of an acre, for the purpose of the new Preparatory School, at a price not exceeding £3200.

"That a spacious hall, available for Divine service, and for the general purposes of the Institution, be erected as a separate building on the land (the property of the Institution) situate on the west side of the present building, at a cost not exceeding £3300.

"That the plans and suggestions submitted by the consulting surveyor, Bro. Robert Berridge, for the accommodation of 50 additional boys in the new building for the Preparatory School, be approved and adopted by this Court, on an estimated outlay of £6000."

"That it be referred to the House and Building Committee to give effect to these resolutions."

The motion was carried.

Scrutineers of votes were then appointed and the brethren proceeded to elect 23 Boys. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Blunt, Arthur	2911	Manby, Lionel B. J.	2106
Williams, Arthur Frederick	2764	Habgood, Wm. Ernest	2099
Haigh, Christopher	2426	Pawsey, Thomas Edwin	2094
Pratt, Alfred	2360	Douglas, Francis C. A.	2091
Coleman, Frederick F.	2295	How, John	2089
Booker, Herbert Walter	2253	Anderson, Ernest Harold	2083
Whiting, Robert Henry	2241	Shaw, John	2034
McGill, Donald Fraser G.	2228	Lilywhite, Herbert J. M.	2032
Green, Edward Bramble	2220	D'Oyley, John	2002
Canty, Wm. George	2212	Walters, John Edward	1839
Gibson, Stanley Watts	2210	Jones, Harry Protheroe	1760
Delafons, Richd. Wm.	2184		

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Besley, James Campbell	1670	Gloster, Harry Percy O.	253
Seagrave James Pullen	1198	Allan, John Sinclair B.	244
Beaumont, Reginald	1088	Warner, Arthur	224
Cooper, Charles Bernard	1070	Perkins, Frank	202
Gishford, William Taylor	997	Heinke, John Leathart	183
Barber, Christopher W. G.	870	Bailey, John Augustus M.	155
Matthews, Richard Cephas	853	Longman, Frederick W.	95
Gore, James Ambrose	696	Moore, Arthur	37
Sharland, William F.	544	Graves, Harry Robert	25
Harvey, Lewis John T.	505	Green, James Murray	21
Gale, Horace	418	Mushens, Alfred Thompson	10
Dawson, Stanley Claude	349	Mitchell, Reginald A. L.	8
Cummings, Charles Brown	319	Manning, Frank Kingsley	4
Knight, Samuel William	311	Crutchett, Albert Edmund	3
Hildred, Benjamin Meeds	283	Davis, Frederick Teilo	2

Total number of votes brought forward ... 19,057  
 Total number of votes issued for this Election ... 47,955

Total ... 67,012

**HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**

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But about the time of the disappearance of his friend Bro. Daniel from the scenes of his "Ancient" labours, Bro. Burwood appears to have failed in business, and it is doubtless on this account that his name is never included among those of the Past Grand Officers who attended the Atholl Grand Lodge, while it is probably owing to the same reason that from this time forward (1804) there is no mention of, or reference to, his name in connection with the Charity of which, according to Bro. Cole, he was the founder. Hence, it is most unlikely that in his altered circumstances—and always supposing he is the same William Burwood who, as we have just described, became a Modern in 1804—he assisted Bro. Daniel in establishing the second, or Modern, Institution in 1808, though if he did so assist him, it would only have the effect of making stronger his claim to the distinction of having been the founder of, or the chief agent in founding, our Boys' School. However, it will not be a labour in vain if we devote some space to an examination in brief of Bro. Daniel's Masonic career and his alleged claim to be founder of the Boys' School.

The memoir of Bro. F. C. Daniel, to which allusion has already been made, and which was printed by James Swan, of 76, Fleet-street, in 1826, is very decided in its statements, and unreservedly accords to him the honour of having established both the Institution which was raised by the "Ancients," and that established by him and the Royal Naval Lodge on the side of the "Moderns." The origin of the former is thus described: "The first Masonic act that Sir Francis displayed was to exert himself in endeavouring to establish a Masonic Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Free Masons; and in July, 1798, the foundation-stone of this Institution was laid. In this great undertaking Sir Francis was aided by the powerful interest of William Burwood, Esq., Past Senior Grand Warden, who was then an inhabitant of Wapping, but now one of the principal Messengers at Guildhall under the Commissioners of Bankruptcy, who took a highly active part, as well as Capt. Foster, Mr. F. Penny, Robert Gill, Esq., P.S.G.W., and many other Masonic Philanthropists." The paragraph that follows relates to the schism which then existed, and the writer then proceeds: "The next grand Masonic act which distinguished Sir Francis was to institute a second Charity, for the purpose of protecting the Widows and Orphans of the regular Masons, under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of England; and in March, 1808, he laid the foundation-stone of this second Charity. Sir Francis, in the course of fifteen months,

\* The following footnote is appended: "The author has been informed that Mr. Wm. Burwood was Treasurer many years. The office he filled with credit to himself and with every satisfaction to the real friends of the Charity. Sir Francis was joint Treasurer with him for a considerable period."

having raised near £400 by his own exertions, when 15 promising Boys, many of them Orphans, in the most destitute situation, were immediately clothed and their education begun." But notwithstanding these unqualified statements, we have no hesitation in expressing a most decided preference for Bro. Cole's evidence, not because we love "Sir Francis" less than Bro. Burwood, but because that evidence bears the impress of being genuine, and is borne by one who himself lent a willing hand in promoting the earlier Charity. Moreover, the remark in the footnote—"The author has been informed that Mr. Wm. Burwood was Treasurer for many years"—sufficiently establishes the fact that the said author made these statements from information he had received, not from any personal knowledge he possessed of the circumstances, and that, after the manner of men who are thus dependent on others, he had experienced no difficulty in mixing up his details in such a manner as to enable him to glorify his hero without entirely depriving the other actors in the principal event of their share of the glory. But let us describe what is known authoritatively of Bro. Daniel's Masonic career, so far as it may be necessary to elucidate this part of our story. According to the Atholl Register, he joined the United Mariners Lodge, No. 23, "from No. 3," in the quarter to 2nd September, 1789. Subsequently, in the first quarter of 1791, he is entered with the familiar letters "R.A." against his name, and the year following he is described as a "P.M." In the records of the same Grand Lodge occurs the following entry in the minutes of the Stewards' Lodge for 21st January, 1801: "Received the Charge of Lodge 290 against Bro. Francis Daniels, late of the United Mariners Lodge, Wapping, for pretending to make and admit Wm. Clark and divers Persons Brothers of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Constitutions without the Grand Master's Warrant and granting Certificates to the same Parties in imitation of Certificates of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, contrary to good faith and without any Warrant or authority for so doing." Thereupon "Bro. Wm. Clark now of said Lodge 290 and others" were examined and it was "Ordered that the Secretary summons F. C. Daniels and all proper parties to attend at the next Stewards' Lodge." In the minutes of the same lodge for the following month we are told that the Secretary having "read a letter from Bro. Francis Daniels with a Copy of the Secretary's answer thereto," "the Lodge proceeded to the Examination of several Brothers of said Lodge 290, and the Charges against the said Bro. Daniels being thereby fully substantiated, it was thereupon unanimously adjudged and determined that the said Bro. Francis C. Daniels be and he is hereby excluded the benefit of all his Masonic Rights and Privileges of the Ancient Craft and of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge according to the Old Constitutions, and due notice given to all Warranted Lodges to conduct themselves accordingly, according to the like usages in such cases." This resolution was endorsed at the meeting of the Grand Lodge next ensuing—on the 4th March, the following being the exact terms of the record: "Read the Minutes of the Stewards' Lodge of the 18th February and the same were confirmed, and it was thereupon Ordered that Francis Daniel, of Lodge 255, and late of the United Mariners Lodge, No. 23, be and he is hereby excluded all Masonic Rights and Privileges, and of which all Warranted Lodges are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly." Lastly, Bro. Robert Leslie, G. Secretary, sent out a printed circular letter dated September 10th, 1801, and addressed to the Worshipful Master and Wardens of "every Lodge in England, Scotland, Ireland, and America," in which he cautioned them to "Beware of Certificates with the following Words engraved under an Arch at the Top, viz.: 'Lodge 57, Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, Wapping, of the Most Ancient and most Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England (according to the Old Constitutions).'"

In the meantime, on turning to the Grand Lodge Register, "Moderns," we find that in July, 1791, Bro. Francis Daniel, then 26 years of age, and described as "Surgeon, Red Lion-street, Wapping," was admitted a member of the said Royal Naval Lodge, No. 57, and as it is specified in the inscription on the cup that was presented to him on the 6th July, 1808, by the Earl of Kingston, R.W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, that he had "acted as Master of the lodge upwards of 17 years," it is clear that he must have been chosen to fill that office almost immediately after he had joined it. Thus in 1801 Bro. Daniel was a conspicuous—no doubt the "Ancients" must have said a notorious—person in Masonry, and yet not sufficiently conspicuous for Bro. Cole, who published his "Illustrations of Masonry" early in the same year, and who must have compiled that portion of his work which treats of the Masonic Boys' Charity during the very progress of the events we have described, to have dubbed him as its "Institutor," as we are reasonably justified in supposing he would have done from his knowledge of the facts, had Bro. Daniel enjoyed any right to such a distinction. On the contrary the title of "Institutor," or founder, as well as that of Treasurer, is assigned unreservedly to Bro. William Burwood, who is rightly described as "Junior Grand Warden," in two places, namely, in the list of "Patrons," and in that of "Subscribers of Five Guineas and upwards." Nor is anything said about Bro. Daniel being "Joint-Treasurer" with Bro. Burwood. All Bro. Cole does is to include him in the same class of subscribers with Bro. Burwood, and prefix before his name the letters "SS" to indicate that he had served the office of Steward, and a \* to show he was also an annual subscriber of one guinea.

To us this evidence of Cole's appears to be conclusive of the fact that Bro. Daniel did not play the part assigned to him by the author of his memoir in the foundation of the Boys' Institution established in 1798, and that it was not Bro. Burwood who aided him, but he who aided Bro. Burwood in the good work. Moreover,—and this is by no means the least urgent of our arguments in support of Bro. Burwood—when the Union had been accomplished and the United Grand Lodge held its first communication on the 2nd March, 1814, the Board of Schools reported on the occasion—as indeed we stated in the beginning—"that there were two Institutions, under the auspices of the United Grand Lodge." One of them was the Girls' School, while as to the other or Boys' Institution, the Board pointed out that it had "also been supported by private subscription and by grants from the Grand Lodge at various times," and a few words further on, reference is made to a "recent regulation of the Fraternity, to which the said Institution was attached." The regulations of the two Institutions for Girls and Boys respectively were spoken of very favourably, and both were commended to the generous support of the lodges and brethren. It was also resolved that a certain proportion of the charges "of registering new made Masons" should be "applied towards the maintenance of the Schools." But not one word is said with reference to the Boys' Charity instituted by Bro. Daniel, though it had the Earl of Kingston for its Patron, and had received support from the Earl of Moira, the Chevalier Ruspini, and W. Preston, the well

known Masonic author, while on 6th June, 1814, the School Committee recommended and on 4th July following the Governors and Subscribers in annual General meeting resolved on admitting to the benefits of the Institution "children of brethren initiated under the Fraternity of which H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master." In fact all that is further known of Bro. Daniel which concerns his relations with the 1798 Institution is that sometime in the year 1804 he was deprived of his privileges of Life Governor. So at least we learn from the proceedings of the Quarterly meeting of Governors and Subscribers of the Institution held on 1st April, 1816, when "upon a motion made by the Treasurer," Bro. Isaac Lindo, "and seconded by the Secretary," Bro. Wm. Hancock, "it was unanimously resolved that the resolution passed in the year 1804 respecting Bro. F. C. Daniel be now rescinded and that Bro. Daniel be requested to attend the future meetings of the Charity as a Life Governor thereof." We also learn—but this will be dealt with fully in its proper place—from the minutes of the Committee of the Institution held on the 3rd May, 1817, that "the Treasurer," Bro. Lindo, as aforesaid, "laid before the meeting a communication which he had recently received from Bro. L. Thompson, Secretary of the Masonic Charity instituted by Bro. F. C. Daniel in 1808, under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Earl of Kingston, enclosing copies of resolutions passed by the Governors of that Charity on Thursday, the 17th of April last, at a General Meeting held at the Surrey Tavern, Blackfriars-road, relative to a union of that Charity with this Institution." The proposed union was effected, but we fail to see how that event, though highly gratifying to the Fraternity at large, and especially to those members who were anxious to promote its Charities, can have had the slightest effect in depriving Bro. Burwood of the honour he was, and is in our opinion, so justly entitled to, namely that of having originated the Masonic Boys' Charity as established in 1798 and consequently of his being the founder of our present "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

We had reached this point in our argument, and had succeeded in demonstrating to our own satisfaction, and we trust to that of our readers, from the scraps of information we had managed to unearth as well as from a careful comparison of the statements made by Cole and the author of the Daniel memoir, that Bro. Burwood founded the Masonic Boys' Institution, when we had the good fortune to light upon a printed notice issued by Bro. Robert Leslie, Secretary of the Institution, to the effect that a "General Quarterly Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers" of the Boys' Charity would be held "on Friday, the 1st day of July next,"—the document is endorsed "July, 1803," in, apparently, the handwriting of Bro. Leslie—"at the King's Arms, Green Bank, Wapping, London, at six o'clock in the evening, at which time the accounts will be audited and four children elected to fill up the vacancies in the present establishment of the Charity." The list of candidates, twelve in number, is given, the last three having been presented to the Committee on the 3rd June, 1803, so that there can be no doubt as to the correctness of the endorsement. And then follows a note to this effect: "Subscriptions for the support of this Charity are received by Mr. William Burwood, Green Bank, Wapping, Treasurer and Institutor; Thomas Harper, Esq., No. 207, Fleet-street, Temple Bar, London; by the Secretary; and by Mr. Benjamin Aldhouse, Well-street, Spitalfields, Collector." This at once, and officially, establishes the fact we have been contending for of Bro. Burwood's foundryship, and disposes summarily of the unsupported claims advanced on the part of Bro. Daniel. Indeed, but for the purpose of showing that the position of Bro. Burwood as Institutor is capable of being established without the assistance of official documents, we might well have cancelled our argument altogether.

The most rational solution of the accident by which Bro. Daniel has had conferred upon him the honour due to Bro. Burwood appears to us to be this. When Bro. Daniel became wholly and solely a Modern Mason, he very soon found—if indeed he had not done so already—that there was a vast amount of poverty in the ranks of that section of the Craft which required to be alleviated; and knowing how much good had been effected by the Institution, of the rights of membership of which he had been so summarily deprived, he at once set about establishing a second charity of a similar character. He succeeded in his purpose in 1808, and then some years later, when the two sections of English Freemasonry had become united and he himself had had his privileges as a Life Governor of the first Charity fully restored to him, he endeavoured to get his younger and minor establishment united with the senior and more considerable Charity, which had been instituted by his friend Burwood, most generously fostered by the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, and accepted as a recognised Masonic Institution, worthy of every encouragement and support, by the United Grand Lodge. His efforts were crowned with success, and as he was a more prominent public character than Bro. Burwood, who in the meantime had fallen upon evil days, and as he had rendered the latter material assistance in his benevolent labours, he has had assigned to him the lion's share of the honour. But we say again, as we have said already, in our opinion, to Bro. Wm. Burwood, successively victualler, coal merchant, bankrupt, and bankruptcy messenger, belongs, and to none other, the credit of having originated the Boys' School.

## CHAPTER II.

### FROM THE FOUNDATION TO THE UNION OF THE ATHOLL AND REGULAR MASONS, 1798-1813.

Having thus far shown when and how the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was established, and to whom, in our opinion, belongs the honour chiefly, if not wholly and solely, of having established it, we are necessarily in a better position to follow up its history uninterruptedly and without a break, so far, at least, as the materials at our disposal will allow. We have said that the earliest minute books are no longer in existence; but the loss of these, though greatly to be regretted, has happily not proved to be an irremediable calamity. The minutes of the Atholl Grand and Stewards' Lodges contain several notices relating to the Institution, while the printed Proceedings of different Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge—there is unfortunately no connected series of these extant that we are aware of—furnish even more important information during a part of the time for which the School minute books are wanting, the Statements of Account of Bro. Robert Leslie, who appears to have succeeded Bro. Burwood as Treasurer of the Institution, being included in the said Proceedings from about the middle or close of 1805.

The earliest entry in the School archives bears date the 27th January, 1812, so that for the antecedent period of between 13 and 14 years we are dependent chiefly on Bro. Cole and the Grand Lodge minutes. The former, to whom we have already acknowledged our obligations, has placed on record, in his short account of the School, lists of contributing lodges, of the Children admitted into the Charity, and the Schoolmasters, with their respective

places of residence. The first of these is worth quoting in full, not so much on account of the sums the lodges contributed as because it will be a source of satisfaction to the members of those among them which are still on the roll of Grand Lodge to be able to speak of their predecessors as having lent a helping hand in establishing this important Charity. The list is as follows :

United Mariners, No. 23, King's Arms, Green Bank, St. George's, voluntary	£10	10	0
And, per annum	2	2	0
Lodge No. 31, King's Arms, Burr-street, voluntary	5	5	0
And, per annum	1	1	0
Lodge No. 195, Hole-in-the-Wall, Fleet-street, voluntary	10	10	0
Lodge No. 192, per annum	2	2	0
" 10, do.	1	1	0
" 81, do.	1	1	0
" 258, do.	1	1	0
" 245, do.	1	1	0
" 3, do.	2	2	0
" 37, do.	2	2	0
" 234, do.	1	1	0

Of the above lodges, No. 3 is present St. George's and Corner Stone, No. 5—or, to be more precise, a part of it—the Corner Stone of "Modern" origin having united with No. 5 in 1843; No. 10 is now Royal Athelstan, No. 19; No. 23, retaining the same title, No. 30; No. 31, present Mount Moriah, No. 34; No. 81, present Mount Lebanon, No. 73; No. 192, located at the time at Woolwich, now Faith Lodge, No. 141; No. 195, now Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145; No. 244, now Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185; No. 245, now Industry Lodge, No. 186; and No. 258, now the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192. Thus of the eleven enumerated by Bro. Cole in 1801 as "contributing lodges," ten are still on the roll, and these without an exception are loyal supporters of the Institution which their predecessors of more than 80 years since had a hand in maintaining.

The number of boys amounts to 30, the year 1799 being entered in the margin against both No. 1 and No. 13, though whether in the former case it is a misprint for 1798 it is of course impossible to say. The meeting at which it was resolved to establish the Charity is stated to have been held on the 3rd July, 1798, and no doubt some time must have elapsed ere the necessary arrangements were completed for electing the children, clothing them, and sending them to school, so that, though the scheme was formulated in 1798, the actual operations may not have commenced till the following year. However, the matter is of little moment. When in May, 1801, Bro. Cole published his "Illustrations," he knew of 30 children who had been received into the Charity, and of those, 19 appear to have been elected in 1799, eight in 1800, and three to date in 1801. Of the 30 one boy, standing No. 3, is noted as having been "taken out by his father from a favourable turn of circumstances," while No. 6 appears to have been dismissed on the ground of having "absented himself from school, November, 1799." The list of Schoolmasters includes nine names, one hailing from Fitzroy-square and one from Little Wild-street, while another is described as "Master of St. Sepulchre's School," No. 4 as of "Red Cross-street, Cripplegate," No. 5 of "Spitalfields School," and the remaining four of Wapping, Poplar, Rotherhithe, and Bermondsey respectively. Among these Masters were distributed 24 children, of whom six were in charge of the Rev. Mr. Free, Osborn-street, New Cut, Wapping; four with Mr. O'Brien, of Church-street, Deptford; and four with Mr. Barry, of Red Cross-street. The four still unaccounted for out of the full number of 30 had doubtless completed their several terms of study and left, as from the rules we have given, there does not appear to have been any maximum limit of age for the reception of children, though none were allowed to remain after 14.

For the above particulars as well as for the statement that in the year 1801 the Duke of Atholl as Grand Master was graciously pleased to extend his patronage to the infant Charity, then designated "The Masonic Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons," we are indebted to our worthy Bro. Cole. Our next source of indebtedness is the minutes of the Atholl Grand Lodge and the printed Transactions or Proceedings of its different Communications, with the Grand Treasurer's Statements of Account, and latterly those of Bro. Robert Leslie, G.S., Treasurer of the Boys' Institution, appended thereto. The Minutes are consecutive, but the printed Particulars unfortunately are not. Still the two sources of information have enabled us to supply enough to furnish a tolerably clear, if not a perfectly continuous, story of the interval between 1801, when Bro. Cole published his account of the Charity for the express purpose of assisting its funds, and January 1812, when the School Records begin.

The first extract is from the minutes of the Stewards' Lodge, under date the 16th of March, 1803, from which it appears that "Upon motion made by the R.W.D. Grand Master, it was ordered unanimously that it be recommended to the Grand Lodge at their next meeting to grant to guineas to the Fund of Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons, and that the same be paid to the Treasurer of the said Institution if the Grand Lodge should think fit." The minutes were confirmed and the recommendation was acted upon, as in the Statement of Account of Grand Treasurer, Wm. Comerford Clarkon, appended to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge held on 1st June following, occurs the entry: "First contribution to the Masonic Charity, for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Ancient Freemasons, £10 10s. There is also for this year a balloting paper fortunately extant, of which mention has already been made, and in which it is announced that a "Quarterly General Meeting of the Governors will be held on Friday, the 1st July, at the King's Arms, Green Bank, Wapping—the headquarters of the United Mariners Lodge, for the audit of Accounts and the election of Four Children out of a list of Twelve Candidates."

In the Grand Lodge Proceedings of the 7th March, 1804, is to be found an acknowledgment of Sundry contributions received (by the Secretary) to the Fund of Charity instituted for Maintaining, Clothing, and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons," namely:—

1803. Sept. 7th.	Cash from Lodge 230, at the Salutation, Woolwich, annual	£1	1	0
Oct.	Cash from Lodge 322, in the 7th Regiment, at Fort William, Calcutta	9	9	0
1804. Jan.	Cash from the Marine Lodge, 323, Calcutta	5	2	0

From the minutes of the Stewards' Lodge held on the 20th June, 1804, it appears that a second subscription of 10 guineas was paid to the Charity, by order of the Grand Lodge, while, incidentally, we learn of two other events which occurred in connection with the Charity in the course of the same year, and one of which is especially interesting, as it must have had some effect in bringing about the establishment of the "Modern" Boys' Charity. In the first published statement of account, still remaining to us—quarter to end of June, 1806—by Bro. Leslie, as Treasurer of the Charity, a sum of £11 17s. 6d. is entered as having been received "for Tickets Royal Circus

Benefit, 1804, to date, per acc.," and there is a similar entry of £2 4s. received in respect of the same benefit in the next Quarterly Statement of Account for quarter to September, 1806. We also learn from an entry in the minute books of the Institution, bearing date the 1st April, 1816, that some time during 1804 Bro. F. C. Daniel was excluded from all his rights and privileges as a Life Governor of the Charity; for the entry in question is to the effect that it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Bro. Isaac Lindo, duly seconded, that the resolution passed in 1804 be rescinded, and Bro. F. C. Daniel be invited to resume his position as well as his rights and privileges as a Life Governor. We have no means of learning what particular offence Bro. F. C. Daniel had been guilty of that he should have been subjected to such an extreme penalty as that of exclusion from his rights as contributor to a Charitable Institution. However, there is no difficulty in accounting for such action against him. In 1801 Bro. Daniel had been expelled from "Ancient" Masonry by resolution of the Atholl Grand Lodge, and a circular letter had been addressed by Grand Secretary Leslie to all the lodges in England, Scotland, Ireland, and America, for the purpose of cautioning the brethren against certain certificates purporting to be issued by "Lodge 57, Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, Wapping," and said to be "fabricated by an expelled Mason, intended to pass and impose upon our ancient Order, particularly in America." It was on a charge brought against him by Bro. Daniel that Bro. Thomas Harper, Dep. Grand Master of the "Ancients," and a Patron of their Boys' Charity, was expelled from "Modern" Masonry in 1803, while in his famous address to the Duke of Atholl on the subject of a union between the two fraternities, published in 1804, Bro. Daniel made what cannot be designated as otherwise than a most offensive attack on the personal character of Bro. Harper in his private as well as in his Masonic capacity. In such circumstances the extreme severity of the treatment meted out to Bro. Daniel by the Committee and Governors of the Boys' Institution will surprise no one.

This represents the sum and substance of what we have been able to discover in connection with the years 1802-3-4, while as regards 1805 we have been hardly more fortunate, the one gleam of light we have secured being the following excerpt from the minutes of the meeting held for the Audit of the Grand Lodge accounts on 3rd January, 1805, namely: "Pursuant to notice. It was recommended by the Grand Secretary to the consideration of this meeting the establishing a Charity for the Clothing and Educating the Children of Indigent Freemasons—the revenues of which Charity to be collected and disbursed without any charge being made on account thereof—the business to be conducted at the Stewards' Lodge and under the orders thereof and upon their usual nights of meeting and under the immediate direction of Grand Lodge—the funds of this Charity, however, to be kept separate and distinct from the general fund of Charity of and belonging to the Grand Lodge. After some time spent in consideration of the subject, and upon hearing several of the R.W. and W. Brothers present, the further consideration thereof was adjourned." It may be stated at once that there is nothing in the minutes of the Grand or Stewards' Lodge to show that the question was ever again considered formally. But undoubtedly some kind of resolution must have been determined upon, as the printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge on 4th June, 1806, contain, after Grand Treasurer's statement of account for the quarter, a similar statement in respect of the Boys' Charity by its Treasurer, Bro. Robert Leslie. It is headed "Robert Leslie in account with the Masonic Institution for Clothing and Educating the sons of Indigent Freemasons," and the first items on the respective sides of the account are on the "Dr." side: "1806, April 4. To cash received per Particular to date, £112 11s.;" and on the "Cr." side: "1806, April 4. By cash paid and expended to date per Particular, £137 18s. 10d." The "Particulars" here referred to are similar statements for previous quarters, carried forward quarter by quarter, the year terminating with the end of June, but as the Proceedings for 1805 and the first quarter of 1806 are wanting, it is not in our power to decide if the sums so brought forward cover the whole or only a part of the preceding nine months.

(To be continued).

### THE POPE AND THE FREEMASONS.

Within a century and a half the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons has been honoured with various forms of notice by his Holiness the Pope and other Roman Catholic dignitaries, and had the Bulls and Interdicts of that powerful ecclesiastical body the potent influence that many supposed, our Society would have ceased to exist long ere this. There is no need for us to enter on any defence of our beloved Institution, for never has its prosperity been so assured as during the present decade, and if the character and high position of many of its exalted members in this country and abroad are not sufficient in the eyes of some to justify its existence, we quite despair of offering anything that would satisfy them. We have no secret aims, and if what is known publicly of the Craft fails to prove the loyalty and law abiding character of its members, we can only say nothing else by way of evidence could possibly avail.

It is well, however, to hear what the "Press" has to say on the subject, and, as a rule, we have no reason to complain of the tone, either editorially or generally, in which our Society is alluded to. The *Pall Mall Gazette* of the 23rd inst. has an article, entitled "The Papal View of Freemasonry" by Mr. F. C. Burnand (presumably the Editor of *Punch*), which emphatically endorses the cosmopolitan basis of the Fraternity; but, at the same time, expresses what must be conceded is an important fact—that any Masonic Society "which dispenses with a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe as being no longer an essential qualification of membership, ceases ipso facto to be a true Masonic body." The writer observes: "No Catholic can honestly belong to a secret society;" and yet many belong to our Fraternity. It is not for us to reconcile their religious position with their obligations as Freemasons.

The *Western Morning News* of Plymouth, often valuable in a Masonic point of view for its excellent reports of meetings, considers that in "England Freemasons must regard the Pope's encyclical with a good deal of amusement," and after all we think this is the true light in which to treat all such effusions. "Nothing can be more innocent" (says the Editor) "than the objects of the Body of which the Prince of Wales is the head." There cannot however be "Roman Catholic Freemasons," as such, but members of that religion are as eligible to join the English Craft as those of any other Body. The *Evening Standard*, it appears, would "never dream of associating Freemasonry with any worse than the use and abuse of the latch-key." Now, to many not familiar with the present state of the Craft, this is quite a natural suggestion, but we venture to suggest that the key to the secret why so many of the great and good of the land "delight in our mysteries" must be sought for elsewhere than in the convivial elements of the society.

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At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, April 19th, 1884, Col. J. Creaton, Treasurer and Master, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election by ballot of 23 girls into the Institution, from a list of 35 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly

Table with columns: No. on Poll., No. on List., ELECTED, Votes. Lists names like Tanner, Mary; Webber, Florence Alice; Motion, Florence Ann, etc.

The numbers of votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Mrs. Pincombe begs to thank the Freemasons who worked so hard and so willingly to secure the election of her daughter,

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No. 38, Gloster, Harry Percy Owen,

The following were declared to be the

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**To Correspondents.**

The following communications have been received, but are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:—  
The Masonic Exhibition at York—Continuation of description of exhibits.  
CORRESPONDENCE—"R. W. Hollon," "Honour on our Choice."  
CRAFT LODGES—City of London, 901; Wanderers, 1096; Sir Francis Burdett, 1503; Rifle Brigade, 1962.  
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS—Jerusalem, 32; Sun Square and Compasses, 119.  
ROSE CROIX CHAPTER—Mount Calvary, 3.

**BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.**

"City Press," "Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, January, 1884," "Masonic Advocate," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Newbury Weekly News," "New York Dispatch," "Municipal Review," "New Zealand Freemason," "Fair Play," "La Revista Masónica del Peru," "Rough Ashlar," "Half-Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, December, 1883," "Court Circular," "Canadian Craftsman," "Report of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, 1883," "La Abeja," "Western Daily Mercury," "Die Bauhütte," "Jewish Chronicle," "Toronto Freeman," "Freemasons' Repository," "Canadian Statesman," "Pontefract Advertiser," "Keystone," "O Nivel," "The Gem," "El Taller," "La Reforma," "Rugeley Mercury," "Masonic Record of Western India," "Tricycling Journal."



SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1884.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**THE LAST ROMAN CATHOLIC DELIVERANCE.**  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Permit me to call the attention of your readers to the accompanying summary of Roman Catholic intolerance, as it appears in the Standard of Monday last: "I have before me an early copy of the Latin text of the Encyclical against Masonry. It is a long document, and would occupy about 10 columns of the Standard. After citing sundry declarations of the Church against Masonry, the Pope asserts that the Order is equally hostile to civil society and religion. He declares that various other sects of Socialists and Communists are, if not formally united to Masons, yet of a similar nature, equally pernicious and equally partaking of the nature of secret societies. The Pope observes, however, that what he has said of these sects is not to be taken as said of every member of either of them, since many, though not without fault in having

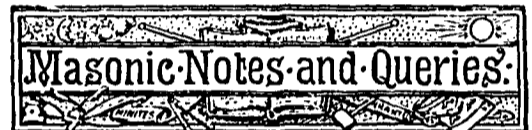
given their names to such societies, may be deceived as to their objects. He then stigmatises the error of naturalism, and the prevalent indifference between one form of faith and another, which is fatal to all religion. The doctrine of equality among men, true enough in one sense, is, in the sense given to it, destructive of all authority and of civil society. The one object of Masonry, Socialism, and Communism is the subversion of all civil society, and the vigour of the attack requires a similar determination in defence. The Pope concludes by recommending increased action on the part of the Bishops, that especial attention should be given to the young, and the employment of the Third Order of St. Francis as a means of action on the masses." Strictly speaking we ought perhaps to wait for the entire "Bull" or "Allocation," but I always think "forewarned" is "forearmed."—Fraternally yours,  
**ANTI-INTOLERANCE.**

**THE MAY ELECTIONS.**

Dear Bro. Kenning,—  
Permit me in the Freemason to thank many kind friends for Boys' and Girls' votes, which have enabled me to carry the cases I was interested in, and even help others. May I ask any who have Old Men's and Widows' votes to spare, to supplement their fraternal consideration by sending them to me at once?—Fraternally yours,  
A. F. A. WOODFORD.  
25A, Norfolk-terrace, Hyde Park, W.

**OUR LODGE NUMERATION.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."  
Dear Sir and Brother,  
Would not the present be an appropriate time for the revision of the list of lodges, so far as they numerically stand? I find in looking through the Calendar that there are 151 warrants unaccounted for, the first being No. 17, then 4 ranging between 100 and 200; 5, 300 and 400; 9 from 400 to 500; 19 between 500 and 600; 23, 600 and 700; 13, 700 and 800; 19, 800 and 900; 15, 900 and 1000; 9, 1000 and 1100; 13, 1100 and 1200; 5 from 1200 and 1300; 3 between 1300 and 1400; 8, 1400 and 1500; 3, 1500 and 1600; one number 1606; and lastly No. 1866, consecrated so recently as the year 1880. If so many lodges are Masonically dead, why not let the numbers of the respective lodges be revised, and a new and correct number given to each lodge, we should then have a reliable list and find the Crook Lodge held at Durham to be No. 1868, and not as now represented, No. 2019.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,  
JOHN W. TURNER.  
Huddersfield, April 23.



**SEVENTEENTH CENTURY FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND.**

327] In 1652, six years after his initiation at Warrington, Elias Ashmole published his "Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum," and which was a collection of "Hermetic mysteries" in poetic form of "our famous English philosophers." They are 30 in number, and among them is "The Ordinal of Alchemy," by Thomas Norton, of Bristol. This was then first published from the MS., and Ashmole seems to have seen several copies. In the "Proem" Norton mentions "Free Masons," whom he evidently considers "artificers," but claims as students of Hermeticism. He professes to have written his work in 1477, and if that date be correct we have a recognition of the "Craft" body in the fifteenth century. Elias Ashmole, who edited this work, and was himself initiated in 1646, does not in his notes (so far as I can see) allude to the Freemasons; but we have thus in 1652 another allusion to the Free Masons. Thomas Norton, about whom there is much uncertainty, is said to have been a pupil of Ripley. He calls himself "a perfect master," and it has occurred to me again, as it has often before, that in the High Grades we may have a curious reproduction of the terminology and nomenclature of the Hermetic Societies.  
**MASONIC STUDENT.**

**HISTORIC MEMORIES OF YORK.**

328] Bro. J. Marshall, of Sowerby Bridge, Halifax, has published recently a most interesting little Album, entitled "Historic Memories of York." The work is composed of a series of photographs illustrating the antiquities of York, accompanied with letterpress illustrations. The photographs are taken by Bro. Alfred Rogers, Manningham, Bradford, and our well-known Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, has supplied the preface and the descriptions. We entirely approve of the idea of the book, and think Bro. J. Marshall, P.M., deserves the thanks of all Masonic students and archaeologists for the thoughtfulness and zeal he has displayed in the arrangement and production of the work. In 1883 the members of the Apollo Commandery visited York, and received a right Masonic reception. This, not the first pleasant visit of our American brethren, Bro. Marshall thought well to perpetuate in some form, and at the same time to remind American and English brethren of that real link of Masonic heartiness, sympathy, and unity which draws together in one golden chain of friendship and fraternity American and English Freemasons. And as we think that others besides our good friends in America may wish to preserve this agreeable Souvenir of pleasant visits, as well a graceful and artistic Masonic Album, we call the attention of our readers to the subject, thanking Bro. Marshall for inviting our attention to his very effective work, and hoping it is not his last contribution towards the illustration of Masonic history and archaeology. Of old, York seems to have been a mystic centre of Freemasonry; to-day we owe to a band of students there much gratitude for zeal, energy, and discoveries in the too long neglected history and antiquities of our common and useful Order.  
A.F.A.W.

**THE WHITE ROSE OF YORK.**

329] I have been looking into the question asked by "Masonic Student" under this heading, but can find nothing to justify the legend. The emblem of the White Rose from very early periods up to the present day has been adopted by all sorts of Yorkshire societies and clubs, Masonic and otherwise; but, as I believe, without any authority or reason, save that the flower was the badge of the House of York.  
**T. B. WHYTEHEAD,**

GOULD'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.  
VOL. III.  
SECOND NOTICE.

By MASONIC STUDENT.

I am very sorry that I cannot for a few days make this second notice as full and as exhaustive as I could have wished, especially as regards the most important question of the value and comparison of the Guild Legends, and for two reasons—firstly, the Elections have left me very little spare time, and, secondly, the whole question has had to be reconsidered alike on "expert views" and with careful analysis and collation of MSS. But certain "facts" in respect of the MSS. seem to arise from a study of the MSS. in a visit I paid to the British Museum a few days ago, which I may well, by way of preface to a subsequent notice of a remarkable work, allude to briefly to-day.

The first is that great caution must be observed as to laying down certain conclusions, either from assumed identity of expression or from any "a priori" view of what any writer might be expected to have said. On this point there is no doubt among "experts" that no more unsafe ground of textual criticism can in any way be set up, and which, if true or sound, must affect in the most lamentable measure all textual criticism. It is most difficult also to lay down with precision the variations of chirography in the handwriting of a generation, and therefore any arbitrary system on any preconceived theories or "post hoc" assumptions must be rejected.

Secondly, there are several things which must be taken into account before we can possibly affix a date for certainty to either Harleian 1942 or 2054. Harleian 1942 is written "unà manu," and may represent an earlier or later period in the 17th century. The insertion of the New Articles, though so far unique and abnormal, is no impeachment of the genuineness or historical value of the MS.; on the contrary, it rather adds to the importance and value of the MS., textually and critically considered. In fact, there is not the slightest available objection against Harleian 1942, except what arises from the "New Articles," and whether 1942 be written 10 years earlier or 10 years later, it is in all probability, as Mr. Bond suggests, certainly within the first four decades of the seventeenth century. Harleian 1942 is a transcription of an earlier form.

In the third place, Harleian 2054 is a very curious MS. It is in the handwriting of Randle Holmes (the third); but, as in the same volumes MSS. of his handwriting date from 1646, it is impossible to say within a few years when it was really written. The asseveration of secrecy and the sums paid are written in the same hand, though it is patent on different paper and in a different ink, and we shall not be wrong in giving between 1646 and 1656 in all probability as the approximate date of the MS. There seems to be no critical or expert reason why Mr. Wallbran's theory is not correct and sound,—that 2054 is an attempt by Randle Holmes, or someone else, as transcribed by him, to modernize an older form, be that form what it may. Even the position of the Latin formula may be quite accidental, and a slip in its present position, and may really mean little and prove less.

Fourthly, it is much to be feared that the Inigo Jones's MS. will have to be given up as early seventeenth century. The paper-mark, which is very clear, will probably compel us to adopt a later date, though it is more than probable, as has been most critically suggested, that alike in the illustration and in the body of the legend it has been transcribed and copied from an older exemplar.

Lastly, the Wood MS. on an expert study presents some most curious features, so much so, as almost to lead to the conclusion that it was copied from a printed book. There is a good deal "pro and con" such a theory. I forbear therefore to say more on the subject to-day. Indeed the same remark applies in its measure to Inigo Jones's MS., but there are also many objections to such a reality. These remarks will convince my readers how complicated and important the question really is, and how it requires to be dealt with purely on scientific grounds and expert experience. I hope before long to give a third notice of Bro. Gould's valuable work, and especially that most able part of it which deals with our Masonic Guild Legends.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST  
YORKSHIRE.

On the 16th inst., the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield, under the banner of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, the W.M. and officers of which opened the preliminary lodge, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., Prov. G.M., afterwards assuming the chair and opening Prov. Grand Lodge, assisted by Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., S.G.D., D.P.G.M., and a full gathering of Prov. Grand Officers and brethren. After the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Halifax in January last, had been confirmed, and the customary salutations accorded,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren, remarking on the pleasure he experienced in having to welcome a larger representation of the lodges than was the case at Halifax in October last, when no less than 18 lodges were unrepresented. The R.W. Bro. proceeded: I think at least every Worshipful Master and charity member of each lodge should try to be present at our quarterly communications, because I regard these gatherings as an illustration of the advantages of free conference, to keep alive the interests of the lodges and to co-operate together in beneficent acts of charity, to promote a good fraternal understanding among the brethren, and to work out practical solutions such as are referred to in our charity report, and other matters connected with Grand Lodge which require serious consideration and remedial rectification as they arise year by year; therefore, brethren, non-responsive lodges detract from the utility of these gatherings. Brethren, I am glad that this quarterly meeting is held in Huddersfield. It reminds us of that greater and brilliant gathering on the 15th October last, when we assembled in this town to present an address of welcome to his Royal Highness the late Duke of Albany, Knight of the Garter, Knight of the Thistle, &c., &c. The then Mayor of Huddersfield is, I believe, here to-day, and I again thank him, and the present Mayor of this town, for the facilities they placed at the disposal of this Provincial Grand Lodge on that occasion. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire's visit to Durham on the 30th January last,

the addresses he gave to this and that province, and to the Freemasons of Seaham Harbour on the 19th February, merit our cordial acknowledgments. We now loyally treasure them up in our hearts because God has taken him from us, and we reciprocate his Royal Highness's sentiments of his "satisfaction at finding that the beneficial influences of Freemasonry are recognised and appreciated in our communities" outside as inside the various lodges. This province was represented on the occasion of the Royal visit to Durham by my Deputy and many other brethren from West Yorkshire. I must refer also to our Royal Grand Master, who has placed himself in the forefront of this campaign of usefulness and beneficent influences of noble works and generous actions—(applause)—which acts of graciousness have won the love and respect of the Craft and the people of this country—(hear, hear)—to the Queen, to himself, and the other members of the Royal family of this country, and done more to consolidate the throne on a solid foundation than if they had led our armies to the recent victories which our soldiers have so gallantly achieved. Our loyalty to the throne, sympathy to the Queen and to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany in their great bereavement, and our faithful adherence to the principles of our Order, as set forth in the volume of the sacred law, are in my humble opinion sure safeguards against the fostering and plotting of outrages in our midst which have for their objects the undermining the very foundations of social order. (Cheers.) I refer to a Lenten pastoral issued on the 26th February in a neighbouring island on the evil of unlawful associations, and classing Freemasons as the outcome of revolutionary secret societies. Brethren, the Irish Freemasons are a most loyal body of men. The Freemasons of England are sanctioned and upheld by Acts of Parliament as a collective body, and styled the "United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England," and every Freemason's name is registered in the office of the Clerk of the Peace. We have nothing illegally secret about us—(cheers)—and as loyal, peaceable, and well-conducted Freemasons of England and Ireland, we protest against these audacious charges that we can be counterpart of other illegal and inhuman associations. (Cheers.) It affords me much pride to notice the gradual increase of the influence and usefulness of the Craft. May it, under judicious administration, prosper and flourish in the midst of all sections of the community, so that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may, upon the best and surest foundations be established among us for all generations. In 1875 the Freemasons of the Aire and Calder Lodge laid the foundations of Christ Church at Goole, and on the 18th of March last there was a religious service held therein on the opening of the new Sailors' Institute for the Port of Goole. This institute, built at a cost of £1700, by the help of the Freemasons and others, is for the sailors' reading and recreation rooms. Our sympathies are with our sailors. We wish this institute every success at Goole. On the 7th of March my Deputy consecrated and dedicated the old Lodge of Saint George's, Doncaster, No. 242, in its new premises, Nether Hall. The warrant for the Beamont Lodge at Kirkburton, No. 2035, will be formally opened by my Deputy on May 8th. A copy of the revised Book of Constitutions has been supplied by the Board of General Purposes to the W.M. of each lodge on the roll of Grand Lodge of England; but I desire to mark this important event to my province by presenting a specially bound pedestal copy to each of our 67 lodges. This revised Book of Constitutions marks to my mind a new epoch in the history of Freemasonry. The original copy having been in force with slight alterations since the union in 1813, it will now be necessary to reappoint our Advice Committee to bring into harmony our Prov. Grand Lodge bye-laws with the new Book of Constitutions. For this business I hope I may rely upon the assistance and co-operation of the brethren who so ably devoted their time to an examination of the amendments of the newly revised Book of Constitutions. It affords me satisfaction to state that the Special Building Committee appointed on the 5th December last, of which my deputy is a member, has met several times since in Freemasons' Hall, that contracts have been let for the restoration of the beautiful hall, and that it will be completed and ready for the use of the Craft this month, the work being carried on and completed with the amount received from the insurance company as compensation for the late fire. Our Charity Committee met at Wakefield on the 22nd March. There were 11 applicants for your charitable support. Their report will shortly be presented to you. I ask every lodge Charity Steward to read this report to his lodge, and direct attention to the support urgently needed. Last year 530 votes were lost to us by death. I appeal to all of you to help the Charity Committee in their arduous labours by generous contributions to our several Institutions. Our lessons of Freemasonry teach us much of the instability of human affairs, and therefore it is well to remember that we benefit ourselves by the good we try to do for the happiness of those who are unfortunate, helpless, and forlorn. We mourn to-day the death of the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany. Both Houses of Parliament have already moved addresses of condolence to her Majesty on this national bereavement, and have spoken through her Ministers in graceful terms of the high mental qualities of the deceased Royal duke. But we also as Freemasons desire to express our grief and sorrow on this irreparable loss sustained by the State and the Craft, and to place on the records of this Provincial Grand Lodge the feelings which animate us on this mournful event. The Royal Prince whom we have lost was not marked solely by his birth and Masonic rank, but with rare gifts with which Nature had endowed him, and which he had assiduously cultivated, and which he was devoting for the good of this country, and to the encouragement of every useful, scientific, and benevolent work. There is another Royal lady who feels this shock, and who graced Huddersfield with her presence last autumn—the Duchess of Albany; and our Masonic sympathies extend to her as well as to the Queen and the Prince of Wales. To one and all of the Royal Family of England our hearts are moved to place on record this testimony of our sympathies, and to offer our tribute of responsive condolence for the loss the Queen, her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, and the Craft have sustained. His Royal Highness was to have presided at the Boys' School eighty-sixth annual festival on the 26th of June. We have to lament the loss by death of several prominent members of the Craft of West Yorkshire, among whom are Bro. Mark Dawson, late Mayor of Bradford; Bro. S. O. Bailey, Bradford, who was

connected with the Bradford Historical and Antiquarian Society; Bro. William Foster, of Hornby Castle, late High Sheriff of Lancashire; the Rev. Dr. Neary, of Ossett; Bro. Anton Englemann, late of Harmony Lodge, No. 600, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden and founder of Lodge No. 874, now 600, Harmony, who died at Frankfort on the 17th of March; and several others. Bro. Motley Ward's example has been followed in our charity subscription list by a son of the late Bro. Wm. Foster, of Pentalfa Lodge, No. 974, by a donation of 50 guineas to the Girls' Festival, to be held on the 21st May. And now, brethren, comes the most delicate and the most perplexing part of my duties as your Prov. Grand Master, the exercise of my prerogative under Clause 87 of the Book of Constitutions. With 887 Past Masters and Worshipful Masters, the difficulty of appointing officers for the ensuing year is an onerous one, and although the Grand Lodge has placed two more at my disposal, I yet have only the means of recognising the fewest of these yearly increasing claims. One appointment I venture to make is W. Bro. Wright Mellor, the Worshipful the Mayor of Huddersfield, as my Senior Grand Warden, in acknowledgment of the splendid reception of the late Duke and the Duchess of Albany. I thank other lodges of Huddersfield for their co-operation in this day's proceedings, and all of you for the attention you have given to this address, and I now ask your earnest consideration to the business on the agenda paper.

Bro. TEW, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, then addressed the brethren on matters affecting the working of the Craft. He deprecated a system of private communications to the Prov. Grand Master instead of through the ordinary channel of the Secretary's office.

A vote of condolence to her Majesty the Queen on the recent death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, as well as one in similar terms to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, was unanimously adopted. The resolution was signed by Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., Prov. Grand Master; Thos. Wm. Tew, Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England; Wright Mellor, Mayor of Huddersfield, Senior Grand Warden; George E. Webster, Prov. Grand Reg.; Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Sec.

The following brethren were then appointed officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Wright Mellor, J.P., 275	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. Waud, J.P., 302	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., 1211	}	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester, M.A., 1542		
" Jas. Hy. Gratton (elected) 1513	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. S. Sunderland, 1301	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Henry Smith, 387	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Benjamin Hutchinson, 290	}	Prov. G.S.Ds.
" J. Lowenthal, 275		
" Wm. W. Barlow, 302	...	Prov. G.J.Ds.
" R. Williamson, 521	...	...
" T. Winn, 1211	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. W. Monkman, 1018	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. S. Holdsworth, 408	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" T. Pickles, 258	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. Pearson, 1034	...	Prov. G. Swd.Br.
" J. France, 208	}	Prov. G.Std. Brs.
" A. Austin, 306		
" J. W. Phillips, 139	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. G. E. Green, 1019	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" W. J. Seed, 1302	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Cockroft, 307	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
Bros. R. Schott, 296; T. Whittaker, 448; R. Ackrill, 1001; J. Wright, 600; J. Bedford, 304; and J. Brailsford, jun., 1779	}	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. J. Lee, 290		
" J. Sheard, 208	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

The annual report of the Charity Committee was presented and adopted.

Sir Henry Edwards, P.G.M., then presented the Provincial Grand Lodge with three additional full sets of Provincial Officers' clothing and jewels, and two standards richly embroidered with Masonic devices. He also presented to each lodge a handsomely bound copy of the revised Book of Constitutions, for all of which a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded him.

After other business of the province had been transacted, and petitions for relief considered, the meeting terminated.

THE MOVEABLE GRAND MARK LODGE  
AT YORK.

Preparations for the Moveable Grand Mark Lodge at York on the 9th May are progressing rapidly. At a meeting of the Committee of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, held at York a few days ago, at which the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. W. Woodall, presided, a local executive was appointed, consisting of Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; and J. Todd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., and a general plan of the arrangements for the day was unanimously approved. The Grand Mark Master Mason, Lord Heniker, having signified his intention of opening Grand Lodge at three o'clock p.m., the brethren will be summoned for two o'clock p.m., and Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in the Assembly Rooms, Blake-street, at 2.30, and the Prov. Grand Master will proceed to move a vote of condolence on the death of the late Duke of Albany. At three o'clock p.m. the Grand Lodge will enter in procession, and after the usual formalities will be opened in ample form. The principal business will be the constitution and consecration of the Streanshalh Lodge, No. 337, a warrant for which has been granted to be held at Whitby, and the installation of its W.M. designate, Bro. W. H. Marwood. Streanshalh, or Stroneshalh, is the old Saxon name of Whitby, so called, says Bede, from a watch-tower which stood on the cliff. The name afterwards became Whiteby or Whitby, meaning, no doubt, White Town. At 5.30 a collation will be held in the great hall of the Art Exhibition, at which the Grand Master will preside, and at 8 o'clock there will be a vocal and instrumental concert to which all Master Masons and ladies introduced by them will be admitted at a trifling charge. In the Art Exhibition are several valuable collections of pictures, &c., and these galleries will be open to the brethren without any extra charge. There is every prospect of a large muster of members of the Mark Degree, and should the weather prove fine we anticipate for those who are present a most



enjoyable day. We may add that for those who care to see something of York and its interesting antiquities, and who reach that city in good time, provision will be made for their access to the Minster, the Philosophical Societies' Gardens, the City Walls, the Masonic Hall, and other places of interest, and Bro. T. B. Whythead's services will be at the disposal of those who wish to be introduced to the Masonic archæology of "Alma Mater Latomorum."

**THE DEATH OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY, P.G.W., &c.**

**THE PROVINCE OF HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.**

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.**

A Special Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on the 16th inst., under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., for the purpose of voting addresses of condolence with her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire. An unusually numerous attendance for a Special Grand Lodge was registered, among the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers being the following: Bros. Wm. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; Gen. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W., P.P.G.W.; J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. P. G. W. Pickering, 35, Prov. G. Chap.; G. J. Tilling, 1461, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; E. W. Watts, 151, P.P.G.C.; A. J. Firth, 698, Prov. G. Org.; E. W. Rebbeck, 195, P.P.G.S.W.; G. D. Major, 1331, P.P.G.S.B.; S. R. Everitt, 76, P.P.G.D.; J. Dew, 694, P.P.G.R.; C. J. Phillips, 130, P.P.G.S.D.; S. Scott, 394, P.P.G.C.; M. Emanuel, 359, Prov. G.R.; J. Adams, 359, P.P.G.D.C.; J. S. Pearce, 1780, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Doman, 319, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Loveland-Loveland, 1869, P.P.G.R.; J. H. Biggs, 130, and J. Exell, 487, Prov. G. Tylers; T. S. Furnell, 195, P.P.G.A.D.C. Dorset, and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened with Bros. T. Best and H. Cawtes as acting Wardens, the PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his belief that he rightly interpreted the feeling of the brethren in calling them together in connection with the unexpected death which had lately plunged the whole nation into mourning, and which came home in an especial manner to the hearts of Masons, with whom the deceased Prince had been long associated, and in whose welfare he took and active interest. Identifying himself with the social welfare of his countrymen, and entering into their charitable purposes, the Duke showed himself ready to fulfil whatever duty was reasonably expected of him in an able, active, and energetic manner. Such was the courtesy with which he performed these duties, that he endeared himself to the hearts of all who were brought into contact with him. The members of the Order had peculiar reason for loving and venerating his name, as when he came amongst them, taking the greatest interest in the prosperity of Masonry, not slow to recognize its purpose and aims, he took an active interest in promoting and promulgating the art both in Grand Lodge and in presiding over the Province of Oxfordshire, in which position he proved himself a Mason to whom his brethren could look up with veneration, love, and affection. They might have looked forward to his taking an active interest in Masonry for many a year to come, but he had been snatched from amongst us, leaving a name behind him second to none in the annals of the Craft. In recording their own feelings on this sad event, they desired to remember also the feelings of others, for if they, as Masons, appreciated the loss the Craft had sustained, that feeling must be felt in a far greater degree by those attached to his Royal Highness by the ties of affection. Her Majesty the Queen would naturally regret him, both as her youngest son and one of her children to whom she would be more closely attached by reason of the delicacy of his constitution from his childhood; and he was sure their Grand Master the Prince of Wales would mourn his loss as that of a very dear brother in the flesh. Nor should we forget our sympathies for the Duchess, whom, a short two years ago, he led to the altar as his wife, and who now mourned him as a widow. Feeling certain of the unanimity and depth of their feelings, he, with the utmost confidence, submitted to them the proposition that they should approach her Majesty the Queen, their Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and the widowed Duchess, with their sentiments of condolence and sympathy. He begged to propose that these sentiments be embodied in addresses expressive of the sentiments of Grand Lodge.

This the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded, his remarks being supplemented, in response to a suggestion by the Prov. Grand Master, by Bro. General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W. The Acting Senior Warden also, as a member of the Duke's lodge, and a P.P.G.W. of Oxfordshire, gave expressions to similar sentiments.

The proposal was carried amidst solemn silence. The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the proposed drafts of the addresses. That to her Majesty, after expressing deep sympathy and condolence, added "The memory of the deceased Prince will long be revered by the people of the extensive British Empire . . . We beg to assure your Majesty of our profound sorrow that so noble a Prince should have been lost to the nation at so early an age, but we trust that the universal love which was felt for him, and especially by his Masonic brethren, will afford some consolation to your Majesty in this hour of your affliction.—The address to the Prince of Wales respectfully and fraternally tendered to H.R.H. as head of the Order, "sincere and fraternal condolence, on the heavy bereavement which our most gracious Queen, your Royal Highness, and the other members of the Royal Family have sustained . . . He [the late Duke] leaves behind him a name that will long be held in affectionate remembrance throughout her Majesty's extensive dominions, and in an especial degree by the brethren of the Masonic Order, in which he held the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire and Grand Warden of England. We sincerely hope that your Royal Highness will be blessed with strength and resignation to support you under this deep affliction, and we pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe, the Almighty Disposer of Events, to grant to your Royal Highness length of days, health, and happiness in the discharge of your many varied and important duties, more especially those connected with our noble Order."—The address to the Duchess of Albany re-

marked that the deceased Prince, by his virtuous and useful life, secured for himself the warm affections of the whole British people, by whom his loss is now universally mourned, and in an especial manner by his Masonic brethren, in whose noble Order he held the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire and Grand Warden of England. We trust (it added) that the high and honoured esteem in which the good Prince Leopold was held, both at home and abroad, may afford some consolation to your Royal Highness in this hour of your great affliction.

These drafts having been approved of, their adoption was put and carried in solemn silence, the brethren all up-standing, and the P.G.Org., Bro. Firth, playing the "Dead March" from "Saul."

With instructions to the Prov. G. Sec. to have the addresses engrossed on vellum, sent to the Prov. G.M. for his signature, and then forwarded to Grand Secretary for presentation, Provincial Grand Lodge separated.

The handsome and massive gold-plated square and compasses, presented to Provincial Grand Lodge by Bro. P. M. Emanuel, Prov. G. Reg., for use with the large black-letter bible he recently presented, were on this occasion used for the first time.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.**

Subsequently, at a meeting of Royal Arch Masons of the province, appropriate addresses in similar terms were voted, many of the before-mentioned brethren taking part in the proceedings as companions.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.**

A special meeting of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge was held on the afternoon of the same day, at the Masonic Hall, for the same purpose as the above meetings. In the absence of M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Prov. G.M., M.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Past G.M., presided, supported by the D.P.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. Hickman, Past G.J.W.; W. Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, Past G.M.O., P.P.G.S.W.; R. L. Loveland, P.M. 63, P.G.S.W.; W. J. Hickman, P.M. 63, P.P.G.S.W.; Geo. J. Tilling, P.M. 63, P.G. Sec.; Lord John T aylor, S.W. 320, P.G.M.O.; M. Emanuel, P.M. 63, P.G.J.D.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 63, P.P.G. Reg. Mks.; John Dew, P.M. 37, P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Cross, P.M. 63, P.P.G.J.O.; J. Gieve, W.M. 2, P.P.G.D.C.; G. A. Mursell, S.W. 149, P.P.G.D.C.; D. O. Hobbs, S.W. 63, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. Gibson, S.O. 37, P.P.G. Insp. Wks.; W. C. Webb, M.O. 305, P.P.G. Insp. Wks.; C. W. Bemister, Sec. 63, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. G. Robinson, J.O. 305, P.G.I.G.; J. C. Arlidge, S.O. 62, Prov. G. Org.; J. Watson, 17, Prov. G. Tyler; and others.

The notice convening the meeting having been read by the Prov. G. Sec., the M.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach in eloquent terms proposed, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman, seconded, that addresses of condolence be passed to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Past Grand Master; and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the great loss they have sustained by the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Past Grand Master. The following is the address to her Majesty:— "This Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight humbly desires to offer its most respectful condolences to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the great loss which Her Majesty, together with the whole empire, has sustained in the untimely death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons. And this Provincial Grand Lodge most humbly prays that the Almighty may be pleased to extend His consolations to Her Most Gracious Majesty and the Royal Family in their bereavement."

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.**

A special meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 16th inst., for the purpose of adopting an address of condolence on the occasion of the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.W., R.W. Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at half-past two o'clock by the Rt. Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.M., who was supported by R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; W. Bros. G. Toller, jun., P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M.; J. T. Thorp, Prov. G.S.W.; W. S. Allen, Prov. G.J.W.; the Rev. A. P. Dawson, Prov. G. Chap.; A. H. Burgess, Prov. G. Reg.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; S. Cleaver, Prov. G.S.D.; F. Griffith, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; J. Young, Prov. G.D.C.; C. Gurden, Prov. G.A.D.C.; T. B. Laxton, Prov. G. Org.; B. Wood, Prov. G. Purst.; R. R. Cole, Prov. G.A. Purst.; Bros. C. Oliver, J. E. Beazley, and J. B. Fowler, Prov. G. Stwds.; W. Bros. Rev. W. Langley, P.M. 50 and 1130, W.M. 2028, P.P.G.W.; M. J. Walker, P.P.G.W.; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.G.C.; F. J. Baines, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Michie, W.M. 279; W. Wilkinson, W.M. 1007; R. S. Toller, W.M. 1560; and many others, including Bros. C. H. Cromwell Marsh, 199, and Frederick Nicholls, 1050, as visitors.

The rolls of lodges and of Provincial Grand Officers having been called over and duly responded to, the Prov. Grand Master called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the draft of an address of condolence which had been prepared in the following terms:—

"To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

"May it please your Royal Highness,—We, the Provincial Grand Master, the Past Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the present and past Provincial Grand Officers and other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, in open lodge assembled, beg leave to offer, through your Most Worshipful Grand Master, to all the members of the Royal Family, the expression of our profound regret and tender sympathy in this season of bereavement.

"To her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, we beg you, Sir, to present our loyal homage, and to assure her Majesty that in our several homes is deeply felt the shadow of the irremediable loss caused by the decease of her son, and that at such a time as this the heart of England beats in union with her own.

"To your widowed sister, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, we beg you of your goodness to say that beyond the immediate circle of the Royal Family, the

late Prince Leopold is mourned by none more truly than by the brethren of the Order he adorned, and in which he deservedly ranked so high.

"To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and to the Royal Princes, your brothers, now absent on foreign service, we, your humble but true brethren of the Craft, respectfully offer our fraternal support in deepest sympathy, since we feel that a Freemason is never so truly 'brother to a prince' as when his prince is stricken with one of the sorrows of our common humanity—the loss of an estimable and dearly-loved brother.

"To all your Royal House we tender the support of our prayers; that He who cares for the fatherless and the widow may have you ever in His holy keeping, and that after happy and honoured lives on earth, you may be reunited in the home beyond the grave, 'there to shine as the stars for ever and ever.'

"FERRERS, Prov. G.M.

"WM. KELLY, Past Prov. G.M.

"G. TOLLER, jun., Dep. Prov. G.M.

"S. S. PARTRIDGE, Prov. G. Sec.

"Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, April 16, 1884."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that as the head of the Craft in this province it was right and fitting that he should move the adoption of the address which had just been read. The language of the address was very happily selected and he felt sure that in a very suitable manner it expressed the feelings of the brethren and conveyed everything that they could wish to say on so mournful an occasion. After making appropriate allusion to the interest evinced by the late Prince Leopold in all Masonic matters, and to the admirable way in which his Royal Highness had fulfilled the many great and onerous duties of his high rank and distinguished position and particularly to the eminent manner in which he cultivated and encouraged the liberal arts and sciences, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master concluded by proposing that the address should be adopted and presented to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in seconding the adoption of the address, fully agreed with the R.W. Prov. Grand Master in his remarks respecting the language contained in the address, and also as to the great loss sustained in the sudden and lamented decease of the Duke of Albany, who had he lived would undoubtedly have been called to even higher Masonic rank, and who in his short life had by his amiable and courteous manner, with his many good and excellent qualities already taken a deep hold upon the affection of the people.

The resolution on being formally submitted was unanimously approved, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. SERGEANT-MAJOR GEORGE SCARFE,**

A Past Master of the lodge attached to the 17th Lancers and Inner Guard of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, died at Hertford on the 26th of last month. He was deservedly respected and deeply regretted both by his comrades in the Hertfordshire Yeomanry, to which regiment he was attached, and by his brethren in Freemasonry. He was buried with military honours on the 1st inst., many brethren of No. 403 joining the procession, and amongst those who followed his remains to the grave were Bros. Major Richard Croft, W.M. and P.M. 403; Bro. Capt. Mervyn Archdale, and Bro. Sergeant-Major Kirby, all of the Herts Yeomanry; Capt. Becher, several non-commissioned officers, and the band of the 3rd Batt. Bedfordshire Regiment, also attended, and the Herts Volunteers were represented by Bro. Capt. Murray, 403, a sergeant, and 20 men, who formed the firing party. A detachment of the 17th Lancers came from Canterbury to pay a last tribute of respect to their late comrade.

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths.**

**BIRTHS.**

GARRETT.—On the 18th inst., at Linsdale, Bucks, the wife of the Rev. Frederick M. Garrett, of a son.

MACAULAY.—On the 19th inst., at Leicester, the wife of Colin A. Macaulay, of a son.

**MARRIAGES.**

ROGERS—SMITH.—On the 19th inst., at St. Saviour's, Aberdeen-park, Evan Macgregor, son of G. Rogers, to Margaret Annie, daughter of the late F. W. Smith.

**DEATHS.**

DEWAR.—On the 23rd inst., Bro. Donald M. Dewar, Asst. Grand Mark Secretary.

A SENSATION WINE SALE recently took place at the Commercial Sale Rooms, when 1200 dozens of clarets, of the vintage 1874, the produce of the celebrated Chateaux Margaux, was sold. Messrs. Spiers and Pond were large purchasers, and appeared to buy with marked determination. A hundred dozens of wine at 90s., several scarcely smaller parcels at 66s., 72s., and 85s., went to make "a big bag" for the enterprising and popular caterers, and when they gave 121s. per dozen for the Chamberlain vintage 1848 a question naturally occurred to one as to what would have to be paid for a dinner at the Criterion in future! The connoisseur of wine may be accustomed to the sensational results of Pall Mall auctions, but they are limited in their nature, and are mostly confined to "private buyers," but 7,525 dozens of the choicest old clarets, Burgundies, &c., have never before been submitted and disposed of to cash buyers, and that in a space of three hours. Trade may be "bad" in England, but when the trained and experienced buyers of the wine market dare venture to take over from Belgium such costly wines as those under notice, trade must either be better here than in Belgium, or the habits of the people in that thrifty country are inducing them to avail themselves of the results of our ever-improving civilisation or the temptation to employ the increasing wealth of Old England in the most costly and elegant indulgences.

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### Craft Masonry.

**CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—PRESENTATION TO THE TREASURER.**—The April meeting of this lodge was held on the 7th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. Walter Wood, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Cubitt, S.W.; Saint, J.W.; Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; Shackell, P.M., Sec.; Sylvester, S.D.; Smithers, J.D.; Past Masters Birch, Warne, S. Webb, Reed, Lemere, Biddle, Fells, and Smith, I.P.M.; Freeman, Rickell, Davey, Grounds, Gosheron, Grundy, Garwood, and others. Visitors, Bros. R. Harvey, 177; H. Fooss, 917.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, but owing to the absence of a candidate for raising there was no special work before the lodge. The pressing necessities of a distressed brother having been relieved from the Benevolent Fund a petition to the Board of Benevolence on his behalf was numerously signed.

On the proposition of the W.M., votes of condolence and sympathy with her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, were unanimously carried and ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge and copies forwarded to the proper quarters.

Bro. Lemere, P.M., called the attention of the brethren to the fact of his being Steward for the approaching Girls' Festival, and solicited their subscriptions to enable him to take up a sum worthy of so old a lodge.

The W.M. then in brief but happily appropriate terms referred to the valuable, faithful, and lengthy services devoted to the lodge by Bro. G. F. S. Warne, P.M., who had so efficiently discharged the duties of Treasurer for twenty-two years, and presented him on his retirement with a valuable souvenir of regard, subscribed for by the brethren, in the form of a finely chased old silver vase, with cover, bearing a suitable inscription.

This presentation was accompanied by an elaborately illuminated vellum, rehearsing the merits of the recipient, and the hearty good wishes of the donors. The preparation of the testimonial was entrusted to Bro. S. Webb, P.M., D.C., and bore evidence of his artistic taste.

Bro. Warne having thanked the brethren for the unexpected but highly valued gift, assured them of his unflinching interest in everything connected with their prosperity and welfare. The lodge was closed with the usual solemnity.

At the supper table the customary loyal and Masonic toasts received due honour, but in deference to the recent melancholy event, the songs which usually enliven Craft festivities were omitted, and the brethren separated at an early hour, having spent a very pleasant and quiet evening.

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1550).**—On Thursday se'night, the 10th inst., the forty-ninth meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. In consequence of the death of the R.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.V., &c., the W.M., Bro. H. Henton, had issued instructions for the brethren to appear in mourning, this being done prior to the general order issued from Grand Secretary's office. The lodge room at the Ship was gloomy to a degree, the pedestals being heavily draped with black cloth, with the letter L. in white on the front of each. The banners of the W.M. and Past Masters were draped with crape, and the brethren attended in full Masonic mourning.

There were present Bros. Hiram Henton, W.M.; H. Wild, acting as S.W.; G. P. Bertini, J.W.; C. Grassi, S.D.; F. Cash, J.D.; A. Priest, I.G.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; T. Grummant, I.P.M.; Ernest Smith, P.M., Sec.; J. D. Graham, D.C.; G. E. Court, W.S.; J. H. Meyer, C.S.; J. North, A.W.S.; A. B. Church, Tyler; Neville, Mazzone, Pinoli, Barrett, Fry, and Chescoe; also the following visitors: Bros. W. Andrews, P.M. 177; G. McLow, P.M. 1670; E. J. Leeds-Smith, J.W. 803; T. O. Harding, J.D. 1460; and B. Perelli-Rocco, 1305.

Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the installation meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the following gentlemen, candidates for admission into the ancient privileges of Freemasonry, viz., Messrs. Cecil Howard, Henry Woodham, F. Vannoni, F. Canuto, and C. A. Sabow, and they were all elected unanimously. Messrs. Howard and Woodham being in attendance were admitted and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., who performed his task in an excellent manner. Bros. Barrett, Neville, Chescoe, and Mazzone were next raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in a most impressive manner, the two former by the W.M., and the two latter by Bro. Ernest Smith, P.M., Sec., by permission of the W.M.

Bro. Ernest Smith then proposed "That a respectful letter of condolence from the Past Masters, officers, and members of this lodge be addressed to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master upon the occasion of his recent bereavement in the death of his youngest brother, the R.W. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.W., &c., &c., and the same be recorded on the minutes of the lodge." This was seconded by Bro. E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas., and was carried unanimously.

After some further Masonic business had engaged the brethren, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to town, where they sat down to a banquet admirably catered by Bro. Pinoli, at his restaurant, Wardour-street, W.C. After ample justice had been done the good things provided, the toast list was briskly run through, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on the 8th inst., when the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. James Wade. About 120 brethren attended the lodge, including Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Hon. Members; and the following visitors: Bros. J. T. Allingham, 1967; J. Knott, W.M. 1424; A. Johnston, P.M. 1424; W. Brown, J.W. 1424; M. Orton, 1424; J. Bond, W.M.

1314; W. E. Smith, 1563; C. Tayler, 1624; T. Vincent, P.M. 1861; V. King, 1585; E. Thurkle, 87; W. Coulthard, 1624; R. Stamp, 1944; J. Arnold, 700; H. T. Cooper, 1567; W. Cutbush, 263; J. Edwards, 1305; J. Driscoll, 30; E. Baxter, S.; H. Jay, 174; W. Ganton, 174; L. Escott, 733; W. Vincent, 1624; W. T. Day, 179; Rev. R. C. Solbe, M.A., 1789; W. H. Baker, S.W. 2030; T. W. Murley, P.M. 1257; C. Piper, 177; J. W. Ray, 1624; W. H. Thomas, 45; J. Grist, 1624; W. Snodin, S.W. 157; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; N. Robinson, 55; T. J. Gilbert, 1853; J. F. Moran, 749; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting, together with the report of the Audit Committee, having been read and confirmed, Bro. T. Adams, 181, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bros. W. M. Tehan and H. Brighton were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., after which Bros. W. J. Firlow, H. L. Harrison, and E. H. Sutton were passed to the degree of F.C., Mr. R. Bunce being subsequently duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. W. Brindley was then presented to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The newly-installed Master having been duly proclaimed and saluted appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Gibson, S.W.; H. Folson, J.W.; T. H. Meredith, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Scott, Sec.; W. Coleman, S.D.; W. F. Mimms, J.D.; H. Harvey, I.G.; E. Wilkes, D.C.; F. Luckhurst and T. H. Hill, Stwds.; G. C. Young, Org.; and J. Lachland, Tyler. Bro. the Rev. R. C. Halpin, M.A., was reappointed Chaplain, but owing to his unavoidable absence, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C., was invested on his behalf with the collar and badge of the office. The sum of £5 5s. was voted towards the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and all Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

At the banquet subsequently given at the Freemasons' Tavern the usual toasts were proposed. Bro. Brindley in giving the loyal toasts referred in feeling terms to the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G. The remaining toasts were "The W.M.," "I.P.M.," "Initiates," "Visitors," "Past Masters," "Officers," and "Masonic Charities." Bro. E. Baxter, P.M., P.G.S., responding to that of the visitors, and Bro. A. Brookson on behalf of the Past Masters, the latter brother reciting a few verses composed by himself relative to the founders of the lodge. Bro. George Boulton, P.M., in replying to the toast of the Masonic Charities said their three Charities were noble institutions, well deserving their support, where the young and old were provided with a home in almost every sense of the word. He particularly asked their attention to the claims of the Girls' School, wherein 239 orphans were being clothed, fed, educated, and prepared for the battle of life. Living in the neighbourhood of the School, he had an opportunity of seeing them, and he assured them that he never felt so proud of being a Mason as when he saw their happy, healthy faces on their way to or from church; and could not but think how different it might have been with them had they not had so excellent a father as the Craft to care for them. He entreated the brethren to do their best to support that Charity by increasing the amount on his list so far as it was in their power to do so. He was pleased to inform them that up to the present he had paid in £50 8s. The immediate result of this appeal was the sum of £10 10s., though many of the brethren had left, the toast being proposed late in the order of the proceedings. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant and satisfactory meeting.

**SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).**—This flourishing lodge met at the East Dulwich Hotel, near Champion Hill Station, on the 17th inst., the occasion being the installation of the W.M. There were a very large number of brethren present to witness the ceremony. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. A. J. Bellis, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. Burnett, S.W.; Powles, J.W.; Eagle, Treas.; Hook, Sec.; Anderson, S.D.; L. Eagle, J.D.; Wimble, I.G.; Forge, D.C.; Rowan, W.S.; Bowler, Tyler; and 30 members of the lodge. The following visitors were also present: Bros. Greenwood, P.M. 710, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec. Surrey; A. F. Leech, W.M. 749; Dawes, I.P.M. 619; Hall, I.P.M. 749; Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; Osborn, P.M. 1602, S.W. 1897; Rose, P.M. 73; Taffs, I.P.M. 186; Young, P.M. 732; Woodman, S.W. 1950; Walker, J.W. 65; Garland, W.S. 1728; Collings, Org. 1693; Probert, 340; Franklin Clive, 1319; Chambers, 749; White, 55; Wallis, 901; McNaughton, 291 S.C.; Gaywood, 206; Hawtin, 1677; Spencer, 765; Bye, 1986; Wootton, 1985; Baker, 1471; Yates, 879; Akehurst, 1693; Siddall, 548; and Dale, 540.

The minutes of the regular lodge meeting held on the 20th March, and of the emergency held on the 10th inst., were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, showing the lodge to be in a good financial condition. Bro. W. Poole was then passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being impressively rendered. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. William Robert Barnett, who, having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and, having been saluted by the brethren, received their hearty congratulations. The charges to the W.M., officers, and brethren were impressively delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Bellis, I.P.M., the ceremony being made particularly effective by the introduction of anthems, &c. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Bellis, I.P.M.; Powles, S.W.; Anderson, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; Bellis, P.M., Sec.; L. Eagle, S.D.; Wimble, J.D.; Gauntlett, I.G.; Forge, D.C.; Rowan and Davis, W. Stewards; and Bowler, Tyler, the W.M. performing his task in a very praiseworthy manner. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the Treasurer, the sum of ten guineas was given to the I.P.M. to be placed on his list as Steward for the next festival of the Boys' Masonic Institution. Several propositions for candidates for initiation were then received. There being no further business, after hearty congratulations from the visitors present, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The usual loyal toasts having been given and responded to, the W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers" said it was always a pleasure to see the Grand Officers visiting lodges, so that they might see how the work was carried on, and he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B. of England and Prov. Grand Sec. of Surrey.

The toast having been heartily received, Bro. Greenwood in responding said that it gave him great pleasure in being present that evening, as it was his first visit to the Selwyn Lodge. He was sure that he should carry away with him a feeling of pleasure after seeing the admirable working of so young a lodge, and he congratulated the W.M. in having been placed at its head.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by the I.P.M., who said that the W.M. had always evinced a very great interest in the welfare of the Selwyn Lodge, both as a founder and in the careful manner he had performed the duties of every office that he had undertaken.

The toast having been cordially responded to, the W.M. in reply stated that it had been his great ambition to attain the position of W.M., and he thanked the brethren for the confidence they had placed in him by electing him to the office, and he felt sure that he should have the assistance of all in helping him to make his year of office a success. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master and Past Masters," and stated that it afforded him great gratification to mention the name of Bro. Bellis, I.P.M., who had that evening installed him into the chair of K.S. in such an admirable manner, and he felt sure that the brethren fully recognised the services that Bro. Bellis had rendered the lodge. He had the most sincere pleasure in pinning on Bro. Bellis's breast the Past Master's jewel presented to him by the brethren, and hoped that he would long be spared to wear it.

Bro. Bellis said that he felt it a somewhat difficult matter to reply to the flattering terms in which the W.M. had mentioned his name. He thanked them one and all for the hearty support they had accorded to him, and also more particularly for the mark of their appreciation of his services in the very handsome jewel which the W.M. had just presented to him, and also for the additional present of a beautiful collar and jewel which he hoped long to wear in remembrance of their kindness and esteem for him.

The next toast was that of "The Initiate," to which Bro. Evans responded in a felicitous speech.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Visitors" remarked that the Selwyn Lodge was always pleased to see visitors, more especially on an occasion like the present, and he trusted that they would go away well pleased with the working of the lodge and the kindly greeting that they had received.

The toast having been cordially received, Bro. Leech, W.M. 749, expressed his great pleasure at being present at the installation of the W.M., Bro. Burnett, who had entered Masonry at the same time as himself, and he wished him every success.

Bro. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329, in reply said that he had been much impressed with the beautiful manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed by the I.P.M. He was sure that every officer in the lodge would emulate the good working of the I.P.M., and he wished the W.M. a successful year of office.

Bros. Osborn, P.M. 1602, and Dawes, I.P.M. 1619, also replied.

"The Health of the Officers" was then proposed and responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a successful termination.

The toasts were interspersed with songs by Bros. Franklin Clive, Probert, Akehurst, Woodman, Wallis, Campbell, and a clarinet solo by Bro. E. Eagle. The whole of the musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. A. Collings, Org. 1693. The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—This rising and prosperous young lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday the 19th inst., when an amount of work was got through such as only an old and experienced hand like our esteemed Bro. Geo. Everett and his very efficient staff of officers could possibly have completed in the time, the ceremony of raising being performed twice, then a passing, and afterwards three candidates initiated. The lodge was splendidly clothed in mourning, the drapery (black and silver) being the work of Mrs. Price, wife of the worthy Secretary, who kindly presented it to the lodge. The officers present were Bros. Geo. Everett, W.M.; Geo. Gardiner, J.W., acting S.W.; Harry Price, Sec., acting J.W.; Dr. F. Lawrence, Treas.; Richard Harvey, S.D.; Sadler Wood, J.D.; H. O. Smith, I.G.; W. Rippen, W.S.; W. A. Dowling, H. G. Hill, H. Furze, J. Brown, W. H. Wilson, C. Hughes, and R. H. Wimpey. Bros. R. P. Atkin, P.M., 55, and T. Wright, were visitors.

Bros. H. G. Hill, R. Wimpey, John Brown, and W. H. Wilson were raised, Bro. Charles Hughes passed, and Messrs. E. W. Bayley, W. Clowes, and Charles Coward initiated. A vote of respectful sympathy and condolence was passed to the M.W. Grand Master in his bereavement by the death of the Duke of Albany. Bro. George Gardiner, J.W., was voted ten guineas towards his Steward's list for the Girls' School, this action on the part of the lodge being worthy of note as the lodge has been scarcely six months in existence. Permission was given for a lodge of instruction to be held under the warrant of the Chiswick Lodge. An excellent banquet followed, which reflected great credit on Bro. Thos. Wright, the proprietor of the Bolton Hotel, where the lodge holds its meetings, and a very happy evening was spent.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Castle Hotel. Bro. Councillor W. H. Russell, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. John Pearce, I.P.M.; J. Plowman, S.W.; J. Hirst, P.P.G.D. Herefordshire, P.M. 338, acting J.W.; E. W. J. Hennah, P.M., Sec.; H. F. Crossthwaite, acting S.D.; T. Markwick, J.D.; H. Gloyne, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; John Bray, J. B. Ford, 1184; W. S. Allen, T. H. Case, and Henry Kimm, I.G. 1184. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Sargent, P.M. 1184; and Robert Hughes, Sec. 1184.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, and the candidate for raising not being in attendance, the W.M., Bro. Russell, then very feelingly alluded to the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of R.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, lodge was closed in due form.

**SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Moor, was supported by Bros. Chas. McNamara, I.P.M.; J. R. Pattison, S.W.; R. Singleton, J.W.; H. Tonkinson, P.M., Treas.; Edwin

Clarkson, S.D.; Christopher M. Wake, J.D.; John Geo. Nasbet, I.G.; John J. Clay, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D. of C.; J. Hudson, acting Org.; Wm. A. O. Sutcliffe and J. G. Marshall, Stwds.; J. Storey and Wm. Birch, Auditors; and J. Brown, Tyler. There were a large number of visitors present, including Bros. J. Wood, P.G. J.W.; T. B. Laxton, P.G.O. Leicester and Rutland; M. Frampton, P.G.S.B.; W. Beattie, P.M. 1389; M. Douglass, P.M. 80; &c.

The lodge having been duly opened, the Organist performed the "Dead March" in "Saul," the brethren standing to order in the First Degree. The W.M., Bro. Moor, who spoke with evident emotion, said in the interval between their previous and that meeting, as they were all aware, there had passed away one who had been but a short time previously in their midst at the special provincial grand lodge at Durham. One had passed away, whose loss they one and all sincerely mourned. The decease of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M. of Oxfordshire, and P.G.W., was one that would be felt throughout the land, and particularly among Masons by whom H.R.H. was greatly esteemed.

The acting Secretary, Bro. Singleton, then read the circulars from Grand Lodge in regard to the death of his Royal Highness. The W.M. said that the chief officers of the lodge had, in common with other lodges in the province, attended the Provincial Grand Lodge at Durham, at which votes of condolence were passed. After other business, the lodge was closed. At refreshment the W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. C. McNamara, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wood, P.G.J.W.; M. Frampton, P.G.S.B.; H. Tonkinson, P.M.; W. Beattie, P.M.; J. R. Stuart, P.M.; T. B. Laxton, P.G.O. Leicester and Rutland; and others.

**GUERNSEY.—Mariners Lodge (No. 168).—CENTENARY FESTIVAL.**—Although Freemasonry has existed in the island of Guernsey for upwards of 130 years, only one of the several lodges that have been founded there has braved the vicissitudes of a century and laid claim to an uninterrupted existence during that period. The said lodge is the Mariners, which was erected under a warrant from the Ancient York Grand Lodge on the 9th March, 1784. The lodge was then numbered 222, but on the occasion of the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, the Mariners Lodge became 168, which number it still bears. During the long period of its existence its condition has alternated between prosperity and adversity, the latter sometimes predominating to a serious extent; indeed, so recently as 1878-9, the subscribing members were not sufficient to meet current expenses, and the old lodge was well nigh surrendering when the Great Architect raised it by the accession of a few subscribing members from sister lodges. The Mariners then took a new lease of life, and in its hundredth year is one of the most robust on the roll of the 2035 lodges now existing. The centennial was recently celebrated with great éclat, a portion of the business preceding a sumptuous banquet being the presentation to the I.P.M., Bro. T. Pengetley, of an elegant jewel, "in remembrance of his eventful year of office, and as a token of esteem and regard." During the proceedings a vote of condolence to the Queen on the lamented death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany was moved by Bro. F. Holmes, and seconded by Bro. Col. Jerome (Fort Major), both of whom were among the guests of the evening.

**BUDLEIGH SALTERTON.—Harmony Lodge (No. 372).**—A meeting was held on the 9th inst., at the Rolle Arms Hotel, when there were present Bros. Thomas Hine, W.M.; W. Sidwell, S.W.; J. Sarjent, J.W.; J. Littlejohn, Sec.; W. Britton, S.D.; A. Cowd, J.D.; W. Please, D.C.; J. Coombes, I.G.; J. W. Noble, Stwd.; W. Pratt, Tyler; Stickland, P.M.; Dumford, P.M.; Pidsley, P.M.; Kingdom, P.M.; Bennett, Thacker, Griffin, Madge, and others. The brethren appeared in mourning as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Albany. The minutes of the last regular stated lodge were read and confirmed.

The Worshipful Master in a feeling address said it was with grief and sorrow they heard of the lamented death of their illustrious Bro. the Duke of Albany, whose high and noble qualities had endeared him to the heart of every member of the Fraternity. He was a good son, a good husband, and a good Freemason. The W.M. concluded by moving a vote of condolence and sympathy with H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany on her sad bereavement. This was seconded by Bro. Noble and carried amid solemn silence.

Bro. Madge being found efficient was entrusted and passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Lodge was then closed back to the First Degree, when the ballot was taken and declared unanimous for Mr. Edward Kennington, a candidate for initiation, but he not being in attendance his initiation was deferred to next lodge. The lodge was then closed in peace, order, and harmony.

**WAKEFIELD.—Wakefield Lodge (No. 495).—FESTIVAL IN HONOUR OF THE FATHER AND FOUNDER OF THE LODGE.**—Reverence for the traditions of the past and regard for the elders who have borne the burden and heat of the day, are distinguishing features of the Craft, and these pleasing traits in the character of the brethren were forcibly exemplified in a memorable gathering of the above lodge on the 10th inst., when a festival was held in commemoration of the founding of the lodge and the installation of Bro. Statter, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.W., as its first W.M. The brethren gathered in large numbers, and included, not only many Past Masters and Provincial Officers, but also several brethren who on account of age rarely take part in the work of the lodge. A new member was initiated by the W.M., Bro. B. Craven, who did his work in a most creditable manner, the impressiveness of the ritual being much heightened by the introduction of vocal and instrumental music, which was admirably rendered. On the entrance of Bro. Statter he was received by the brethren standing, and was conducted to the dais. The minutes of the first regular lodge held on the 10th April, 1844, which excited considerable interest, were read, as were also letters of apology from Bros. T. W. Tew, G.S.D., D.P.G.M.; the Hon. and Rev. P. Y. Savile, P.M., P.P.G.C.; T. R. Sanderson, and others. The address of welcome to Bro. Statter was read, and

appropriate congratulatory addresses were delivered by Bros. W. W. Glover, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; William Wood, P.M.; W. L. Williams, W.M. 154; W. H. Gill, P.M. 1019, P.P.G.W.; and H. France, P.M. 1019, P.P.G.D. of C.

Bro. Statter in touching terms responded, and referred to days long gone by, and to brethren who had passed away whom he had ever found to be true to him and faithful to the Craft. He alluded to the formation and early struggles of the lodge, and concluded by congratulating the brethren upon possessing such a beautiful Masonic temple as that within which they were then gathered.

The lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Statter presided. In giving the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman specially referred to the great loss the Craft had sustained by the untimely death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold.

Bro. T. Senior, P.M., P.P.G.R., proposed "The Health of Bro. Statter, the venerable father and founder of the lodge," and spoke in the highest terms of his zeal, unwearied, and valuable labours, extending over a period of 40 years.

Bro. Statter's reply was received with great enthusiasm. Subsequently Bros. Edward Green, J.P., P.M.; Major Charlesworth, J.P., S.W.; M. E. Naylor, P.M.; G. Newton, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; P. R. Tomlinson, P.M.; and many other brethren took part in the proceedings.

**STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).**—The annual meeting was held on the 16th inst., at the Swan Hotel, when about 60 brethren from Stafford and other parts of the province attended to witness the installation of Bro. John Mottram as W.M. for the ensuing year. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Lieut.-Col. Foster Gough, G. Std. Br., D.P.G.M.; Frank James, P.D.P. G.M.; Capt. Bindley, P.M. 624, Prov. G.S.W.; W. H. Bailey, P.M. and Sec. 624 and 353; A. Hooper, W.M. 624; T. Mount Humphries, P.M. 529, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; T. J. Barnett, P.M. 526, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. Blackshaw, P.M. 533, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; the Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C.; J. Bodenham, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; T. E. Fowke, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; J. Senior, P.M., Prov. G.S.D.; J. Baker, W.M.; Walton Walker, W.M. 1838; F. C. Bastick, W.M. 419; G. Buttery, W.M. 1039; J. Ginders, W.M. 1575; J. G. Horder, P.M. 1039; D. H. Dunning, W.M. 637; G. Griffith, N. Joyce, J. Nutt, Dr. Hayes, and others.

Bro. J. Baker, I.P.M., was the Installing Master, and the ceremony having been performed in a satisfactory manner, Bro. Mottram proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing 12 months as follows: Bros. F. Woolley, S.W.; J. Woodbridge, J.W.; the Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., Chap.; N. Joyce, Treas.; H. Thorn, Sec.; J. Senior, P.M., D.C.; T. Rigby, S.D.; W. D. Batkin, J.D.; T. Bunting, Org.; S. S. Plant, I.G.; W. Brown, T. B. Mottram, and S. Moss, Stwds.; R. Tomlinson (Prov. G. Asst. Tyler) and J. J. Tomlinson, Tylers.

Bro. Senior, P.M., P.G.S.D., alluded to the recent sad loss the country and the Craft had sustained by the lamentable and sudden death of H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, K.G., R.W. Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, and proposed that a vote of condolence to her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany be entered on the minutes of the lodge. Bros. Bodenham, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., and Capt. Bindley, P.M., P.G.S.W., supported the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at which Bro. J. J. Mottram presided, the vic-chairs being respectively occupied by Bros. F. Woolley and J. Woodbridge. The repast was served by Bro. Senior in his well-known style, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of Bro. J. Mottram" being proposed by Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., and received with great cordiality. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital songs by Messrs. J. and J. Follows, and a very pleasant evening spent.

**CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. Robert Irving, W.M.; Peter Yates, I.P.M., as S.W.; J. B. Withnell, P.M., as J.W.; T. Forrester, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. M. Kerr, P.M., P.G.S.; L. Eccles, J.D.; G. Tootell, I.G.; J. Atherton, P.M. 1032, Tyler; W. C. P. Grimshaw, 1032, as Org.; T. Sharples, J. Willis, B. P. France, J. Monks, C. H. Richmond, as Sec.; G. Yates, and J. Scott, Visitor: Bro. Dr. Farmer. The lodge, which was in deep mourning, was duly opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The correspondence being read and discussed,

Bro. J. M. Kerr moved, according to notice, "That the members of the Ellesmere Lodge desire to record their sincere sympathy and condolence with her Majesty the Queen, the Duchess of Albany, and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, in their sad bereavement by the death of the lamented Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire," which, after many expressions of regret for his untimely loss, was seconded and carried unanimously, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

Bro. John Scott was passed to the F.C. by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers, Bro. P. Yates explaining the working tools and giving the charge and lecture in the Second Degree in a very impressive manner. Bros. J. B. Withnell, P.M., and P. Yates, I.P.M., were each presented by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of their valuable services during and since their respective years of office as W.M. Bros. Withnell and Yates suitably replied, thanking the brethren for such valuable tokens of their esteem. It may be here stated, as shewing the unprecedented progress of the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730, that these bring the number up to as many as six Past Master's jewels presented to members of the lodge within 18 months. Bro. Eccles, on behalf of a Committee of the brethren, then formally presented the lodge with a capital American organ, which had been privately subscribed for by a few of the musical brethren. This handsome gift was accepted very gratefully, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Eccles for his eminently successful efforts in this matter. Bro. J. M. Kerr then moved that Bro. Forrester, who had kindly intimated to him his willingness to serve, be appointed a Steward to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

which was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Forrester having presented the lodge with a copy of Dr. Sparks's work, "The Liber Musicus," received the thanks of the brethren, who gratefully acknowledged his interest in the Craft and his many acts of generosity towards the Ellesmere Lodge in particular.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

**DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).**—The first regular meeting after the installation of the present W.M., Bro. Cawthorne Webster, took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst., the W.M. being supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. Bland, I.P.M.; James Copestick, S.W.; Edgar Home, J.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Brigg, Sec.; A. Woodiwiiss, S.D.; J. Chadwick, J.D.; Severn Taylor, D. of C.; G. Sutherland, Org.; J. Walker, I.G.; W. Forman and J. Melrose, Stwds.; Past Masters J. C. Merry, T. R. Gee, J. Brown, W. Cooper, A. Frazer, G. Cay, J. Taylor, and Thomas Cox, P.G. Treas.; Bros. H. Horne, W. Knight, E. H. Claye, L. J. Greensmith, W. Todd, W. W. Heywood, F. Boll, and T. Day. Visitors: Bros. S. Robinson, J.W. 625; C. D. Hart, W.M. 1085; and C. Micklefield, 901.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, who were declared elected. Bro. E. H. Claye was passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. ably performing the ceremony in its entirety, the S.W. giving the charge. On the motion of Bro. J. Brown, P.M., £1 was voted towards the expense of printing the Calendars for the province; also on the motion of Bro. J. Bland, I.P.M., five guineas were voted to be placed on his list as a donation to the Girls' School. One candidate was proposed for initiation. A sincere vote of condolence from the lodge was ordered to be sent to the M.W. the Grand Master, expressing the sympathy of the brethren at the loss he and the Craft had sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. Lodge was then closed with prayer and adjourned.

After supper in the lower hall, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. To that of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. J. C. Merry, P.P.G.D. of C., and J. W. Brigg, Prov. G. Org., suitably responded. The S.W. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who in a few words sincerely thanked the brethren for having done him the honour of placing him at their head. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. J. Brown and J. C. Merry, and "The Visitors" was suitably responded to by Bros. Micklefield, Robinson, and Hart. "The Officers" were then toasted, and the Secretary and the Treasurer having acknowledged the same, the Tyler's toast, at the usual hour, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Some very excellent singing by Bros. Brigg, E. Home, Melrose, and Forman contributed greatly to the pleasure of the brethren, and Bro. Home, who is an excellent elocutionist, greatly pleased by his recitations.

**RIPON.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 837).**—At the regular meeting of this lodge, of which Bro. J. S. Davies is the W.M., on the 4th inst., his worship the Mayor of this ancient city, Mr. H. C. Bickersteth, son of the recently deceased Lord Bishop of the Diocese, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the ceremony being ably performed by his father-in-law, W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M. 837, P.P.G. Chap., in the presence of a retinue of specially invited brethren, amongst whom we noticed W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., G.S.D. of England, D.P.G.M., and several other present and past officers of the province of West Yorkshire.

**WIRKSWORTH.—Derwent Lodge (No. 884).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the George Hotel, when a good number of members were present. After the opening ceremony a ballot was taken for Mr. George Colledge, and he being unanimously elected, the W.M., Bro. J. M. McLeod, duly initiated him into the secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry, the address in the N.E. being impressively given by P.M. Bettle. Much satisfaction was expressed by the brethren at the progress the lodge was making and with the able manner in which the ceremonies were worked.

The Worshipful Master having alluded to the great loss sustained by the Craft in the untimely death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, it was resolved "That an address of sympathy and condolence with her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany be noted upon the minutes of the lodge."

The W.M. having signified his intention of acting as Steward to the Girls' Festival, notice was given to vote a sum of money from the lodge funds towards this deserving Institution. Much gratification was expressed at the announcement of the W.M., it being the first occasion on which the lodge has been directly represented at a festival, although it has worthily supported the several charitable institutions.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Middleton Hotel, on the 10th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. G. Brighten, Prov. G. Org., being unavoidably absent through illness, Bro. G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., presided at the opening of the lodge, and was supported by Bros. Dr. F. Dorrell Grayson, W.M. 160, S.W.; G. R. Dawson, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Purst., S.D.; C. Floyd, I.P.M. 1817, Prov. G.S., J.D.; L. Warren, jun., I.G.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.D., Org.; S. Penny, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.K.; E. G. Phillips, P.M. 96; W. E. Bridgeland, S.W. 933; E. F. Wood, W. M. Peacey, A. M. Gorussi, W. Waterhouse, J. Taylor, jun., W. Tyler, A. Cayton, and Rev. P. H. Droosten. Visitors: Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambart, I.P.M. 1460; C. Helden, 1791; and H. Philcox, 1343. The brethren appeared in mourning for the late Duke of Albany.

After the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed and a joining member balloted for and elected, Bro. A. Lucking, P.M., Sec., took the chair and raised Bros. W. Tyler and A. Cayton, and passed Bro. Rev. P. H. Droosten. The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Brooke, M.P., being the Chairman at the next festival of the Girls' School, the W.M. has again undertaken to represent the lodge as Steward to support him, and ten guineas were voted from the funds of the lodge to be placed on the W.M.'s list. Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**HARROGATE.**—Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—This flourishing lodge held its twentieth anniversary on the 10th inst., and the first business was to pass votes of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., and sympathy with the province of Oxfordshire, of which our late Royal brother was R.W. Prov. Grand Master. This was duly recorded on the minutes. Bro. E. Warcham Harry was then regularly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and invested his officers. Two candidates were elected for admission into the Craft. The expiring lease of the lodge rooms in Parliament-street necessitated the sanction for the removal of the lodge before its next meeting, which it was resolved should be held in the Masonic Hall, Avenue-road, Victoria Park, for the future.

Several visiting brethren enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge's festive board, and with the usual loyal and Masonic toasts "The success of the newly incorporated Borough of Harrogate" was given in a bumper, this being suitably acknowledged by Bro. Alderman Simpson, P.M.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Temple Lodge (No. 1004).—The members of this well known and admirably conducted lodge gathered in strong force at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th inst., to assist at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Evan J. Callow, a choice which has given universal satisfaction as being a well-merited compliment to an esteemed and worthy brother. During his long connection with a lodge in which he was initiated, Bro. Callow has done Masonic work of a valuable kind, performed the duties of the various offices he has held with zeal and efficiency, and has never hesitated to display at all times and on all deserving occasions the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—Charity. On this interesting occasion there was the largest gathering which has been witnessed since the consecration of the lodge about 13 years ago, and amongst the visitors there was but one feeling of cordial congratulation towards the brother who was about to enter upon the important labours of the chair. By its works of mercy, the admirable manner in which its business has been conducted, and the prestige it has acquired as the result of careful management, the Temple Lodge is justly recognised as amongst the best of the smaller lodges included on the roll of the So of the province of West Lancashire. The leading representatives of the lodge have made their mark in Masonry, several of them occupying distinguished positions in the Prov. Grand Lodge; and the selection of Bro. Evan J. Callow to fill the Master's chair for 1884-85 affords another evidence that the brethren are determined to uphold the good name acquired in connection with the lodge during its 18 or 20 years' existence.

The business of the day commenced shortly after four o'clock, when the lodge was opened by Bro. H. Horspool, the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of officers, including Bros. J. Alexander, P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M.; H. B. Jones, P.M.; Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; Richard Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; E. J. Callow, S.W., W.M. elect; R. Bethel, J.W.; R. C. Yelland, P.M., Treas.; T. Marsh, Sec.; E. W. Boulding, S.D.; Fisher E. Boustead, J.D.; H. Mercer, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.P.G. Org., Org.; and Peter Ball, Tyler. Besides a numerous representation of members, the following visitors were present: Bros. Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.M. 726, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Davies, J.W. 1225; W. Longbottom, I.P.M. 1013, P.G.S.; William Oliver, W.M. 220; Wm. T. Oversby, I.G. 1393; Thomas Pierrepoint, Sec. 1393; Albert H. Hallwood, 1505; Robert Foote, P.M. 1505, P.G.S.; Samuel N. May (New York), 753; John King, S.W. 823; M. Callaghan, S.W. 1393; William Evans, P.M. 594; W. Corbett, P.M. 249; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M. and Treas. 1609, P.P.G.S.D.; R. J. L. Kynaston, I.P.M. 1393; P. C. Asbury, I.P.M. 1620; C. Mawdsley, 823; A. Septimus Ramage, 667; Duncan G. Ross, 823; W. R. Roberts, J.D. 594; W. McWilliam, 1013; George Morgan, P.M. 155 and 1035; R. E. Milton, P.M. 1756; W. Parry, J.W. 1505; H. J. Nicholls, 203; W. Brogden, I.G. 1473; W. H. Bucknell, P.G.A.D.C. Staffordshire; W. Blake, 1473; R. A. Lambert, 249; T. Birch, P.M. 1094; W. C. Erwin, P.M. 1393; W. Corbett, P.M. 249; and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Dr. Johnson (the first Master of the lodge), and Bro. Martin, P.M., presented Bro. Evan J. Callow for the benefits of installation to Bro. Richard Washington, P.P.G.S.D., who performed the ceremony in a manner which elicited the hearty commendation of members and visitors alike. The officers invested by the newly-chaired W.M. were as follows: Bros. H. Horspool, I.P.M.; R. Bethel, S.W.; E. W. Boulding, J.W.; R. C. Yelland, Treas. (re-elected); Thos. Marsh, Sec. (re-appointed for the nineteenth time); John Alexander, P.M., D.C.; F. E. Boustead, S.D.; H. Mercer, J.D.; M. Alexander, I.G.; G. Bell, S.S.; W. Pye, J.S.; J. Skeaf, Org. (re-appointed); and Bro. Peter Ball was re-elected the Tyler of the lodge for the nineteenth time. Before the business was brought to a close, the W.M., in the name of the brethren, presented Bro. H. Horspool, I.P.M., with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so said he conveyed the thanks of the brethren to the recipient for his excellent services, expressing a hope that he would be blessed with renewed and long continued health. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Horspool.

About 70 brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. J. Casey, House Steward, whose catering gave much satisfaction to all who were present. The usual loyal Masonic toasts were given during the pleasant after-dinner proceedings, and the enjoyment of the members and visitors was greatly enhanced by the well-selected musical programme furnished by Bros. W. R. Roberts, A. S. Ramage, A. Child, W. E. Erwin, W. Oversby, G. Shenton, J. Skeaf, and Ellinger.

**BATTLE.**—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Lamborn, P.P.G. Purst., P.M., acting W.M.; J. B. Sargent, acting S.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., 38, acting J.W.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; Major Robertson, acting S.D.; T. W. Walder, J.D.; Henry Kimm, 40, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; J. B. Foster, R. Davison, M.D., and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and passed, and a gentleman proposed for initiation. There being no business, the lodge was closed.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. Robertson, W.M.; Barlow, S.W.; Norton, J.W.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; Clisam, P.M., Sec.; Lewis, P.M.; Campbell, J.D.; Taylor, W.S.; Cope, Perceval, Thomas, Howes, Russell, Bain, Stephens, Noakes, Hitching, Dodd, Thompson, Newton, Hill, Tyler, and several others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and Fencing-Instructor Montgomery and Sergt.-Major Walters having been balloted for and approved were duly initiated. Bro. Noakes, 1449, and Bro. Fright, 1424, were elected joining members, after which Bros. Stephens and Bain were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being performed in a style which for accuracy and impressiveness we have rarely seen equalled. The lodge was in mourning, and it was easy to perceive that a gloom overshadowed the entire proceedings, which became especially apparent after the solemn ceremonial business of the lodge had been concluded. Bro. Capt. Croisdale, in alluding to the mournful circumstances of the loss of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, expressed an universal feeling when he said our worthy and distinguished brother had illustrated in his own life and unselfish conduct the true teachings and principles of Freemasonry; that in this case words entirely failed to express those keen emotions of sorrow and sadness each and all of them felt, inasmuch as the circumstances were exceptionally melancholy and mournful, and the many personal virtues of their deeply lamented brother had justly endeared himself, not only to the members of the Craft, but to the nation at large. They could only express a heartfelt wish that the G.A.O.T.U. through his benign wisdom and goodness would vouchsafe to comfort and support those who were nearest and dearest to him in this their sad bereavement. Suitable addresses of condolence were then adopted, and will in due course be forwarded to her Majesty and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and also to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. The lodge was then closed.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The first meeting of the year of this popular lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. E. T. Henman, W.M.; George L. Wingate, S.W. and W.M. elect; George S. Elliott, P.M., J.W.; Edward William Devereux, Sec.; F. P. Jenkins, S.D.; Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, I.P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.M., P.G.R. Middx.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.G.S.B. Middx.; John Faulkner, P.M.; J. Fixter, W. Beaton, H. B. Hassel, A. E. Carter, Dr. Faulkner, and the following visitors: Bros. M. S. Larham, P.M. 1216; C. S. Green, P.M. 235; and C. H. Ockelford, S13.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Messrs. Lovelock and Neison were initiated into the Craft. Bros. Hassel and Carter were passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, and was performed most impressively, as indeed were the other ceremonies by the W.M., Bro. Henman. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bro. E. T. Henman, I.P.M.; George S. Elliott, P.M., S.W.; Frederick P. Jenkins, J.W.; (Bro. E. W. Devereux, P.M., Sec., held the collar for Bro. J. W. Baldwin, Treasurer, who was unable to be present in consequence of the marriage of his daughter); E. W. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; Matthews, S.D., who was also unavoidably absent, but was invested by deputy; Dr. Wm. Faulkner, J.D.; and Beaton, I.G. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Henman, the Installing Master, and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the excellent and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The brethren then proceeded to consider Bro. Thiellay's notice of motion—"That, in consideration of the long and valued services rendered to the lodge by its first Master and founder, Bro. J. T. Moss, Past G.R. Middx., P.M., and in acknowledgment of his energetic influence for its prosperity, he be elected honorary member, with all privileges." The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Moss in a very feeling speech thanked the brethren for having conferred this honour upon him. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Henman, and considering the work he had to do, and the able manner in which he did it, the honour was deservedly bestowed.

The business of the meeting having ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, and after the cloth was removed the W.M. proposed the usual Masonic toasts in some well-chosen words. "The Health of the Past Masters" was given and suitably replied to by Bros. Dr. Ryley, J. Faulkner, Moss, Devereux, and Thiellay. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated after spending a very happy evening.

**PARK GATE.**—Dee Lodge (No. 1576).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th inst., at the Union Hotel, when there were present Bros. Thos. Munnerley, W.M.; John Barnes, S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; Thos. Chesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Hugh Chesworth, P.M.; A. J. Phillips, Org.; G. Richmond, W. Grimes, J. Clarke, G. Forrester, J. W. Shaw, Geo. Dickon, Geo. Lloyd, R. de Bord, J. W. Evans, John Acton, R. G. Hawkins, F. C. Rounthwait, J. L. Woodhall, and John Craft, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. S. W. Ramsden, W.M. 425; C. J. Buchannan, P.M. 494; Richard Parry, 1276; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and after the minutes had been read the ballot was taken for Messrs. H. Smith, W. Mayors, and G. W. White, who were declared duly elected, and being in attendance were duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Bro. F. C. Rounthwait was ably passed to the Second Degree by Bro. H. Chesworth, I.P.M., Bros. J. W. Shaw and G. Forrester were raised to the Degree of M.M. in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Bro. Thos. Chesworth, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Richardson for his very handsome present, consisting of a massive oak chair for the W.M., three oak pedestals, a set of working tools, &c., (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool).

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. During the winter months Bro. Acton, the host, has had the lodge room redecorated and carpeted.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Blenkin,

W.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; Sir F. Milner, Bart., S.W.; and many officers and brethren. At the conclusion of the business of the evening, Bro. J. Blenkin, W.M., moved and Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., S.W., seconded the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1611, desire to express the grief experienced by them in the loss of their Royal brother, the late Duke of Albany, Past Grand Warden, and to convey to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, their heartfelt sympathies in the deep affliction they have sustained, together with the hope that the Grand Architect of the Universe may console and support them in their bereavement." It was ordered that copies of the resolution be forwarded to her Majesty the Queen and the Duchess of Albany, as well as the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England.

**RUGELEY.**—St. Augustine's Lodge (No. 1941).—A lodge was held at the Shrewsbury Arms Hotel on the 15th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Clarke, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Mundy, I.P.M., P.P.G.C., with his usual ability. About 50 brethren were present, including about 17 visitors from neighbouring lodges. The officers appointed for the ensuing year by the W.M. were Bros. Marshall, S.W.; Burns, J.W.; the Rev. R. M. Grier, P.P.G.C., Chap.; James, Treas.; Watkins, Sec.; R. Malabar, S.D.; G. Gee, J.D.; J. Barkley and Greensmith, Stwds.; Buttery, D.C.; Robinson, Almoner; G. Gee, I.G.; Banks, Org.; Salmon, Asst. Org.; and T. Turner, Tyler. A banquet was subsequently held, to which about 40 sat down. The usual toasts were given. This lodge, which was only started two years ago, has progressed in a most satisfactory manner, and is becoming known in the provinces already by the liberality of its subscriptions to the Charities.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge (No. 1971).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst. at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Dr. Grier, W.M.; Com.-Gen. Cook, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Barker, P.M.; Dr. Mullins, LL.D.; Foster, Col. Sartorius, Capt. Griffith, Dr. Pinching; Burns, Tyler; and others.

The lodge was in mourning, and there was a feeling of sadness pervading the entire proceedings, caused by the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. The esteemed Secretary, Bro. Capt. Croisdale, in alluding to the circumstances, said the many personal virtues and good qualities of their late brother had endeared him not only to the members of the Craft, but to the whole country, and every class in it. He had been an indefatigable worker in the cause of that charity of which Freemasonry was perhaps the most practical exponent in this country. He was to have presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School in June next; but the Great Disposer of Events had ordained it otherwise, and it was for them to reverently bow their heads, for in that dark shadow through which their much esteemed and dearly beloved brother had passed, and through which all must one day pass, he had his highest and his best reward for his quiet, his sterling, though unobtrusive goodness. It had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to remove from amongst them one of the most distinguished members of their Order, one who was universally esteemed and loved, and whose loss had caused a widespread feeling of sorrow and sadness, and they had the most profound sympathy at the much to be lamented bereavement the Queen and the Duchess of Albany had sustained in the sudden and unexpected death of the Prince, and though they could do very little towards alleviating their distress, there was a general feeling to which they all wished to give expression, and which could be best done by votes of condolence, and he thought it would be fitting that they should send a similar address to the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the latter being a member of their lodge, and they therefore shared with him in the sorrow and grief with which he was now filled at the loss of his brother. This resolution having been formally submitted, was carried unanimously. The only other business on the agenda, namely, the raising of Bro. Pinching to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., having been performed, the lodge was closed.

**CLEATOR MOOR.**—Stirling Lodge (No. 1989).—The first annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when Bro. J. J. Robinson, P.G.S.D., was installed for the second time by Bro. John Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W., assisted by Bro. Edward Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., the following brethren being invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. F. Kirkconel, P.M. 1267, P.G. Reg., as I.P.M.; Charles Gowan, S.W.; Rowland Baxter, P.M. 1267, P.G. Std. Br., J.W.; Edward Clarke, Treas.; R. Walker, Sec.; Thomas Watson, S.D.; H. Ward, J.D.; J. D. Welsh, I.G.; John Caffery, Tyler; Ed. Irwin, J. Nixon, H. Rothery and J. Dickinson, Stwds. The following members and visitors were present: Bros. J. Dyson, J. F. Liddle, H. Hartley, J. Leathes, J. Johnston, D. Bell, Charles Pearson, George Dalrymple, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Daniel Anderson, J. McHarry, J. Vingo, J. Boundy, A. Moordaff, W. Brokenshaw, H. L. Towerson, P.M. 1267, P.G. Purst.; W. J. Tyson, 119; Thomas Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Burns, S.W. 872; J. S. Moffatt, Sec. 872; J. Harper, W.M. 1660; J. Dickson, Dr. Speirs, Thomas Rowlings, Thomas Brakenridge, and others.

Bro. Robinson, W.M., called the attention of the brethren to the sudden and unexpected death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, and moved in feeling terms that the lodge be placed in mourning for the space of three months. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Barr and Clarke for discharging the duties of the installation, and after "hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in due form, the newly-installed W.M. inviting all present to an excellent supper provided by Bro. Ward, of the Queen's Hotel.

## INSTRUCTION.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE** (No. 22).—This lodge met at The Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, S.E., on the 21st inst., after the usual Easter recess, Bro. Henry Baldwin, Sec. 1777, S.W. 1949, &c., occupied the W.M.'s chair, and worked the ceremony of the Third Degree in a very able and impressive manner, being most efficiently sup-

ported by the following brethren, viz. Bros. W. C. Johnson, the talented Preceptor; G. C. Banks, S.W.; N. Cornock, J.W.; R. Allison, S.D.; W. W. Westley, J.D.; Dickson, the able Secretary, acting as I.G.; D. McDiermaid, Treas.; V. F. Mathias kindly acting as candidate. The Second Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Westley, assisted by Bro. Allison and the brethren. Bro. Banks, the S.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed. A cordial welcome awaits any brethren desirous to join this excellent and efficient lodge of instruction.

**WESTBOURNE LODGE** (No. 733).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. Present Bros. R. Knight, W.M.; B. Kershaw, P.M., S.W.; J. Strachan, J.W.; J. Long, P.M., Preceptor; B. Kershaw, Treas.; J. W. Curtis, S.D., acting Sec.; A. C. Rawling, J.D.; J. McCullagh, I.G.; and Whittingham.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the First Section worked by the Preceptor, the Second Section by the W.M., and the Third Section by the Preceptor. Opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Whittingham answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree. Closed in the Second Degree. Ballot was next taken for Charitable Association, proving in favour of Bro. Curtis. Lodge was then closed in the usual manner.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE** (No. 1695).—At the meeting on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Hornsey Wood Tavern, there were present Bros. Giller, W.M.; Gush, Preceptor; Hall, S.W.; Mercer, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Moon, S.D.; Oldis, I.G.; Hubbard, Derry, Knights, Fenner, and Gribbell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The First Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Gush, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Second and Third Sections of the Third Lecture were then worked by Bro. Fenner. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bros. Hubbard and Derry were then elected members, and Bro. Berry elected as W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

**EARL OF LATHOM LODGE** (No. 1922).—The weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. Sims, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; Eidmans, S.W.; Spencer, J.W.; Paton, Sec.; Clarke, Sutton, Baker, Treacher, Evans, Lane, Rowlands, Thomson, Mattock, Landfield, Edgley, Mackie, Hampton, and Marsh.

The minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the questions leading to the Second Degree were answered by Bro. Rowlands. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Rowlands acting as candidate. The questions leading to the Third Degree were answered by Bro. Thomson. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Thomson acting as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. G. Mattock, P.M. 1441; H. Landfield, P.M. 1343; R. E. Lane, 1558; and J. Hampton, 145, were elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Eidmans was elected Master for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the good wishes of the brethren. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, the Preceptor giving the long closing address.

**Royal Arch.**

**PLUMSTEAD.**—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The quarterly convocation of the above chapter, one of the most influential, if not the strongest in the province of Kent, took place on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather was well attended. Comp. Capt. E. Sweny, M.E.Z., presided, with Comps. H. Mason as H., and R. Edmonds, as J. Among the other companions present were Comps. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; E. Denton, P.S., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. B. Lloyd, P.Z.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., Scribe E., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. Rees, Scribe N.; J. H. Roberts, 1st Asst. S.; G. Letton, 2nd Asst. S.; A. Penfold, P.Z., Treas., P.P.G. 1st Asst. S. Kent; D. Campbell, Saunders, G. Frost, D. Capon, T. R. Richardson, R. J. Cook, E. Palmer, G. Spinks, 13; C. Jolly (*Freemason*); and others.

The minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Dr. Herbert L. Bernays, 706, and also for Bro. W. J. Musto, 1349, and proved unanimous. Bro. Bernays being in attendance was exalted to the Supreme Degree with the full ritual as followed at this chapter. The election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Comp. Mason was elected as M.E.Z.; Edmonds, as H.; W. Rees, as J.; E. B. Hobson (who is at present in Canada, and who sent a telegram from Montreal wishing the companions a pleasant evening), S.N.; Butter, Scribe E.; Cook, P.S.; Penfold, Treas.; and Lardner, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. proposed that a vote of sympathy with her Majesty the Queen in her bereavement through the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany should be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter, and in so doing spoke feelingly of the sorrow they all felt at the loss of so excellent a Prince and brother. The resolution was carried unanimously.

The chapter was then closed in due form. The chapter was hung with crape and the companions were in deep Masonic mourning, and although they partook of supper and refreshments there was no singing, and the toasts were restricted to those of "The Queen" and "The Exalte."

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Important for the Delicate.—It is difficult to determine which is the more trying to the human constitution—the damp, cold days of autumn and winter, or the keen, dry, easterly winds of spring. Throughout the seasons good health may be maintained by occasional doses of Holloway's Pills, which purify the blood, and act as wholesome stimulants to the skin, stomach, liver, bowels, and kidneys. This celebrated medicine needs but a fair trial to convince the ailing and despondent that it will restore and cheer without danger, pain, or inconvenience. No family should be without a supply of Holloway's Pills and Ointment, as a timely recourse to them the first erring function may be reclaimed, suffering may be spared, and life saved.—[ADVT.]

**Mark Masonry.**

**BON ACCORD LODGE** (T.I.)—This lodge met on the 17th inst., at St. Red Lion-square, when there were present Bros. Ralph Gooding, M.D., W.M.; J. W. Fuller, S.W.; J. M. Collins, J.W.; M. Davis, Magnus Ohren, P.G.M.O.; Perry Godfrey, G. Cooper, G.S.D.; E. B. Florence, F. Binckes, G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, P.M., Asst. G. Sec.; W. Glynes, P.M.; G. C. D'Albiac, P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.M.; J. Zacharie, P.M.; T. Vincent, P.M.; Francis, P.M.; and Spratling, P.M. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; F. Davison, Grand Treas.; Levander, Grand Reg.; Dr. Ramsay, P.G.D.; Read, P.G.O.; R. F. Gould, and E. Cox.

The lodge having been opened the W.M. in a very impressive manner advanced into the Degree Bros. Rev. A. C. Graystone, Lennox Browne, W. H. Cotton, G. F. Legg, Dr. Alfred Meadows, C. W. Tayleur, and J. Blum. The S.W. announced his intention of serving as Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival. On the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Fuller, S.W., was chosen for the office, and Bro. Magnus Ohren was re-elected Treasurer. All business being ended the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was served and a very pleasant evening spent.

**YORK.**—York Lodge (T.I.)—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at which there were present Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., as W.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. T. Seller, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; F. Smith, M.O.; G. Simpson, S.O.; W. B. Dyson, J.O.; W. Lackenby, S.D.; H. C. Pickersgill, J.D.; G. Lamb, I.G.; J. A. Banks, Reg.; and several other brethren.

The lodge having been opened it was announced that the Prov. Grand Master of N. and E. Yorkshire asked admittance. A deputation was formed, and the Prov. Grand Master was introduced and saluted. Ballots were taken for Bros. B. L. Mills, of the Kilwinning Mark Lodge, No. 56 (S.C.), and for Bro. W. Brown, of 111, as joining members, also for the following candidates: Bros. J. Blenkin, W.M. 1611; Major McGachen, P.M. 1991; S. J. Dalton, 1611; and W. Stephenson, 1611; and these brethren were elected. Bros. Blenkin, McGachen, and Stephenson were duly advanced; after which the election took place of a brother to serve in the Provincial Committee for the reception of the Grand Mark Lodge on the 9th May, in York, and this resulted in the selection of the W.M., Bro. M. Millington, who was absent through indisposition.

Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.M.O., then moved "that this lodge desires to place on record an expression of its heartfelt sorrow at the loss of the late Duke of Albany, Past Grand Master of England, and to convey to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to the Duchess of Albany its sincere sympathy in their severe affliction, together with an assurance of its heartfelt prayer that the Grand Overseer of the Universe may console and support them in the great trial under which they have been overwhelmed." This was seconded by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Grand Steward, and carried.

After the close of the lodge the brethren supped together at the Exhibition Hotel, where an excellent supper had been provided by Bro. Churchill.

**EXCELSIOR LODGE** (No. 226).—The quarterly meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on the 18th inst. at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich. Bro. A. Penfold, P.M., Prov. G.M.O. Kent, in the chair, through the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. Shaw, the W.M. The lodge was in mourning. Among the officers and brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent; T. Holleyman, S.W., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.M. 44, P.P.G.J.O. Kent, in the J.W.'s chair; G. Spinks, M.O., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; E. Palmer, J.O.; W. Moulds, Reg. of Mks., P.P.G.I.G. Kent; T. Ovenden, S.D., Prov. G. Stwd. Kent; G. Kennedy, Sec., P.P.G.A. Stwd. Kent; J. Parnell, J.D.; J. Anderson, acting Tyler; W. Wray, G. Nichols, M. A. McNerny, J. H. Vicars, P.M. 208, P.P.G.S.O. Madras; J. Savage; C. Jolly, Prov. G. Org. Kent (*Freemason*), and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. McNerny was elected a joining member, and Bro. C. Morris, 1556, a candidate was duly elected, and advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason, the working being splendidly done not only by the Master, but by every officer engaged. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Bro. Holleyman was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Coupland, Treas., and Bro. Lackland, Tyler. Bros. Holleyman and Coupland suitably returned thanks.

Bro. Penfold then in eloquent terms referred to the great loss our beloved Queen had sustained by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, and also to the sorrow felt among all Masons, especially Mark Masons, at losing so amiable and talented a brother; and on his motion, seconded by the S.W., it was resolved that an expression of the sorrow of the lodge be recorded on its minutes.

It was then announced that Bro. Weston intended to stand Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of refreshments at Bro. Capon's house, the Earl of Chatham's Arms. There was no singing, and only two toasts—those of "The Queen" and "The Advanced Brother"—were drunk, and they without honours.

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE** (No. 238).—This prosperous lodge held a meeting on the 15th inst. In consequence of the recent death of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M. and a member of No. 238, the lodge was suitably draped, and the members appeared in Masonic mourning. Among those present were Bros. Sir J. C. Palmer, Bart., P.P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey; J. H. Dodson, S.W., W.M. elect; F. Farrington, J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, Sec.; W. E. Farrington, M.O.; F. H. Clemow, J.O.; W. H. Saunders, S.D.; R. Clemow, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., P.M.; Richnell, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. W. N. Styles, P.M. 1507, &c., and R. W. Walker, 1107, &c., for advancement, and it proving to be unanimous, the latter brother who was in attendance, was duly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., Bro. W. Wigginton, who

delivered a powerful address upon H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, and subsequently votes of condolence were unanimously passed to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Bro. J. H. Dodson was then ably installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Wigginton. The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing are as follows: Bros. F. Farrington, S.W.; W. E. Farrington, J.W.; C. Brown, M.O.; Clemow, S.O.; Harding, J.O.; Richnell, Treas.; W. Wigginton, Sec., Reg. of Mks.; W. H. Saunders, S.D.; R. Clemow, J.D.; Dodd, I.G.; and Codd, W.S. The other appointments were postponed.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts were given and the brethren separated at an early hour.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Aldershot Military Lodge (No. 54).—A meeting was held on the 17th inst. at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Capt. Croisdale, P.G.S.D., W.M.; Stone, J.W.; Gee, S.O.; Harrison, M.O.; Oliphant, J.O.; Taylor, S.D.; Kay, J.D.; Campbell, I.G.; Adnett, Org.; Bendall, Phillips, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bros. Thompson, Cope, and Percival, all of 1331, were balloted for, which proving unanimous, they were presented and advanced by the W.M., the ceremony being admirably rendered throughout. Bro. Stone was elected W.M., and Bro. Eve, P.G.M.O., was re-elected Treasurer. The outgoing W.M., Bro. Capt. Croisdale, P.G.S.D., was unanimously awarded a Past Master's jewel for the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge, and as a token of the esteem and regard in which he was held by the brethren. This lodge has made good progress during the past year, and the great success is due in a large measure to the outgoing W.M., who has proposed and advanced 12 candidates during the year, all of whom are well known in Masonic circles, and striving both by study and practice to acquire a thorough knowledge of the ritual.

The pedestals, tools, &c., were draped in suitable mourning, the brethren also appearing in mourning, on account of the loss the Order had sustained by the death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. Great sympathy was felt by all present at the sad bereavement the Queen, the Duchess of Albany, and the other members of the Royal Family had sustained in the sudden and much to be lamented death of our R.W. brother, and the lodge proceedings were conducted in a manner to accord with the melancholy and mournful event.

There was no banquet on this occasion.

**WIGAN.**—Rose and Thistle Lodge (No. 158).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst., and was well attended. Amongst the numerous Mark Masons present were Bros. Wm. Dean, W.M., P.G.S.O.; Thomas Milner, S.W.; H. T. Byrom, J.W.; A. H. Crossby, Sec.; W. Johnson, M.O.; R. B. Seddon, S.O.; J. Browne, J.O.; J. Wilson, I.G.; W. A. Byrom, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. of Mks.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; J. D. Murray, I.P.M., G. Std. Br.; Knowles, Seddon, and W. Patterson, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. T. Morris, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Horrocks, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Lawrence, W.M. 313, P.G.S.W.; A. Hall, 313; T. Jackson, 313; L. Eccles, 313; J. F. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Joseph Jenaway, W.M. 65; John Hayes, P.M. 65, P.P.G.J.D.; John Williams, P.M. 65, P.P.G. S.O.; J. C. Spurr, 65; Joseph Garner, S.D. 143; and J. C. Robinson, 65 (*Freemason*).

After the usual routine business, Bro. J. D. Murray, G. Std. Br., at the request of the W.M., took the chair, and in a very effective and impressive manner installed Bro. Thomas Milner as W.M. for the ensuing year, the W.M. afterwards investing the following brethren as his officers: Bros. H. Byrom, S.W.; A. H. Crossley, J.W.; T. Wilson, Treas.; W. Johnson, Sec.; G. L. Campbell, D.C.; R. B. Seddon, M.O.; Jno. Marsden, S.O.; J. Browne, J.O.; W. H. Horrocks, S.D.; Wilson, J.D.; W. Holt, I.G.; R. Knowles and R. Leyland, Stwds.; and W. Patterson, Tyler. The installing Master delivered an address to each officer upon being invested. After the balance sheet, which was very satisfactory, had been passed, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. Campbell, P.M., in proposing the "Installing Master," alluded to the very efficient manner in which Bro. Murray had performed the ceremony, and the services he had rendered to Mark Masonry in the province. Bro. Murray having suitably replied, the "Visitors" were next toasted. Bros. Jenaway, Hayes, Roberts, Morris, and Horrocks responded briefly, as time passed for an early departure to towns at a distance, visitors having come from Bolton, Chorley, Southport, and Liverpool, all of whom were much pleased with the working of the lodge and the reception they had received.

**MALTON.**—Fitzwilliam Lodge (No. 277).—The annual festival was celebrated at Freemasons' Hall, on the 8th inst., when the installation of Bro. W. Constable, the W.M. elect, took place according to ancient custom. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by V.W. Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.M.O., and the W.M. then invested his officers as follows: W. Bro. S. Chadwick, I.P.M., P.P.G.J.O.; John Hudson, S.W.; J. W. Marshall, P.P.G.O., J.W.; A. W. Walker, M.O.; J. B. Nicholls, P.G.S.B., S.O.; T. M. Goldie, J.O.; Rev. W. G. Chilman, P.G. Chap.; A. W. Walker, Treas.; James Buckle, Sec.; W. Heckley, Reg. of Mks.; W. J. Marshall, Org.; Geo. Fitchett, D.C.; R. J. Smithson, S.D.; M. F. W. Williamson, J.D.; W. R. Metcalfe, I.G.; E. K. Spiegelhalter and T. C. Clough, Stewards.

At the conclusion of the lodge business a grand banquet was served up at Bro. Fitchett's, the Talbot Hotel, the repast being of the usual first rate description for which the house is noted. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by a good number of officers and brethren as well as by several distinguished visitors. After the banquet the usual toast list was gone through, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

The visiting brethren included Bros. C. F. Matier, Grand Master's Lodge, G.W., P.P.D.G.M. of Lancashire, &c.; Chas. Lane, 319, Grand Master's Lodge, P.M. 39, and P.G.D. of England; T. B. Whythead, of York, P.G. M.O.; M. Lackenby, S.D. York Lodge, T.I.; and Edwin Greenwood, 95, Scarborough.



The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire will hold its annual meeting in the Town Hall, Rochdale, on Thursday next, at 12.30.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, on Wednesday next, by the W.M. of the Grosvenor Lodge.

The installation meeting of the Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, will be held at Chigwell, on the 29th inst. Bro. Lord Brooke, Prov. G.M. of Essex, will attend, and install the Master.

The annual festival of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, was held on Thursday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, when Bros. J. Young was installed as First Principal, the Rev. C. H. Wood as Second, and C. S. Preston as Third.

Bro. Wm. Statter, J.P., P.P.G.W. West Yorkshire, the father and first W.M. of 405, Wakefield, which was warranted in 1844, was presented with a congratulatory address of welcome at a festival of the lodge held on the 10th inst., in commemoration of the founding of the lodge and the installation of himself as its first W.M.

Bro. G. F. S. Warne, P.M. and Treas. 193, was presented with a finely chased old silver vase, with cover, and bearing an appropriate inscription, at the last meeting of the lodge, as a recognition of his faithful services as Treasurer for the past 22 years.

The lodge of instruction holding its meetings by sanction of the W.M. of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, No. 1446, has been removed from the Harp Tavern, Jernyn-street, W.C., to the Three Stags, Kennington-road, S.E. The meeting nights are on Tuesdays as hereto, and the hour 8 o'clock.

The Royal Hanover Chapter, No. 1777, will shortly be consecrated at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Comp. Horace B. Marshall, the Grand Treasurer elect, is the M.E.Z. designate; Comp. James H. Hawkins, H. designate; and Comp. George Clark, jun., J. Designate. Comp. H. Baldwin, of 93, Loughborough-road, Brixton, S.W., is the acting Scribe E.

We understand that Bro. Rev. A. C. Graystone, Chaplain of Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, has lately presented a very valuable east window to the old parish church of Whitstable, which was restored a few years ago. The window was designed and executed by Bro. E. Frampton, 82, Buckingham Palace-road, and of Loyalty and Charity Lodge, No. 1584.

At the meeting of the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, on Wednesday evening next, the 30th inst., at the Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., at the invitation of the lodge, will deliver his lecture "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the First Degree. The lodge will be opened at 6.15, and the attendance of brethren is invited.

A new Ark Mariners' Lodge was consecrated last Thursday at the Masonic Hall, Abingdon-street, Northampton. The lodge is called "The Vikings," and is moored to the Simon de St. Liz Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 245. Previous to the consecration a large number of Mark Masons were elevated to the Ark Mariner degree. The lodge was consecrated by Bro. Dr. Kelly, Prov. Grand Mark Master, who afterwards enthroned Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg. Enthronement was afterwards performed on Bros. Sanders, Atkins, and Ellard.

The brethren of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton, at their meeting on Thursday, the 17th inst., presented Bro. Robert Sharpe, P.M., with a gold jewel, in recognition of his having served the office of Treasurer of the lodge for seven years. The design of the jewel was very much admired. It bore the recipient's emblem of office in gold on a double triangle, and had at the back an appropriate inscription. Bro. Sharpe acknowledged the unexpected gift in a speech reciprocating the sentiments by which this recognition of his services had been prompted.

Bro. John Cobham, proprietor of the celebrated Bear's Paw Restaurant, Lord-street, Liverpool, occupies a pre-eminently popular position in the estimation of our Craft and the general public. The esteem and admiration of the former he has secured by his noble Masonic charity exhibited during his long and honourable Masonic career, in the course of which he has occupied the chairs of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, and the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, and is at present an esteemed member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609. Lately, he crowned his life's good work by donating 100 guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, for the purpose of creating his wife the first Vice-Patroness of that noble Charity, under the new scheme of rules recently passed and adopted. In business circles Bro. Cobham is most deservedly valued for his straightforwardness and independent conduct, which commends itself to all with whom he comes into contact. About a year ago a number of the leading tradesmen of the neighbourhood entertained Bro. Cobham at dinner at the Bear's Paw in celebration of its successful opening under his direction, and this compliment was enhanced by the presentation of a very artistically illuminated address, conveying the warm wishes of his many friends for his success. As a fitting celebration of the second anniversary of the opening of the Bear's Paw, and as a return compliment for the previous banquet, Bro. Cobham entertained about 60 gentlemen connected with various branches of trade in Liverpool at a dinner on the 18th inst., when the menu was one worthy of the Bear's Paw, and of the reputation the host has acquired as a caterer during his many years' connection with business in this city. Bro. Cobham, of course, presided, and the vice-chairs were occupied by Bro. R. A. Davies (Elkington and Co.) and Bro. T. Stubbs, amongst the other gentlemen who accepted invitations being many well-known members of the Craft. The enjoyment of a most successful social gathering was greatly increased by the vocal contributions of Bros. C. A. Giannacopulo, J. Cantor, C. Petty, and W. Savage.

The Hon. Judge Badgley, R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master Quebec, is a very old Craft Mason, having been initiated in 1824.

Bro. C. H. Wilkes, W.M. 1158, will work the ceremony of installation on Thursday, May 8th, at the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1158, held at the Pheasant, Stangate, back of Astley's Theatre. Lodge will be opened at eight p.m.

A National Great Priory of the Orders of the Temple and Malta, &c., will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, on the 9th proximo, when the Great Prior will nominate and invest his officers, and other business will be transacted.

A portrait of Bro. Dr. Kelly, Grand Mark Master of Leicester, has been subscribed for by the Mark Masons of the province, and prepared for presentation, which will take place on Tuesday evening next at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed at the Kennington Lodge of Instruction, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst., by Bro. E. Ayling, P.M. and Preceptor of the lodge. Brethren are kindly invited to attend, and to appear in Masonic clothing.

In our report last week of the installation meeting of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834, we printed the name of the new W.M. as "W." Purdue, when it should have been "H." Purdue. We think it well to call attention to the error, there being a Bro. "W." Purdue a member of the same lodge.

The Mayor of Ripon, H. C. Bickersteth, Esq., son of the recently deceased Lord Bishop of the Diocese of that name, was initiated in the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 537, by his father-in-law, the Rev. W. C. Lukis, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. West Yorkshire, on the 4th inst. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., G.S.D., D.P.G.M., and several other Grand Officers of the province were present.

Bro. Thos. Marsh has been reappointed, and Bro. Peter Ball re-elected, each for the nineteenth time, Secretary and Tyler respectively of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, Liverpool, at the installation meeting on the 9th inst., on which occasion Bro. Evan J. Callow was placed in the Master's chair by Bro. Richd. Washington, P.P.G.S.D. West Lanc.

The following dinners, &c., have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, April 21st—Grand Masters Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge (Installation), British Lodge. Tuesday, 22nd—Italian Ball, Royal York Chapter (Installation), Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Lodge of Industry, Old Pauline. Wednesday, 23rd—Chemical Society. Thursday, 24th—Society of Chemical Industry, Grenadiers' Lodge, Polish National Chapter. Friday, 25th—Surrey Amicables' Ball, Jerusalem Lodge. Saturday, 26th—Artists' Benevolent Fund.

The *Toronto Freemason* says: "Canadian and American Masons are often guilty of wirepulling and log-rolling for office, but the electioneering tactics of our English brethren throws into the shade anything ever witnessed on this continent. The recent contest for the Grand Treasurership of the 'Mother Grand Lodge' was conducted with a bitterness rarely equalled in our political contests. Canvassing was openly indulged in, inflammatory speeches made, and when a division was had, the scrutineers could not agree as to the result, and the supporters of the rival candidates had to file to the right and left of the Throne in order to be counted."

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday evening next, the 28th inst., in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at the Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at seven p.m. precisely. Bro. J. W. Ager, 957, W.M.; J. Hemming, I.G. 1287, S.W.; F. W. Sillis, S.D. 1744, J.W.; and Edwin Storr, S.W. 167, Hon. Sec. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. Burroughs, S.D. 1437; Second, Bro. J. F. Saunders, 1507; Third, Bro. T. C. Edmonds, S.D. 1307; Fourth, Bro. E. Harvey, S.W. 1314; Fifth, Bro. J. Hemming, I.G. 1287; Sixth, Bro. Gush, W.M. 1541; Seventh, Bro. F. W. Sillis, S.D. 1744. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. J. W. Smith, J.W. 1744; Second, Bro. A. Ferrar, J.W. 1524; Third, Bro. J. C. Smith, J.D. 1744; Fourth, W. Martin, J.W. 879; Fifth, Bro. Denison, P.M. 1541. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. G. W. Knight, J.W. 1507; Second, Bro. Edwin Storr, S.W. 167; Third, Bro. W. A. Scurreh, 1744.

On Thursday evening, 15th inst., a complimentary dinner was given at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Hanley, to Bro. W. H. Hales, P.M. Menturia Lodge, No. 418, and P.P.G.S.W., who was initiated 25 years ago and has been most regular in his attendance and devoted to the interests of his lodge. To mark the occasion, the brethren had subscribed for a P.P.G.S.W.'s jewel and an address expressive of their personal esteem and of their gratitude to Bro. Hales for the great services which he had rendered to the lodge. Bro. John Bromley, W.M., presided at the banquet, Bros. J. L. Hamshaw and E. B. Jackson occupying the wardens' chairs. The W.M., who had the guest of the evening on his right, was supported by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Foster Cough, D.P.G.M.; Cartwright, 418, P.G. Sec., P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Ringland, Mayor of Hanley, who had been initiated in the afternoon; T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.G.J.W.; James Rodgers, P.P.G.D.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.G.S. of W.; Dr. J. S. Crapper, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Stringer, I.P.M. The other Past Masters of 418 present were Bros. G. Pitchford, P.P.G.J.D.; F. Brandon; and J. Wain. The visiting brethren included R. Dain, 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Thorburn, 98, P.P.G.S.B.; F. M. Julian, 451, P.G.P.; and others. A letter was received from Bro. Major G. S. Tudor, R.W. Prov. G.M., congratulating Bro. Hales on the good feeling evinced towards him by the brethren. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the evening, said he felt it a high compliment to have been asked to act as the medium for conveying a token of respect and regard—he might say of love and affection—which the brethren of Menturia Lodge entertained for Bro. Hales. Speaking from ten years' experience, he believed that the prosperity of the lodge during that time was largely due to the energetic, painstaking, and industrious manner in which Bro. Hales had worked for the interests of the brethren. Several other brethren spoke to Bro. Hill's services to the lodge, and Bro. Hill feelingly acknowledged the brethren's kindness. The whole proceedings were of an exceedingly pleasant character.



Miss Nellie Bromley has recently been united in marriage to Mr. Archibald Stuart Wortley, a son of Lord Wharnclyffe, and an eminent sculptor.

Once more the Holborn—lately called the Alcazar, International, and Connaught—opens its portals, Mr. Geo. Rignold and Mr. Allison having taken it for a term, and opened with a troupe of Haverley's and Callender's Minstrels. The 50 men, women, and children are coloured people, and are supposed to give an accurate representation of negro life in their sunny Southern homes.

"The Private Secretary," at the Prince's, has many good points about it, though it may not have a long run. If the dialogue were cut down to two or three acts it would go more briskly, and attract better houses, in conjunction with another comedy. Mr. Beerbohm Tree, on whom falls the heaviest work, was never seen in a more suitable character. As the sickly-sentimental curate he produces roars of hearty laughter.

By the death of Bro. H. J. Byron contemporary dramatic literature has lost one of its brightest ornaments. Bro. Byron had withdrawn himself from public life some time ago, and though his health has been for a long time giving way, it was not thought the end was so near. He succumbed to consumption. He was the author of numerous comedies, burlesques, and dramas, but his name will longest be remembered as being the author of "Our Boys," which had a run at the Vaudeville some years ago unprecedented in the annals of the stage.

The new Surrey drama, "King of Diamonds," is based to some extent for its local colouring upon Mr. Charles Du Val's book, entitled "With a show through Southern Africa." Mr. Du Val served during the Transvaal War as a mounted volunteer, and subsequently on the staff of Lieut.-Col. Gildea, commanding the garrison at Pretoria. A faithful record of his experiences during the hostilities forms no inconsiderable portion of the book, and it is from this part that the authors of the drama have applied themselves with very successful results.

A new publication has been started, called "The Drama," which augurs well if its present numbers may be taken as specimens. Each week there is on the first page a photograph of some favourite actress, taken by the Stereoscopic Company. Amongst the portraits already published or promised are those of Miss Mary Anderson, Miss Eastlake, Madame Modjeska, Miss Amy Roselle, Miss Minnie Palmer, Miss Calhoun, Miss Marion Hood, Mrs. Langtry, Miss Lingard, Miss St. John, and Lotta. The artist's name speaks for itself. "The Drama" is also replete with all the current news of the profession, and is both interesting and cheap.

"La Cosaque," at the Royalty, has turned out quite a success, though it cannot claim to be a work of great merit. It is not a comic opera, but a musical vaudeville. The plot is meagre, but the melodies and solos are all pretty. "La Cosaque" has for some weeks past been played in Paris and is drawing great houses, but that can hardly be any criterion for how it will hold the English people. Mr. Sydney Grundy, the adapter, is to be congratulated on the success of his somewhat thankless task—that of transferring the vaudeville from French to English tastes, which is far more difficult to do than to write a new piece. We know that in the original there are songs which no English audience would tolerate, but at the Royalty there is nothing to offend good taste, but everything to please. Briefly stated, this may be said to be the story. The Princess Anna, a Russian, is enormously wealthy, self-willed, and extravagant. To put an end to her expensive habits, her uncle Prince Gregoire, with his father and his son, constitute a family council and resolve to get her married. The uncle wishes her to marry his son, Prince Fædar. He gets an authority from the Czar compelling her to marry on a certain day within twenty-four hours. A commercial traveller from Paris, Jules Primitif (Bro. H. Ashley), arrives at St. Petersburg soliciting orders for lace, &c., from the Princess. Princess Anna sees him, but without telling him who she is. Primitif, believing her to be one of the Princess's maids, falls in love with her and persuades her to go back to Paris with him without his seeing the Princess. She flies with him. He gets her a situation in the shop, where she does most extraordinary things, and offends the principal, Madame Dupotin (Miss Amalia), who discharges her, but Anna offers to buy her out, and produces letters of credit for a fabulous sum, and declares she is the Princess. The grandfather, uncle, and son all arrive in pursuit, the uncle arranges the wedding according to the edict of the Czar, the guests are invited, but the Princess wishes to hear the document read compelling her to marry. It is found that while it bids her marry within twenty-four hours it does not mention to whom; she therefore rejects the Prince Fædar, and chooses her befriender, Primitif. He, however, though in love with her, when he enquires her motives refuses her because she is doing it not from love to him, but to spite her relations. She, however, comes to love him from his manliness and self-respect, and eventually they are married. The acts—of which the first two are the best—are full of comic interest. Miss Kate Santley won much applause by her impersonation of the wild Princess. Some of her songs were encored over and over again. Her prettiest solo, we thought, was "Daughter of a Cossack Wild." With Bro. Ashley she sang some pretty duets. "Sing a song of lover's twain" is probably to be heard everywhere. A very pretty melody, sung by Bro. Ashley in the first act and repeated as a chorus at the end of the piece, is sure to become popular. Mons. Marius, as the uncle, is very funny, and the audience do not have to hear him sing, as his vocal powers have left him, but he makes up for it in his dialogue. "La Cosaque," though not a strong piece, may hold the boards of the Royalty for some time; it is pretty, bright, and smartly played. At the fall of the curtain Miss Kate Santley came forward and thanked her audience for their applause, and said Mr. Grundy preferred not to come forward.