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THE Annual Festival of English Freemasonry took place on Wednesday last in the old Home of our Order, now happily restored, under the able and distinguished presidency of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of CARNARVON. There was a large attendance of brethren. Lord HOLMESDALE took the chair at the Banquet, which passed over with much eclat. All the arrangements of the Stewards gave satisfaction, and the menu was much admired. We refer our readers to our report elsewhere.

By the time this number of the *Freemason* greets our readers at home and abroad, the Annual Festival of our great English Order will have become a thing of the past. Its ceremonial and its banquet will alike be of yesterday, and expectations will have become certainty and anticipation fruition. Even the vexed question of Grand Lodge honours and preferment will have received a passing solution, and the hopes of the ambitious and the claims of the deserving must alike await consummation and realization, at any rate, 12 months hence. It is often amusing to note and remember, as Festival succeeds to Festival, how many are the applicants to high office, and how few are the "prizes" to be obtained. The GRAND MASTER has not it in his power to meet a tithe of the anxious longings and ceaseless strivings for the "purple," which he has to consider and satisfy each St. George's Day. Indeed, when to-day we realize how many ardently desire office and rank, and on what contradictory grounds they do so, we feel not only how hard the duty and responsibility of the selection must be, but to judge by some good folks' "nervous agitation" in the matter, we should be inclined to believe that material advantages of no ordinary kind accompanied the rank and office so vehemently aspired after. When some good people complain of this person or that person being passed over, we philosophically shrug our shoulders. It is impossible to please every one, and we must assume that care is taken and responsibility avowed in recommending certain nominations to the GRAND MASTER. To put the square men into the square hole, and the round men into the round, is the greatest "Crux" alike of social management and governmental power. We should therefore be tolerant and thankful towards our "Executive," and taking cheerfully the "goods the gods provide us," we may congratulate heartily those fortunate mortals and brethren on whom the "purple," in its becomingness of decorative splendour and opportuneness, has cast its temporary brilliancy and shed its elevating distinction.

THE resignation of so high and important a member of the Executive as the GRAND REGISTRAR in the very fulness of his official aptitude and energy and power, cannot be passed over without a word of notice. There is no more important office in Grand Lodge than that of the GRAND REGISTRAR. We are wont to look to him for legal advice, for quasi-judicial deliverances, in respect of home grievances and colonial appeals. In Bro. MCINTYRE the Craft possessed a brother of singular intelligence, ability, stability, and trustworthiness. We were accustomed, and rightly so, to accept his advice unhesitatingly, and to agree to his decisions undoubtingly. Few brethren possess a more thorough knowledge of the Book of Constitutions, and his careful expressions of opinion "ex cathedra" were marked always by great lucidity, impartiality, and painstaking accuracy. We are very sorry to lose him indeed, though we doubt not that in Bro. PHILBRICK the Craft will find a conscientious and straightforward Mentor, and an able expounder of Masonic jurisprudence. But the retirement of Bro. MCINTYRE (inopportune as we venture to deem it), raises other questions and points to other matters of some importance for Grand Lodge. The honours of Grand Lodge are admittedly "few and far between," amid so many applicants, and it has been said "Carry out in Grand Lodge appointments the prevailing system of our Government office, a limited period of service." We are inclined to think that if developed with caution and moderation there is some meaning and reality in the suggestion. Many of our offices are yearly, some clearly fall under the rule "quamdiu," &c. Now it seems to us, that with probably two exceptions—the Grand Secretaryship and the Grand Directorship of Ceremonies,—all the offices which do not annually change

actually, and which are renominated year by year, may well come henceforth under the rule of a three, four, or five years' appointment. We are not insensible to the arguments which may be adduced against enforced change; but as there is also something in the "fresh blood" and "new brooms" theory, and such seems the feeling of our generation, let us not seek too rigidly to refuse any alteration simply because we ourselves are too old-fashioned in our ideas, &c., to like to see innovations introduced amongst us. In Freemasonry we must advance with the times, and not too doggedly or obstructively set ourselves against slight and subsidiary variations in the existing state of affairs, which, whether abstractedly right or wrong, expedient or inexpedient to our subjective appreciation, commend themselves to the normal ideas of a present and younger generation.

It has been said in a contemporary that the POPE has been influenced in his recent illtimed and inadvisable Allocution against Freemasonry, as far as Anglo-Saxon Masonry at any rate is concerned, by the information he has received from a noble and distinguished member of our Order who has left Freemasonry. We entirely disbelieve the statement, and feel sure that our contemporary has been deceived. Nay, more than this, we think also we even ourselves see whence this "canard" comes. It is a move alike subtle and clever. It is in fact too clever, and like a "finesse" in that sometimes it is "finessing against your own partner." We feel ourselves pretty sure that we are indebted for this specious and highly ingenious explanation to that dark and yet most audacious of secret societies which, alike dangerous to the rights of the Throne and the liberties of peoples, has never ceased, since it inspired the Bull of 1738, to urge on violent and unscrupulous attacks against the Masonic Order everywhere. If Freemasons are the atheists, the libertines, the revolutionists such inflammatory appeals to bigotry represent them to be, they are sure to "come to grief" if only left to their own devices. No earthly society can hope to prosper, even for a short period, which is permeated and distinguished by such pernicious principles as are ascribed to Freemasons in Roman Catholic Mandemens, Allocutions, and Bulls, and which principles (if well founded) are antagonistic alike to every permanent principle of government, order, law, and morality, and may be said to be abhorrent to God and Man. It is because Freemasonry is not, as an universal Order, amenable to such charges, that our irreconcilable foes, despairing of fair means of opposition and overthrow, have to have recourse to these mournful ebullitions of "habitual mendacity." If proof were needed how impossible it is for such really destructive principles of thought and action (as are vulgarly ascribed by ill-informed Roman Scribes to our oecumenical Fraternity), to endure even the criticism of public opinion in the world, let us cast our thoughts back to the history of the Illuminati. Originating with a Roman Catholic Professor of Canon Law, and by profession a Jesuit of the first three grades, it covered with the specious words of liberty, reform, and equality the most pernicious maxims of morality, and the most destructive propaganda of social and political life. It sought in a whirl of infatuated virulence to substitute for the legal and constitutional government of nations and men the irresponsible and fanatical rule of unknown and secret superiors. It was to attain to universal, material, and spiritual domination by the uprooting of all "lawful" authority everywhere. Well, like all other similar noisome efforts and theories, it flourished for a little season and then disappeared for ever. The rule of the Illuminati, which at one time spread alike over the German and French people, passed away in about fifteen years, and is now an idle and despicable tale of the past. We shall recur to the subject of the last Papal Allocution before long.

WE have had some letters sent to us about the Ontario Grand Lodge, in reply to our request for information, but they are so violent in temper and vulgar in expression, that we think it better not to soil our pages with them. The question itself is not without difficulty. The Quebec Grand Lodge based its secession on the reality of Provincial limits and government. The Ontario Grand Lodge, which has come out of the Grand Lodge of Canada, bases its programme on the same technicality of government and provincial limits. It would almost seem as if, according to MACKAY, who is quoted, the Grand Lodge of Canada is a "misnomer" now, as it is a jurisdiction in one sense without a jurisdiction, in that, shorn of its former greatness, it practically, if we understand the Ontario case, only now really holds Masonic sway over the Province of Ontario. It was MACKAY, we believe, who advised the body to call itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The secessionists, however, are in this great difficulty. On what principle, being under the admittedly lawful jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, could they meet and form themselves into another Grand Lodge? They contend they are in the same position as the Grand Lodge of Quebec. But are

they so? The brethren in that province are distinct from Ontario, and plead that, like the American States, they can form a Grand Lodge. We do not enter upon this point, about which there may be doubts, for the Grand Lodge of Canada has recognized the Grand Lodge of Quebec. But the Grand Lodge of Canada confessedly rules Masonically over the geographical Province of Ontario. How can any brethren secede from the governing Grand Body according to Masonic law, and form themselves, so long as the Grand Lodge of Canada exists, into a separate Grand Lodge within a Grand Lodge? Such, certainly, is our humble opinion, on the facts of the case, as they are at present before us, quite in unison with our previous remarks, which being guarded as to the point of territorial limits, are fully explained by the actual condition in which the question is presented to us. But we may be wrong.

We are glad to be permitted to call attention to the notice elsewhere of Bro. W. W. WESTCOTT'S candidature for the Coronership of the City of London. Our esteemed brother has, as Deputy Coroner for Middlesex, shewn himself to be thoroughly "au fait" of his serious duties, and in some important enquiries he has evinced much discretion, ability, and clearness of thought and action, and succeeded in obtaining the confidence of the public.

ALL our readers will be very much concerned to hear of the death of Bro. Sir MICHAEL COSTA, Past Grand Warden and Past Grand Organist. He will be much missed by many friends as well as brethren, and Musical Art loses in him one of its most distinguished representatives. He was a very amiable and kindly-hearted brother.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

The Annual Festival of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday last. Grand Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, when there were also present Lord Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master for Kent, acting as Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; Viscount Ebrington, Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire, as Past Grand Master, and the following Grand Officers:

Bros. Earl of Milltown, G.S.W.; Victor A. Williamson, as G.J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as G. Chap.; John D. Allcroft, G. Treas.; A. J. McIntyre, G. Reg.; Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purps.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Dr. E. E. Wendt, G. Sec., G.C.; J. W. Havers, P.G.W.; Rev. J. W. Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martin, P.G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. T. Cochrane, P.G.C.; Rev. Thomas Robinson, P.G.C.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G.C.; Rev. Dr. E. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Ralph Gooding, G.S.D.; Frank Green, G.J.D.; T. H. Devonshire, G.J.D.; Horace Jones, G.S. of W.; Sir Albert Woods (*Garter*), G.D. of C.; T. Dolling Bolton, D.G.D.C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Asst. G.D.C.; Col. Peters, G. Swd. Br.; Lieut.-Col. F. Gough, G. Std. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; L. F. Littell, G.P.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; T. Penn, P.G.D.; R. C. Else, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; C. A. Merton, P.G.D.; H. Maudslay, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, P.G.D.; J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Brackstone-Baker, P.G.D.; C. W. E. Hutton, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; H. J. Dumas, P.G.D.; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Hyde Clarke, Representative Grand Lodge Columbia; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. Messent, P.G.S.B.; Col. J. Creaton, P.G. Treas.; S. Mullins, P.G.S.B.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; C. J. Jekyll, P.G. Org.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.

Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. Captain Colvill, C. F. Hogard, W. Medwin, Barclay Perkins, D. P. Cama, W. Kebbell, F. W. R. Hedges, James Terry, G. P. Festa, Bradshaw-Brown, W. Lake, H. Venn, Frederick Binckes, A. M. Broadley, E. F. Storr, Pendlebury, Ockenden, Spratling, Geo. Kenning, Stedwell, W. Adlard, Baxter, Foulger, Marsh, Capt. A. Nicols, J. Mason, Rev. Maguire, Berridge, Freeman, J. D. Langton, W. H. Lee, W. Dodd, J. Hoite, and others.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of Grand Lodge in March, as far as regarded the election of the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer.

These minutes having been confirmed, Sir ALBERT WOODS proclaimed the Prince of Wales by his titles as having been installed as Grand Master.

The Earl of CARNARVON then stated that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., had been pleased to appoint him again as M.W. Pro Grand Master—(cheers)—and that his Royal Highness had also re-appointed the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master.

The following brethren were then invested as Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. Lord Cremorne	...	...	...	G.S.W.
" The Lord Mayor of London	...	...	...	G.J.W.
" The Rev. Canon Tristram	...	...	...	G. Chap.
" The Rev. Dr. Robbins	...	...	...	G. Chap.
" Horace Brooks Marshall	...	...	...	G. Treas.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	...	...	G. Reg.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	...	...	G. Sec.
" Ernest E. Wendt, D.C.L.	...	...	...	G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" Baron de Ferrieres, M.P.	...	...	...	G.S.D.
" F. Davison	...	...	...	G.S.D.
" James Smith Eastes	...	...	...	G.J.D.
" Edward Letchworth	...	...	...	G.J.D.
" Horace Jones	...	...	...	G. Supt. of Wks.
" Sir Albert W. Woods (<i>Garter</i>)	...	...	...	G.D. of C.
" Alfred Richards	...	...	...	G.A.D. of C.
" Major Edward Locock	...	...	...	G. Swd. Br.
" James H. Matthews	...	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" Lieut.-Col. Taylor	...	...	...	G. Std. Br.
" Professor E. M. Lott	...	...	...	G. Org.
" H. G. Buss	...	...	...	G. Asst. Sec.
" W. Stephens	...	...	...	G. Purst.
" Henry Garrod	...	...	...	G. Asst. Purst.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	...	G. Tyler.

GRAND SECRETARY then read the following list of brethren who had been nominated as Grand Stewards for the ensuing year: Bros. James Holah, 1; C. O. Tagart, 2; Fred West, 4; John Hallett, 5; A. E. Craven, 6; E. W. Rushworth, 8; W. Bedford Liddeard, 14; Samuel Hill, 21; J. J. Boyd, 23; E. C. Stebbing, 26; C. C. Black, 29; W. E. Ramsden Wood, M.D., 46; James Ford, 58; George Penn, 60; Thomas Lough, 91; Chester Cheston, 99; Benjamin Horatio Paul, 197; and Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, 259.

The Earl of CARNARVON: Brethren, before I proceed to close this Grand Lodge, I think I may make two remarks, which will be quite in harmony with your feelings. The first is one of satisfaction at finding ourselves once more within the familiar walls of our Temple. There might be larger, more spacious, even grander rooms than this; but I confess myself after having known this place for so many years, and having been allowed to take so considerable a share of the business in it, that I feel very great satisfaction in finding myself again in it. It has lost some, I fear, of its ancient decorations, but many of those may be replaced, and with regard to those for which there is no substitute, we can only remember the past with affection. And now one word as to a more serious and a more painful subject. We have lost one who was well known in the Craft, who was an excellent Mason, discharging its duties with all those high qualities which befit Masonry, one who filled high offices in this Grand Lodge, who was for many years Grand Organist, and afterwards, by the favour of his Royal Highness, our Grand Master, received the honour of the rank of Past Grand Warden. Brethren, I allude to Sir Michael Costa, and I am quite sure that among those who knew him personally there will be but one feeling of affectionate regret and sorrow at his loss, and among those who knew him only at a distance and as no inconsiderable figure in Masonry, there will be only a feeling of sympathy and concern. Having paid this brief tribute, I now desire to close Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed with the customary formalities.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant banquet was provided by the Grand Stewards, Bro. Lord Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Master for Kent, presided. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were proposed, after grace had been sung.

The CHAIRMAN in giving "The Health of the Queen" said he thought it would be best on this occasion considering the recent bereavement of the Royal Family not to give the usual cheers on the reception of the toast. Going to the toast he said her Majesty had always shewn a benevolent spirit towards the Craft and had also been a most liberal patroness of all the Charities of the Order.

The CHAIRMAN in giving the toast of "The Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," said the brethren would remember 21 years ago when they first saw the Princess of Wales. The Prince and Princess of Wales had each in their turn endeavoured and with success to keep up that character of affection which had always been the characteristic of Englishmen.

The CHAIRMAN in proposing "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master" said that the brethren would remember that that day nine years ago they were assembled in the Albert Hall and saw his Royal Highness placed in the principal chair of Grand Lodge. There was not one among them but would acknowledge that from that day enormous benefit had accrued to the Craft. The brethren would drink his health with great pleasure that day when they remembered that although he was not among them—he was taking great interest in a ceremonial abroad, which must call to his mind the ceremony of 21 years ago, in which he was one of two principal actors.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Sister Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland," and said that when brethren from foreign jurisdictions came among them they were very pleased that they should see their working and partake of their hospitality. They were also very much pleased when brethren from a distant clime were amongst their visitors, and on the present occasion he was pleased to say they had among them a brother from the United States, Bro. Levey, and with the toast he should couple his name.

Bro. JOSEPH M. LEVEY, P.M. and Past High Priest Star of Cuba, 742, New York, in replying said: I am extremely sorry that the task of responding to this toast should have fallen upon me, for I assure you I am in no way equal to it, and I regret it more especially because our representative worshipful brother Brackstone Baker is here and could have done more justice to it than I can, more especially as he is able to respond for the State of New York and also for several others. After all, what can I say that you have not heard a hundred times from brethren from the other side of the water—that their hearts beat with affection towards this Grand Lodge, that they look up to it as a child does to its mother, and that they sincerely hope that the fraternal affection that exists at present may never be broken in any circumstances whatever that may occur. I am sorry that I am unable to make any extended remarks at present, but Bro. Baker has promised very kindly if I would withdraw in his favour to give you all satisfaction.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER said he held a power of attorney from the State of New York to represent that State in the absence of his principal. He was to act vicariously; but as his principal was present, his power of attorney fell to the ground, because the principal who gave him that power was present to reply for himself.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Pro Grand and the Deputy Grand Master," and apologised for the absence of both those Grand Officers, both of whom were called away on business. The Pro Grand Master had desired him to say that nothing would have given him greater pleasure than to stay if it had not been that urgent affairs had called him away. The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, was away in the north of England.

The toast having been duly honoured,

Bro. JOHN HAVERS, Past Grand Warden, proposed "The Provincial Grand Masters," of whom the Chairman was one. He begged to notify to the great zeal with which the Provincial Grand Masters performed their duties, and there was no one among them who did it with more fervour than the Chairman at the present Festival.

The CHAIRMAN replied, and said if he had presided with satisfaction to the brethren he was more than compensated. It was always his desire to do his duty, and he had been most happy to take the chair in the absence of the Earl of Carnarvon, who had intended to be present.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Health of the District Grand Masters," who were most useful wheels in the progress of Freemasonry. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal.

Bro. SANDEMAN said in reply that he believed that the one feeling that actuated Provincial and District Grand Masters was that as they had achieved very high distinction, it was their duty to be ready at every call to perform any Masonic duties which might be required of them. The Provincial and District Grand Masters were a very important factor in the Masonic machine. They hoped they would always do their duty. He had endeavoured to do his, and he was sure that all Provincial and District Grand Masters did the same. He hoped they would always be animated by the same spirit, and on behalf of those brethren he begged to thank the brethren for the toast.

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." Those who had entered on their year of office were impressed, he was sure, with the onerous duties which devolved upon them. The Grand Master had been fortunate in finding brethren who were ready to undertake the duties of Grand office, and if he had not, it would be an argument that the Craft were falling off. Happily it was not, and the brethren would heartily drink the health of those brethren who had assumed the high position demanded of them. In proposing this toast he could not forget those brethren who had held office hitherto, and he could not omit the name of the Grand Registrar, Bro. McIntyre, who had for many years worn the purple. He only hoped that his successor would give the same satisfaction to the Craft as Bro. McIntyre had given.

Lord CREMORNE, G.S.W., replied. He thought he might omit further mention of the Past Grand Officers, and speak especially of the Grand Officers of the year, of whom he was one. He felt deeply sensible of the high honour conferred upon him by being selected for such high rank, and he expressed his gratitude to the Chairman for proposing and the brethren for drinking the health of the Grand Officers so heartily. The Grand Officers would do their best to emulate the works of their predecessors.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so said that in all Masonic gatherings the Charities of the Order were never forgotten. Those Charities had achieved a success which was highly gratifying to every Mason. If his memory served him rightly the three great Institutions of the Order last year took £54,000. Every brother must be very proud of this, and not only so, but they must also be proud of the great efforts the Secretaries of those Institutions exercised on their behalf.

Bro. HEDGES, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, replied. He said he rose with a very great amount of pleasure to acknowledge on behalf of the Masonic Charities the very kind way in which the Chairman had proposed and the brethren had received the toast. At that late hour of the evening he felt that he must not detain the brethren with any lengthened remarks. He knew that the charms and attractions of the adjoining room were too strong and too great to admit of the brethren remaining very much longer in that heated atmosphere; but he begged to be permitted in the name of the Masonic Charities not only to acknowledge the very kind manner in which the toast had been received, but, addressing that assembly as a representative assembly of the Craft, he begged to express on behalf of the Institutions the Secretaries' sincerest acknowledgments of the very liberal and generous support which at all times was afforded to them. The festival of the Boys' School for 1883, when they had the honour of his lordship's presidency, must long be a red-letter day in the annals of that Institution; it was a day which must be remembered by them with a great amount of pleasure and lasting gratitude. The festival of the Benevolent Institution celebrated in February last was one of great success and one for which the executive of that Institution he was sure felt the deepest gratitude. If he might be permitted to detain them but two minutes longer he would like to say a word on behalf of the Girls' School. That Institution was anxiously yet hopefully looking forward to that day three weeks when it would hold its anniversary festival. Lord Brooke, Prov. Grand Master for Essex would preside, and he trusted and he would even entreat on behalf of that Institution a similar amount of support to that afforded to the other two Institutions. The Province of Essex had been working very hard to support its Grand Master. That county had, however, recently experienced a very untoward circumstance by the late earthquake, although it was slight compared with the earthquakes experienced in other lands. Still the earthquake had been sufficient to require subscriptions to a fund for the relief of the sufferers by it, and that must make some difference in the amount that province subscribed to the Girls' School. Nevertheless he hoped and trusted that this unfortunate event would only lead to renewed efforts on behalf of the Girls' School. Thanking the Grand Stewards for the invitation he had that evening, he hoped their efforts would not be relaxed on behalf of the Masonic Institutions.

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Health of the Grand Stewards," who had contributed so much to the comfort and enjoyment of the evening.

Bro. JOHN WM. FULLER, No. 1, President of the Board of Stewards, replied. He said it was his privilege on that occasion as President of the Board of Grand Stewards to respond to the toast, which the Chairman had so kindly proposed and the brethren had so warmly received. He might tell the brethren that every Grand Steward this year had been animated with a desire to make that evening's entertainment one which they would find most enjoyable. On being admitted to this Grand office they felt they were succeeding to offices which had been occupied by brethren who had filled the most distinguished offices in the Craft. They had heard of brethren who had filled office in that grand Craft for the past 150 years. In 1731 there were brethren who were Grand Stewards. The Grand Stewards therefore felt that it required unflagging interest on their part in order to make the entertainment a success. They had worked with harmony to bring about this great result. They would feel that if the brethren left that night with a souvenir of agreeable enjoyment it was the greatest reward the Grand Stewards could have.

This concluded the proceedings in the banqueting room. The brethren then adjourned to the Temple, where a charming concert was given under the direction of Bro. Jekyll, who acted for Bro. W. G. Cusins, Past G. Organist. The artistes were Miss Clara Samuella and Miss Woodhatch, Mr. Henry Guy, Mr. Brereton, Mr. John Foster, Bro. G. T. Carter, Mr. Dalzell, Bro. W. Winn, and Bro. Henry Parker. Signor Papini performed some solos on the violin.

The Grand Stewards of the year, to whom the greatest praise is due for their excellent arrangements and for the munificent hospitality of the evening were: Bros. John W. Fuller, No. 1, President; Harry N. Mills, 23, Treas.; Abner Torkington, 60, Sec.; George A. Ames, 2; Wm. T. Whitmore, 4; John W. Jones, 5; J. R. Fitzjames Claridge, 6; Thomas Skewes-Cox, 8; Walter Jarvis, 14; Thomas F. Peacock, 21; Edward Milner, 26; J. D. McK. von Dadelszen, 29; Charles G. Boxall, 46; Fred. W. Smith, 58; Benjamin Bull, 91; Henry T. Wood, 99; Edward H. Burnell, 197; and Herbert A. Rigg, 259.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Lord CREMORNE, who first saw Masonic light in a lodge held under the Irish Constitution, became a member of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, in 1869, and served the office of W.M., as is the custom in this lodge, for two years—1882 and 1883—it being only a short time since he gave place to and installed Bro. Sir Bruce Seton as his successor in the chair of K.S. His lordship was appointed a Grand Steward in 1872, and was a Life Governor of and had served the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He had also received the R.A. degree, having been installed in the Friendship Chapter, No. 6.

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Alderman R. N. FOWLER, M.P., is the fourth Lord Mayor of London who has been appointed to the chair of Grand Junior Warden since the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, his three predecessors who have been thus honoured being Bros. Alderman Stone, Sir F. W. Truscott, and Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., and the honour would seem to be equally well bestowed. Bro. Fowler was initiated, passed, and raised in the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, in May, 1867. In January, 1870, he joined the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham, and served as W.M. in 1876. He is a Past Grand Senior Deacon and the present Grand Senior Warden of Wiltshire, while in 1880 he became a joining member of Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1, of which he was installed W.M. early in the current year. He has shown an interest in our Institutions, and is a Life Governor of the Male Fund Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Bro. Rev. JOHN ROBBINS, D.D., Rector of Framfield, near Uckfield, was initiated, when yet a minor, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, about the year 1854, and exalted in Alfred Royal Arch Chapter, No. 340, Oxford. A few years later he joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, of which he has served as Secretary and is now the Senior Warden. He is a founder and first W.M. of the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635; a founder and second W.M. of Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765; and a founder and the present W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910. He is also a Past H. Prelate of the Order of the Temple, has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, is a Past Prov. G. Chaplain of Middlesex, and has rendered good service in supporting our Charitable Institutions.

GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., was initiated into Freemasonry in the Old Dundee Lodge, No. 18, some twenty years since, and the services he has rendered during that period have been of a very high order. He was W.M. of his mother lodge in 1869-70. In 1871 he became a joining member of the Antiquity Lodge, No. 2, was W. Dep. Master in 1877, and is, and has been for some years, Orator. He joined the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, in 1872, and is its present S.W. He is also a member of the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16; of the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1; of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester; and several other Essex Lodges; a founder of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1537, Westminster; and founder and first W.M. of the University of London Lodge, No. 2023. He was exalted to the R.A. in the Chapter of Prudence, No. 12, in 1866, and some years later was elected its M.E.Z., having in the interim joined the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9, and the St. James's Chapter, No. 2; in 1879 he was M.E.Z. of the former, and in the same year filled the like position in the latter. He was advanced in the Bon Accord Mark Lodge in February, 1870, having in the 23rd December previous had conferred upon him the degree of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine in the St. Andrew's Conclave, No. 15. He was appointed a Grand Junior Deacon and 1st Grand Assistant Sojourner in 1873, and has been a member of the Board of General Purposes since 1876. He is a Knight Grand Cross of Rome and the Red Cross, and has taken the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He was appointed Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Essex in 1879 by the late Lord Tenterden, and was reappointed by Lord Brooke, M.P., when the latter was installed as Master of the same province in 1883; nor does this represent the full extent of his Provincial honours, for early last year he received his patent of appointment as Prov. Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for Essex. As regards our Charities, he has shown himself to be one of their most consistent and liberal supporters, being a Vice-Patron of both our Schools, and three times a Festival Steward for each, and a Vice-President and twice Steward in behalf of the Benevolent Institution.

GRAND SENIOR DEACONS.

Bro. Baron DE FERRIERES, M.P., was initiated in, and is a P.M. of, the Foundation Lodge, No. 82; also a member of the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246; and is P.G. Registrar of the province of Gloucester. In the Mark Degree, Bro. De Ferrieres is P.G.M.O., and has twice filled the chair of his lodge. Has also passed the chair in St. Thomas's Rose Croix Chapter, and in the Cotteswold Preceptory of Knights Templar. Is a member of the 31st Degree, and the Royal Order of Scotland, and nearly all the higher Degrees. Is a Vice-Patron of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions, and has served the office of Steward eight times.

Bro. FREDERIC DAVISON was initiated in St. Andrews Lodge, No. 269, now 222, in 1853, and was W.M. of that lodge in 1857 and 1858. He joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in 1857, and was W.M. in 1881; a founder and member of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1010, now 708, in 1859, and has been Treasurer since 1869; a founder and member of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, and Treasurer in 1877; a founder and Treasurer of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, and joined Palladian Lodge, No. 120. Is a P.P.G.S. and G.R. Hereford, was nominated D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex on formation of the province in 1870, but not residing within the province he could not obtain a dispensation, and was therefore appointed the S.G.W. Was exalted in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, in 1857; joined the Watford Chapter, No. 404, in 1868, was Z. in 1874 and 1875; a founder and first J. of the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293, in 1873, was Z. in 1875, and is P.G.H. Middlesex and P.P.G. Soj. Herts.; joined the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, in 1874, and is now Treasurer. Was advanced in the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, No. 7, in 1864, became W.M. in 1871, and has been D. Prov. G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey since the formation of the province in 1870; Grand Reg. of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in 1873, re-elected Grand Treasurer yearly since 1874; a founder of Watford Mark Lodge, No. 241, in 1879, W.M. in 1880; joined the Davison Mark Lodge, No. 331, which was consecrated

last month, and is now Treasurer; is also Treasurer of Grand Masters Council, No. 1. Was admitted by Supreme Council to the Eighteenth Degree in 1871; a founder of St. George's Chapter in 1872, M.W.S. in 1875, and Treasurer in 1883. Took Knight Templar Degree in the Blondel Preceptory in 1878, E.P. in 1881, and joined Faith and Fidelity Preceptory in 1884. Bro. Davison has served the Stewardships of all the Charities—the Boys' three times—and the Stewardship of the Mark Benevolent and Educational Fund.

GRAND JUNIOR DEACONS.

Bro. JAMES SMITH EASTES is D.P.G.M. and Prov. G.H. of the large and important province of Kent, consisting of 49 lodges and 16 chapters. He was initiated in Prince Edwin Lodge, Hythe, No. 125, in 1857. In the same year was one of the founders of the Invicta Lodge, Ashford, No. 709, of which he was W.M. in 1861. Was appointed Senior Grand Warden of Kent in 1861, and D.P.G.M. in 1874. He was exalted in the Belvidere Chapter, Maidstone, No. 503, in 1860, and installed Z. of that chapter in 1867. Was one of the founders of the Invicta Chapter, Ashford, 709, in 1877, when Viscount Holmesdale, the Prov. Grand Master, was installed Z., whom he succeeded in the following year. When Viscount Holmesdale was appointed Superintendent of the province in 1877, and formed his Prov. Grand Chapter, Bro. Eastes was appointed Prov. G.H., and has since occupied that position, with the exception of one year, 1879, when Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson (now Past Grand Chaplain), was appointed. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Holmesdale Lodge, Ramsgate, No. 129, in 1874, and passed the chair of that lodge in 1880. He was appointed Senior Grand Mark Warden of Kent in 1875. He was one of the Stewards of the province of Kent at the installation of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. in 1875. Has supported the several Masonic Institutions, being Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and Life Governor of the Girls' School and the Royal Benevolent Institution. Was acting Vice-President of the Board of Stewards at the Festival of the Boys' School in 1883, when the Prov. Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, presided at the Crystal Palace, and the brethren of the province sent up lists amounting to upwards of £2300. As D.P.G.M. of Kent, is ex-officio Vice-President of all the Charitable Institutions.

Bro. EDWARD LETCHWORTH was initiated in the year 1875 in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197—the chair of which he filled in 1882. He is also a Past Master of St. James's Lodge, No. 1579, and is at present Senior Warden of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2. He is a Past Grand Steward, having, during his year of office, been elected President of the Board. In the year 1877 he was appointed to the office of Grand Registrar of the Province of Middlesex. In the Royal Arch he is P.Z. of St. James's Chapter, No. 2, and of the Enfield Chapter, No. 1237, and is a member of the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778. In the year 1877 he received the appointment of Grand Registrar of the Province of Middlesex, which he held for two years. He has for five years been a member of the General Committee of Grand Chapter. Bro. Letchworth was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes in the year 1879, and again in 1882. At present he is a member of the Colonial Board, having for the third time been elected to that office. In the year 1881 he had the honour to propose H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. Bro. Letchworth is a Vice-Patron of the R.M.I. for Girls, on the House Committee of which he has served six years; a Life-Governor of the R.M.I. for Boys, and of the R.M. Benevolent Institution. He has on eleven occasions served as a Steward at the festivals of the several Charities. He was instrumental in founding a lodge and a chapter at Enfield, both of which deservedly enjoy a high reputation in the Province. In Mark Masonry he has for some years been a member of the Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Letchworth is a member of the 30th Degree, and Past M.W. Sov. and Treasurer of the Bard of Avon Rose Croix Chapter. In the Order of the Temple he is a Past Preceptor of St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, and a Past Great Officer of the National Great Priory; he is a Knight of Malta, in which Order he holds the rank of Past Prior, and is an officer of the Royal Order of Scotland.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. GRIFFITHS SMITH was initiated 27th July, 1863, in the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21; became W.M. in 1872, and was appointed Grand Steward in that year; was Secretary to the lodge for some years. In 1870 he joined the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569; was elected W.M. in 1875, and resigned in 1880; also joined the Grand Stewards Lodge in 1872, of which lodge he is now the J.D. He was exalted in the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, on 28th January, 1868, and filled the chair of M.E.Z. in 1875. Bro. Griffiths Smith was appointed on the Board of General Purposes, and served on the Finance Committee of the Board in 1872-3-4-5; and is at the present time Vice-President of the Colonial Board, which position he has held since 1876. For about five years he was an elected member of the Board of Benevolence, and has served on many Committees and Sub-Committees connected with the Charities. He acted as a Special Steward at the installation of the M.W. Grand Master at the Albert Hall in 1875. Bro. Griffiths Smith's services in connection with the three Masonic Charities are membership of the House Committee of the Girls' School for nine years (from 1873), Vice-Patronship of the School, and to Stewardships in succession from 1874; Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, one Stewardship, and for seven years an elected member of the Board of Management; and Life Governor of the Boys' School, with one Stewardship.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. MAJOR LOUCK was initiated in the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, Louth, some 20 years since, of which lodge he has twice been in the chair. Has held the appointments of Prov. G. Stwd. and Prov. G.S.W., and is at present Dep. G.M. of the province of Lincolnshire. Was exalted in the Oliver Chapter, No. 792, Great Grimsby, and was amongst the founders of the St. James's Chapter in connection with the Lindsey Lodge; is P.Z. of that chapter, and P.G.H. of the province.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. JAMES HENRY MATTHEWS was initiated in 1860 in Lodge Star in the East, No. 67 (then No. 80), Calcutta, joined several lodges in India, and held the office of District Grand Deacon of Bengal. Returned to England in 1869, and joined the Middlesex Lodge, 143; Victoria Rifles, 822; and Methuen, 631. Is Past Master of Industry Lodge, No. 109, Calcutta, also of the Middlesex Lodge, and the present W.M. of Methuen Lodge. Bro. Matthews served on the Board of General Purposes and on the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge in 1879-80, and on the Colonial Board from 1880 to 1884. He was exalted in Holy Zion Chapter, No. 486, Calcutta, in 1861, and is now a member of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 9;

is also a member of the Mark, Knights Templar, and 31st Degrees. Was a member of House Committee of the R.M. Institution for Girls in 1882-3-4, and is Vice-Patron of all three Institutions.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. Professor EDWIN M. LOTT was initiated by the Prov. Grand Master of the Channel Islands in the Mechanics' Lodge, No. 245, in the year 1857; installed W.M. of the lodge in 1867; Prov. Grand Organist of Jersey in 1868; Prov. Grand Junior Warden of Jersey in 1870. Was founder and first W.M. of Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765; also founder and first W.M. of the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, and his name appears amongst the founders of the following lodges: Canterbury, 1635; Shadwell Clerke, 1910; and St. Mary Abbots, 1974; also Prov. Grand Organist of Surrey in 1880, and is at present Junior Warden of Campbell Lodge, 1415.

Particulars respecting the rest of the Grand Officers will appear next week, our space being already overcrowded.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

An emergency meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Hall of the Grand Lodge, No. 8A, Red Lion-square, for the purpose of adopting addresses of condolence to her Majesty the Queen; to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Past Grand Master; and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Past Grand Master. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M., presided, and there were also present:

Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Rev. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M. Masons; Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, P.G.M. Cornwall; A. M. Broadley, Past D.G.M. Mediterranean; Charles F. Matter, as G.S.W.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, as G.J.W.; Col. Bignold, G.M.O.; Thomas Cubitt, as G.S.O.; S. G. Kirchoffer, G.J.O.; Rev. R. P. Bent, as G. Chap.; F. Davison, G. Treas.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; G. Cooper, G.S.D.; R. Berridge, G.D.C.; Comptroller S. G. Bake, G.S.B.; Edwin M. Lott, as G. Org.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; W. Roebuck, P.G.M.O.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of Works; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; H. Massey, P.G. Stwd.; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.S.D.; Thos. J. Pulley, P.G.S.D.; and others.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were announced as having been received from

Bros. Lieut.-Col. James Davy, Prov. G.M. Devon; Capt. Charles Hunter, Prov. G.M. North Wales; Lord Arthur Hill, M.P.; Bros. Percy Leith, P.P.G.M. Bombay; Thomas Trollope, M.D.; Hon. A. H. Henniker, G.J.W.; Dr. Hopkins, P.G.W.; T. F. Halsey, M.P.; V.W. Bro. H. R. Hatherly, G.M.O.; Bros. Jas. Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. W. Staunton Moses, P.G.C.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G.C.; W. Bro. Dr. G. B. Brodie, G.S.D.; H. Lovegrove, P.G.S. of W.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of W.; G. W. Dalrymple, G.A.D. of C.; J. H. Banks, G.I.G.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G. Stwd.; W. Stephens, P.G. Stwd.; W. T. Clarke, P.G. Stwd.; Percy Wallis, G. Stwd.; T. J. Ralling, G.J.D.; E. Gilbert, P.G. Stwd.; the Cornubian Lodge, No. 87, Hayle; and the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 246, Derby.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the brethren, taking their time from Bro. Berridge, G.D.C., saluted the M.W. Grand Master according to ancient custom.

Bro. BINCKES, Grand Sec., at the direction of the Grand Master, read the notice summoning the meeting.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER then rose and said: M.W. Past Grand Masters and brethren, I have thought it my duty to call you together on this very sad occasion. The very sad event which has just taken place—the death of our Past G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Albany—is an event which has called forth the warmest and most heartfelt sympathy all over the world, I think I may say; certainly everywhere where there is a subject of the British Crown, and I think I may say it has called forth a warm feeling not least among Masons. We Masons will give place to no body of men in the British Empire in our loyalty to the British Crown; but to us Mark Master Masons the loss of the Duke of Albany is an extra heavy blow, for we shall all feel his death most keenly when we remember that he had been among us so often during the last three years. You will recollect that during my first year of office it was my pleasing duty to install him in his place in Grand Lodge as Past Grand Master that year. You will recollect that next year it was my pleasing duty to present him and the Duchess of Albany with a gift from Mark Master Masons all over the world, and then we hoped that there was a long and happy future before them both. Brethren, we have lost not only one who possessed all the genial qualities which will always make us look back to the days that he was among us with the greatest possible pleasure, but I think we have lost one who approached Masonry in that true Masonic spirit which we should all possess. Now, brethren, although I do not intend to make you a long speech, I think a very few words are only necessary on an occasion of this kind to enlist your sympathy; yet I cannot but speak before I sit down on the loss which I believe this country generally, as well as Masonry, has sustained by the death of his Royal Highness. Each Prince of the Royal House of England has taken up his part in life, and chosen an active and a useful career. So had H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. Of course, his health had attached him, as we know, to a line of life different to those which his brothers occupied; but he had chosen a line in life which made us look to him as the future leader in literature, in Masonry, and all the intellectual arts so important to all of us, which tend to soothe us in all our troubles, and take the edge off the rough hewn stones and stumbling blocks of this stormy and unhappy life; and I think I may add that he had endeared himself not only to those who knew him personally by all those good qualities which I have spoken of—his genial, warm-hearted qualities—but he had endeared himself also to the public at large. Brethren, I think I may say without fear of contradiction that he is not only a great loss to us Masons, but a great loss to this country. Now, brethren, I should like to say one word about her Majesty the Queen. We know how her Majesty has borne this great and terrible sorrow; that she has borne it with her usual fortitude and courage; and we cannot but feel how sad and how great this blow has been to her, from the fact that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany lived perhaps with the Queen and at home more than almost any of her sons, and of course from his constant illhealth he was a source of anxiety to her. We cannot but feel that the blow which she has received has come upon her with redoubled force. We know from the highest to the lowest that there is no joy and no sorrow of any of her subjects that the Queen does not share in, and I think that we should indeed be but cold in heart if on such an occasion as this our sympathy was not of the warmest and sincerest kind. Brethren, I should like to say one word too about her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany. All hearts must be drawn to her side at this time—to her who so lately came to make her home amongst us

here in this country, and when we, as I have already said, so lately joined in wishing her with the Duke of Albany all the happiness that they might with reason look forward to. But now she is left a widow amongst us, and I think we can see that it is here, as we might expect, that she has found warm hearts to mourn with her. Brethren, I shall say no more, but I shall ask you to pass votes of condolence to her Majesty the Queen and to the young widow her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, and I am sure that I shall call forth but one feeling, and that is one of warm sympathy with the Queen, with the Duchess of Albany, and the whole of the Royal Family, not only in this Grand Lodge, but among all the Mark Masons all over the world.

The following is a copy of the addresses:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

We, the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, in Grand Lodge assembled, respectfully approach your Majesty with the expression of our most sincere sympathy and deep grief at the loss which your Majesty has sustained by the untimely death of our dearly beloved and much lamented Past Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G. During his connection with the degree of Mark Master, H.R.H. always took the most lively interest therein, and by his many acts of brotherly kindness had endeared himself to every member. While thus expressing our condolence, our most earnest and fervent prayer is that the Great Overseer of the Universe may endue your Majesty with fortitude to support you in the hour of your affliction, and that He may vouchsafe to you a continuance of that health and strength which is so precious to all the loyal and faithful subjects of your most Gracious Majesty.

To H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany.

We, the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown in Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express to your Royal Highness our deep grief and sympathy with the loss you have sustained by the untimely death of our much esteemed and lamented Past Grand Master, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G. In this the sad hour of your grief we offer you our most sincere condolence on the sudden termination of the happiness we hoped you would have enjoyed for many years, and we pray the Great Overseer of the Universe may sustain and protect your Royal Highness in this your hour of supreme trial.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight: Most Worshipful Grand Master, as Acting Deputy Grand Master it is my duty to second the resolution which you have just proposed to Grand Lodge, and I am certain that it is unnecessary for me to add anything to those words which have so well expressed the sentiments which actuate us all. The late lamented Duke of Albany was snatched away from us in early life; he had not the opportunity of completing the career of which his early life gave so much promise. You, Most Worshipful Grand Master, have alluded to the sympathy which has been evoked in every part of England, in every part of the kingdom, and in every part where Englishmen congregate, at his untimely death; but what is almost more remarkable is the spontaneous manner in which the sympathy has been expressed. It has burst forth from the hearts of Englishmen without waiting to be appealed to, and certainly it must have occurred to them that his early career gave us so much hope for the future that as he had to some extent it was thought overcome the delicacy of constitution which was his attribute in earlier years, so there was a hope that he would have achieved distinction and usefulness for his country for many years to come. It was not to be so; and if Englishmen as a whole mourn his loss, so do we as Masons, and particularly as Mark Master Masons possess that feeling in a still greater degree. It will be in the recollection of all of us that he has come among us, and he has discharged Masonic duties with ability and with grace. He never refused to perform a duty when he thought by so doing he could prove of service; and the manner in which on every occasion he performed those duties endeared himself to those with whom he came in contact. Brethren, I am sure we, as Mark Master Masons, must deplore him as having occupied the distinguished position of a Grand Mark Master, and we had looked forward fondly to the belief that, acting in that duty, he would have taken the most active interest, as he always did, in the interests of Mark Masonry. Brethren, if we mourn his loss, as our Grand Master has said, there are others who must mourn it still more. The Queen must naturally deplore the loss of her youngest son, who, as the Grand Master has so truly said, was perhaps in her company more than any of the others. And if the mother mourns him, so must the youthful widow also mourn her young husband; and we cannot do better than give our unanimous assent, as I am sure we shall do, in the most touching manner to the address which has been proposed for the acceptance of Grand Lodge.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER then put the addresses to Grand Lodge, and they were carried unanimously.

Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, Past Grand Master: M.W.G.M. and brethren, I have to propose that an address be presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, one of our Past Grand Masters, expressing the sympathy of Grand Lodge with him on the loss he has sustained in what is also our great loss, and which makes the first breach in the ranks of our Past Grand Masters. Those who had the privilege of being present when the Prince of Wales was advanced as a Mark Master Mason by the late Duke of Albany must have been struck not more I think by the admirable manner in which that ceremony was performed than by the evidence which was then given us of the exceedingly affectionate relations which existed between the two brothers. It was, if I may so say, a most touching sight, and one which I think all who were present felt it to be a very great privilege to be allowed to witness. The death of Prince Leopold will have affected his Royal Highness, our Past Grand Master, not only as of course it necessarily must as the loss of one so near and dear to him, but also as the loss of one who seconded him so ably in all those matters which the Prince of Wales has so much at heart. I suppose it is not too much to say that none of the Royal Family have so followed in the steps of his lamented father as H.R.H. Prince Leopold, whether in Masonry or in those objects of general utility—utility to the country at large—which the Prince of Wales also has so much at heart. In those he was seconded by the Duke of Albany, and his loss will be proportionately great to his brother. The vote I propose is as follows:

To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Past Grand M.M.M. of England, &c., &c.

We, the M.W.G.M.M.M., the Grand Officers, and Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, desire to approach your Royal Highness with our heartfelt expression of sympathy at the untimely death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Past G.M. Master of England, &c. We are deeply conscious of the loss which the whole nation of England has sustained in the premature removal from amongst us of one who had ever evinced so earnest a desire to promote every effort that had for its object the benefit of his fellow men. The support which our late Past G.M.M.M. has ever extended to this Order calls for our warmest and abiding recognition. We humbly pray that the Great Overseer of the Universe may soften this blow to your Royal Highness, and ever extend His protection to your Royal Highness and to the Royal Family.

That is the address I would propose should be sent to His Royal Highness.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, R.W. Prov. G.M. for Middlesex and Surrey: I rise to second this address, there is not much left for me to say in consequence of the admirable way in which it has been put before the brethren by the Past Grand Master, Bro. Portal. I myself have had a great deal of suffering in different ways, but I do not believe any one has felt so severely and acutely as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales did on the death of his brother, the Duke of Albany; for we must recollect that from the time he had intelligence at Liverpool of the death of his brother to the time he arrived at Cannes he took no rest, and from the time he got there where the body lay he never left it till he saw it safely deposited at Windsor. Brethren, without any further preface I second the motion made by Bro. Portal.

The motion was put by the M.W. Grand Master and carried unanimously.

The MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: Then, brethren, I will direct Grand Secretary to have these addresses properly engrossed, and with your permission I will consult H.R.H. as to the proper manner in which we should approach her Majesty in presenting them. If you leave it to me I will see they are presented in a manner that is agreeable to her Majesty and the Prince of Wales.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER having asked whether there was anything further before Grand Lodge,

GRAND SECRETARY said there was nothing further before them, and the present was perhaps a fitting opportunity for him to announce an event which occurred very suddenly, and which he had meant to consult his lordship about in the Grand Officers' room, if time had permitted—whether some public notice ought not to be taken of the event. He had the melancholy duty of communicating to Grand Lodge that the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Donald M. Dewar, died very suddenly on Wednesday morning. Having been actively engaged in the service of Grand Lodge, he could safely say for himself that the sad event, happening so unexpectedly, had fallen as a heavy blow on all connected with the interests of the Order. He had more than once had the pleasure of bearing testimony to Bro. Dewar's devotion to the performance of his duty. Now that the Grand Overseer of the Universe had taken Bro. Dewar to himself, it did not become him (Bro. Binckes) to do more than to say that Bro. Dewar did the duties of his office in an admirable and most efficient manner. As his death might cause some delay in the answering of communications, he must ask the kind consideration and indulgence of lodges and brethren for the next few days until arrangements could be made, should such communications not receive that prompt attention which the influx of business in other directions in which he was concerned rendered it difficult to give. He was sure he should not ask in vain. He sent out announcements as soon as he heard of the event. He would further indulge in the hope that whatever arrangements it might please the Grand Master to sanction the result would be a benefit to the Order, and that every care would be taken that its interests would be studied in everything and in every way. The funeral of Bro. Dewar would take place on the morrow, at St. John's Church, Hammersmith, at 2.30 p.m., and at Brompton Cemetery at 3.30. He would ask permission to state that there was on that day a very important quarterly meeting of the Boys' School, at which his presence was absolutely necessary, and that that meeting would also require the attendance of other friends, who unquestionably but for that would have paid the last mark of respect to their late lamented brother.

The MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I am sure you have all heard the announcement of the death of Bro. Dewar with the greatest possible regret. All I can say is that just as I was yesterday leaving home to attend this Grand Lodge I read the letter announcing that Bro. Dewar died suddenly the day before. It was a very great blow to me, for I had a great personal regard for Bro. Dewar. I have come constantly in contact with him during the last three years; you must know it is my duty to be in constant communication with the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary. I had the greatest possible regard for Bro. Dewar. It is perhaps invidious to make distinctions, because we have so many good Masons, who have done their very best for the good of Mark Masonry for many years past; but I believe, whether in the working of the ritual, whether in the duties of Grand Lodge, or the promptness with which he attacked the business of the Grand Lodge in his capacity of Assistant Grand Secretary, Mark Masonry had no stronger friend and active supporter than Bro. Dewar. I think we owe him a great deal, and however we may fill his place, for a long time we shall find it difficult; and at our meetings we shall miss his face for many years to come. I fancy the feeling of other Mark Masons will be something like my own—that we should wish to show in some way or another our appreciation of his services to Mark Masonry. How we shall be able to show it is a matter of consideration, for this event has come unfortunately suddenly upon us, and we have not had the opportunity of thinking upon it; but I have no doubt the brethren or some Committee will be able to suggest some plan by which we can show to those left behind him our appreciation of the services of Bro. Dewar. All I can say is that I shall be happy to join in any movement of that kind, and I believe it will meet with warm and hearty response all over the country.

Bro. Canon PORTAL: I feel it is only fitting and right that, having the honour to hold the office of President of the General Board, I should repeat what your lordship has been pleased to express, that I believe the Order of Mark Masons have had no more zealous servant and faithful worker than Bro. Dewar. With regard to what your lordship has thrown out as to the necessity of the Order at large in some way or another taking steps to mark their appreciation of Bro. Dewar's services. I suppose the most effectual way in which we can do that will be to make some provision for his widow; and perhaps the better plan will be that there should be an early meeting called of the General Board at which the matter can be thoroughly discussed. We shall be very happy of any suggestions the brethren can make to us, and after that meeting we shall be prepared with some suggestion or another to lay before the Grand Lodge in June. I will therefore content myself by saying a very early meeting of the Board shall be held for that purpose, and I feel as strongly as the Grand Master can do that this should be done.

Bro. F. DAVISON, Grand Treasurer, supported most heartily what had been said by the Grand Master and the Past Grand Master.

The motion was carried.

The MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: I should explain that if I had been able to be in London to-morrow I should have been very glad indeed to be present at the funeral of Bro. Dewar, to show my great respect to him. I am obliged this evening to go back to the country, but I cannot help saying I should otherwise have made a point of being at the funeral of Bro. Dewar.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

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The point is not a material one, but we incline to think it covers the whole period, as the first entry on the "Cr." side of the next quarter's account is "Balance of last year's account audited, £23 12s. 2½d." At all events, it can only be a question of some months more or fewer as to when the proposition referred to in the minute we have just quoted was first acted upon, for that it was acted upon we have the most conclusive evidence in this and the subsequent Statements of Account, which from this time forward to the Union appear to constitute regularly a part of the official Proceedings circulated by Grand Lodge. But if we cannot decide exactly when it was that Grand Lodge took the Boys' Charity under its wing, still less can we presume to account for its adoption of such a policy. We can only surmise that, as a few months previous to the aforesaid meeting held for the audit of Grand Lodge accounts on the said 3rd January, 1805, Bro. Wm. Burwood, the "Institutor" and Treasurer of the Charity, had become bankrupt, Grand Lodge was anxious to continue an Institution, which, even in the then few years of its existence, had been found capable of rendering so much valuable service to the poorer members of the Fraternity. This we repeat is merely a surmise of ours, but it is not unreasonable to attribute the proposal of the Grand Secretary on 3rd January, 1805, in some way or other to the calamity which had befallen Bro. Burwood on the 26th June preceding, and his (the Grand Secretary's) desire to rescue the Charity which Bro. Burwood had instituted from the wreck of the latter's fortunes. At all events, whatever may have been the cause which induced Grand Lodge to extend its care and protection to the Boys' Charity, certain it is that once that care was extended, the future of the Institution may be said to have been assured. The published statement of Bro. Leslie's account for the quarter to the end of June, 1806, to which we have already referred—whether the receipts and payments as "per particular," covered the whole or only a part of the previous nine months—shows that the Charity was not in an over-prosperous state. The Expenditure amounts to £152 4s. 8d., and the Receipts to only £128 2s. 6d., leaving a Balance due to the Treasurer, Bro. Leslie, of £23 12s. 2d. With such a deficit staring them in the face the Committee and Governors may well have felt some alarm, and finding Grand Lodge so favourably disposed towards the Charity, they probably did the best thing under the circumstances and boldly addressed themselves to that body on behalf of the Institution. Of the character of their application we know nothing. This much, however, is recorded in the archives of Grand Lodge for 3rd September, 1806, namely, that "upon reading the memorial by and on behalf of the Committee of the Masonic Charity for clothing and educating the sons of Indigent Freemasons, it was ordered 'That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be subscribed by the Grand Lodge as a Donation in Aid and for the laudable Purposes of the Charity—and that the Institution be recommended to the Attention and Support of the Lodges particularly in and adjacent to the Cities of London and Westminster as well as to the Country, Foreign, and Military Lodges.'" The said £100 figures in the Grand Treasurer's accounts as having been paid the same day, and in the Minutes of the next Grand Lodge held on 3rd December, 1806, we read that "The R.W. Bro. Charles Humphreys, Past S.G. Warden, presented the 'Thanks of and from the last General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons for the very liberal Donation of £100 granted by Grand Lodge upon the 3rd of September last in aid of the laudable purposes of that Charity, and the same was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.'"

Turning to the Quarterly Statements of Account for the year 1806-7, which, however, want the particulars for the concluding quarter to June, 1807, we find—principally of course owing to this Grand Lodge donation of £100—a marked improvement. The receipts for the nine months to March, 1807, amount to £213 13s. 6d., and the expenditure to £177 0s. 8½d. Among items of the former we note in the quarter to September, in addition to the Grand Lodge £100, a sum of £33 9s. 6d. in respect of the Annual Festival or other entertainment in aid, held at the Mermaid Tavern, Hackney, on 10th July; £6, being "dividend upon £300 Five per Cent. Annuities (Navy), due at Midsummer last, after deducting 10 per cent."; and £14 6s. 6d., being the Proceeds of two Charity Sermons at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, after paying Sexton and Pew-openers; and in the quarter to March, 1807, a second half-year's dividend on £300, amounting to £7 10s. and £6 13s., being the amount due to Bro. Burton, of Little Queen-street, for printing for 1806, and very liberally contributed by him to the Charity. The principal items of expenditure are £35 for "28 suits of Cloathes"; £10 13s. for five dozen shirts; £10 10s., being, one year's salary due 3rd October, 1806, to Wm. Hancock, Secretary. From these statements we gather that there were about 28 boys on the establishment, and likewise that the Charity had already contrived to secure to itself a nest-egg in the shape of £300 Stock in the Navy Five per Cent. Annuities.

The accounts for the years 1807-8 are incomplete; but so far as they go, they enable us to judge that the progress made by the Charity was by no means what its friends and supporters must have desired. The account for the quarter ending with the early days of March, 1808, opens with a deficit brought forward from the previous quarter of £20 18s. 11½d., and it closes with a slightly increased deficit, amounting to £23 4s. 3½d. The principal items of receipt are a further donation of £6 12s. from Bro. Burton, of Little Queen-street, being the amount of the bill due to him for printing; £5 5s. from Lodge No. 259, Leicester-fields; £2 4s. from a Guernsey Lodge (No. 222); and £2 2s. in each case from Lodges Nos. 3, 7 (Woolwich), 234, and 304 (Woolwich). The chief portion of the expenditure is for tuition, with books added in the case of some of the boys. However, Grand Lodge appears to have been resolved on firmly establishing the Institution. At the Communication held on the 2nd March, 1808, we read in the minutes that "A motion was also made by Past Grand Warden Chas. Humphreys, and seconded, that a Donation of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons; the question being thereupon put, was carried unanimously." Thus the closing quarter of the year, thanks to this most substantial aid, terminates very satisfactorily, the balance in favour of the Charity being £55 13s. 3½d.

The year that follows (1808-9) discloses a condition of things still more gratifying. The number of boys on the establishment seems to have been about the same as before, the amount of expenditure for the whole term being £311 1s. On the other hand, the receipts, including the balance brought forward from the preceding year, represent a total of £435 19s. 3d.

In this sum is included in the first place a number of contributions entered on the 8th August, 1808, and amounting together to £81 13s., and from the fact of the last item—£11 16s.—being entered as from "Brothers, names unknown," we judge them to have been the proceeds of a, or perhaps the, Festival of the year. The principal contributions are ten guineas from Bro. Oakes, subsequently a Grand Warden, and five guineas each from Bros. W. Comerford Clarkson, G. Treas.; R. Leslie, G. Sec.; J. B. Roache, P.G.W.; Harmer, of the Grand Master's Lodge; and Davey, of No. 225. Among lesser gifts are several from brethren of United Mariners Lodge, No. 23, Lodges Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7 (Woolwich), 10, 225, 259, 244, and 304 (Woolwich), the last named being very numerous represented. On 9th February, 1809, is entered a sum of £6 13s., received from Bro. Burton, the printer, described as his third donation, and making in all £20. On 10th March appears a further donation of £100 from Grand Lodge, which, on the motion of Bro. Chas. Humphreys, seconded by Bro. Roach, both of them being Past Grand Wardens, had been unanimously voted two days previously and ordered to be paid to the Treasurer. Lastly, under date of the 24th April, are entered the "subscriptions, &c.," received at the anniversary dinner, amounting to £111 17s., and including £10 from "His Grace John Duke of Atholl, &c., &c., Patron, by Thomas Harper, Esq., D.G.M.;" £10 10s. from "the Hon. H. Butler, Baker-street, Portman-square (annual);" and £5 5s. each from Bros. Chas. Humphreys and Isaac Lindo. Among the other contributors are "Capt. Foster, Rotterdam," and a strong muster of members of Lodges Nos. 259 and 304 (Woolwich), but especially of the latter. Indeed, so satisfactory does the account appear to have been in the estimation of the authorities that when on the 7th July, 1809, at the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers, it was audited, and a balance of £124 18s. 3d. found to remain in the hands of the Treasurer, "nine more children were immediately admitted, making the number now in the Schools, 40." Only two other matters remain to be noted in order to complete our sketch of this year. Taking the latter of the two first we find it entered in the minutes of Grand Lodge for the 7th June, 1809, that it was moved by Bro. Mahon, Grand Sword Bearer, and seconded by Bro. Chas. Humphreys, "that the sum of five shillings be paid by every gentleman upon being initiated into the Craft towards the support of the Masonic Charity. The question being thereupon put and passed in the negative." There seems little reason to doubt that the "Masonic Charity" here referred to must have been the Masonic Boys' Institution, and if our surmise be correct, it shows that some brethren already entertained the idea that the time had arrived when the Institution should receive the regular and official support of Grand Lodge, such policy being formally adopted three years later, namely, in June, 1812. The other point is that the public celebration of St. John the Baptist's Festival, which had been discontinued from 1799, was revived on 27th June, 1808, when the brethren met at the White Conduit House Gardens, Pentonville, and marched in procession, with their banners and wearing their insignia, to St. Mary's Church, Islington, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Barry, M.D., Grand Chap., and thence to Highbury Barn Gardens, where the Feast was held. In the printed programme of the arrangements on this and subsequent celebrations of the same Festival, we find a provision inserted to the effect that "the Boys of the Masonic Charity will attend and precede the procession."

The year 1809-10 is a still more eventful one, as will be seen from the ampler details we are fortunately in a position to furnish. On the 11th October, 1809, a Grand Lodge of Emergency was held at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, "in consequence of a requisition to the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and signed by 27 names being Grand Officers, Masters, and Past Masters of different Lodges," the object being "to take into consideration the propriety of celebrating the 25th October instant, being the anniversary of our present Majesty's reign and commencing the Fiftieth year, suitable to the Loyalty, Honor, and Dignity of the Ancient Craft." The Grand Officers present were Bros. Thomas Harper, D.G.M.; James Perry, P.D.G.M.; Thomas Scott, G.S.W.; Malcolm Gillies, G.J.W.; Robert Leslie, G. Sec.; Robert Gill, P.G.S.W.; Charles Humphreys, P.G.S.W.; Richard Humphreys, P.G.S.W.; J. B. Roache, P.G.S.W.; Edwards Harper, Deputy G. Sec.; Rev. H. J. Knapp, Deputy G. Chap.; Thomas Mahon, G.S.B.; and there was no doubt, more than the usual array of "Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodges in and adjacent to London and Westminster." The requisition having been read, Bro. Charles Humphreys moved and Bro. Scott seconded "That the Ancient Craft dine together on the 25th day of October, Inst., to celebrate the fiftieth year of his present Majesty's Reign, and that each Brother dining do pay One Guinea and that the Surplus after paying for the Dinner do go either to the General Fund of Charity or to the School." The proposal, however, does not appear to have found favour with Grand Lodge. After some time spent in discussing it, the motion was withdrawn, and thereupon "it was moved by Bro. Cranfield, of No. 255, and seconded by Bro. Two hundred Guineas be taken out of the fund of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of taking Ten more Boys into and under the protection of the Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Deceased and Indigent Freemasons in compliment to the Anniversary of the 50th year of his present Majesty's Reign," to make the number of Boys to Fifty in the said Charity." We are told that "the Motion was most cordially received, but for certain good reasons was agreed to stand over for further consideration at the Grand Lodge in December." However, so long a delay in dealing with the proposal did not occur.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

We are by no means surprised to hear that the attempt to afford the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its subordinate lodges that relief from the operation of the Legislative Acts and Ordinances directed against secret societies which is enjoyed by the Freemasons of the United Kingdom and Canada, or more properly perhaps Ontario, has failed. A bill for the purpose was introduced by Mr. White into the Provincial Parliament meeting at Montreal, and was read a first time. But on the 17th April the measure was refused a second reading, and the day following the session came to an end. We much regret that our Quebec brethren are placed in so awkward a predicament that they cannot meet in their lodges without violating the laws of the province in which they reside, but let us hope the lesson which this rebuff must teach them will not be thrown away, and that henceforth the demeanours of the Québec Grand Lodge towards its ancient parent, the Grand Lodge of England, will be more in accordance with the dictates of a becoming modesty.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business so be transacted at the Quarterly Convocation on Wednesday next, the 7th inst. :
The regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business, to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for information.

Installation of Principals, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th January to the 15th April, 1884, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :

To Balance, Grand Chapter ...	£1246	7	7
„ Unappropriated Account ...	209	7	4
„ Subsequent Receipts ...	429	5	6

£1885 0 5

By Disbursements during the Quarter ...	£221	8	4
„ Balance ...	1458	8	9
„ Unappropriated Account ...	205	3	4

£1885 0 5

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions :

1st. From Comps. Thomas Samuel Curteis, as Z.; William Henry Cronk, as H.; Adam Young, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Knole Lodge, No. 1414, Sevenoaks, to be called the Knole Chapter, and to meet at the Old Assembly Rooms, London-road, Sevenoaks, in the county of Kent.

2nd. From Comps. Thomas Forrester, as Z.; Robert Irving, as H.; Joseph Malcolm Kerr, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730, Chorley, to be called the Earl of Lathom Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Chorley, Lancashire (Western Division).

3rd. From Comps. Joseph Clever, as Z.; Louis Hirsch, as H.; Robert Herridge, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Amity Lodge, No. 171, Greenwich, to be called the Amity Chapter, and to meet at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

4th. From Comps. Robert Nendick Banks, as Z.; Wm. Masters, as H.; Thomas Emmott Skidmore, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 428, Northwich, to be called the Sincerity Chapter, and to meet at the Angel Hotel, Northwich, in the county of Chester.

5th. From Comps. Benjamin Lamb Wells, as Z.; Thos. Wells, as H.; George Lawrence Shackles, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, to be called the Alexandra Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, in the East Riding of the county of York.

6th. From Comps. John James Meakin, as Z.; James Sudren, as H.; Wm. Dumville, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Harmony, No. 935, Salford, to be called the Starkie Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Adelphi-street, Salford, Lancashire (Eastern Division).

7th. From Comps. John Henwood Thomas, as Z.; Henry Massey, as H.; Thomas Minstrell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, Brixton, to be called the Gallery Chapter, and to meet at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

8th. From Comps. Stephen Barton Wilson, as Z.; Chas. Belton, as H.; Frederick Binckes, as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, London, to be called the Royal Naval Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received a petition from the Principals and members of the Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, London, praying for a charter of confirmation, the original being lost.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation for this chapter be granted.

A complaint have been received from the Grand Superintendent of Northumberland against Comp. Paul Smith, P.Z. 24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for having wilfully disregarded a sentence of suspension passed on him by the said Grand Superintendent, in having attended a meeting of his Royal Arch Chapter after receipt of such sentence, the Committee have summoned Comp. Paul Smith, to attend Grand Chapter on the 7th May, to answer to the charge.

An appeal from the said Comp. Paul Smith, P.Z. 24, against the said sentence of suspension having also been received, the Committee recommend that Grand Chapter do not hear it until Comp. Paul Smith makes due submission to the Grand Superintendent of his province for the contempt of his authority.

The Committee beg to report that there now stands to the credit of Grand Chapter, invested in the £3 per cent. Consols, a sum of £3200 and in the Bank of England, Western Branch, a balance of £1458 8s 9d.; and they recommend, as no immediate claim is likely to be made on the funds of Grand Chapter beyond the ordinary current expenses, that the following grants be made to each of the Masonic Charities, and the amounts paid to their respective Trustees, viz. :

To: Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ...	£500
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ...	500
The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows ...	500

The Committee further recommend that a sum of £500 be expended on an organ to be presented by Grand Chapter to Grand Lodge—to replace that destroyed in the recent fire at Freemasons' Hall.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,
P. Pr. G. Soj., President.

Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 16th April, 1884.
Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing twelve months.

In consequence of the much lamented death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Third Grand Principal, Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire, it has been ordered that the Grand Chapter and all subordinate chapters be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of three months from the 4th April.

The mourning to be worn by companions individually to be as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Principals and Past Principals of private chapters—Three rosettes of black crape on the badges and one at the point of the chain or collar just above the jewel; other companions—Three black crape rosettes on badge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Royal Arch Masons of this province was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday afternoon, the 30th ult. The Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., presided, and there was a good attendance from the various chapters in the province.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT feelingly alluded to the death of the Duke of Albany, and remarked that he had not convened a special meeting to express their regret, as he had himself, accompanied by his Dep. Prov. G.M., represented the province at the Grand Lodge recently held when the subject was considered. It was however, resolved "That this Provincial Grand Chapter records upon its minutes its deep regret upon the decease of his Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Grand J. of the Grand Chapter of England, Grand Superintendent of Oxfordshire, K.G., &c., whose early death is a loss not only to the nation at large, but to Freemasonry in particular."

Appointments of Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were made as follows :

Comp. J. H. Scott ...	Prov. G.H.
„ H. M. Davey ...	Prov. G.J.
„ V. P. Freeman ...	Prov. G.S.E.
„ G. de Paris ...	Prov. G.S.N.
„ W. Smith ...	Prov. G. Soj.
„ C. Sandeman ...	Prov. 1st A.S.
„ A. J. Hawkes ...	Prov. 2nd A.S.
„ J. Harrison ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ Watts ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ G. Ford ...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ R. Crosskey ...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ W. H. Gibbons and S. R. Legg	Prov. G. Stwds.
„ A. King ...	Prov. G. Org.

The chapter being closed, the companions assembled at a banquet, when the various toasts were pleasantly interspersed by songs sung by Madame Adelaide Paget and Miss Frances Hipwell, under the direction of Comp. A. King, who gave the pianoforte accompaniments with his usual efficiency.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

The ancient city of Peterborough will be the scene of a grand gathering on Wednesday next, on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the new tower of the Cathedral with full Masonic ceremonies. This important duty was to have been undertaken by his Royal Highness the Grand Master, but the sudden and unexpected death of the Duke of Albany has intervened to prevent the Prince from attending in person and his Royal Highness will be represented by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, on whom the task of laying the stone will accordingly devolve. The Grand Officers will, as a matter of course be present, and in addition his Grace the Duke of Manchester, as Prov. Grand Master of Norths and Hants, has issued his commands for holding the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, which will consequently take place in the Fitzwilliam Hall, Park-road, Peterborough, under the banner of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442. It may be anticipated a very large gathering both of Masons and non-Masons will be present in order to witness so rare and interesting a ceremony, and we trust for the sake of all concerned that the weather will be bright and sunshiny.

We append the programme of the proceedings which will take place on the occasion :—

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, by desire of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, will lay the chief corner stone of the central tower of Peterborough Cathedral with Masonic honours, in the Prince's name, on Wednesday, the 7th May, 1884.

The members of the Grand Lodge and the various provincial lodges will assemble at the Fitzwilliam Hall, from which place the Masonic procession will start to the Cathedral preceded by the band of the Coldstream Guards.

The Mayor and Corporation will assemble at the Town Hall, and will join the Masonic procession on the Market-place.

The Dean and Canons and the Restoration Committee will meet the procession at the entrance to the precincts.

Persons having tickets for the Cathedral must take their places before 12 o'clock, at which time the doors will be closed.

Provision has been made for admission to the platforms within the Cathedral of the original subscribers to the Restoration Fund. The Restoration Committee are prepared to issue the tickets undisposed of to subscribers of half-a-crown or upwards to the Restoration Fund. These tickets can be obtained on application to the Secretaries or the following booksellers: Mr. G. C. Caster, Market-place, Peterborough; Messrs. Stanton and Son, Northampton; Mr. S. Clarke, 5, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester; or at the Chapter Office, Minster Close, Peterborough. The nave will be thrown open without payment, but no one will be admitted to the Cathedral after 12 o'clock.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony the procession will return to the field adjoining the Fitzwilliam Hall, where a public luncheon will be provided, to which ladies are invited. Tickets, including dessert but exclusive of wine, 5s. each, may be obtained on application, to Dr. Cane, Precincts, Peterborough, to the Secretaries, or at the Booksellers mentioned above.

The band of the Coldstream Guards will play a selection of music during the luncheon.

Special arrangements have been made with the different Railway Companies, for particulars of which see the Companies' Time Bills.

THE MASONIC EXHIBITION AT YORK.

By Bro. T. B. WHITEHEAD.

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Bro. James Newton, of Bolton, who is one of our best known collectors of Masonic medals and a contributor to the columns of the Masonic press, sent a very interesting selection of specimens from his cabinet. Amongst these were a series of Masonic copper tokens of the end of last century, many of them rare. This series, with those of the same class exhibited in Bro. Cumberland's collection, formed a remarkable set. Most of them are described in Marvin's work. There was also a specimen of the Mark token in bronze which I believe is presented to each candidate advanced in the Bristol Mark Lodge, and was designed by Bro. Capt. Irwin. It is a very appropriately wrought design, having on one side the triangle enclosing a key-stone with the Mark letters, and the word in Mark cypher, the whole surrounded by a serpent; the reverse bearing the mallet and chisel crossed, and in a circle, "Son of Man, mark well," and the date of the candidate's advancement. The following medals, all described by Marvin, were also exhibited by Bro. Newton. (11.) Bronze medal of Lodge De Saint Charles du Triomphe de la Parfaite Harmonie de St. Alexandre d'Ecosse, "Querite et invenies." On the obverse the All Seeing Eye in a radiant sun; on a scroll "Lumen de Lumine." (12.) Bronze medal struck at New York in 1877, in honour of the Olive Branch Lodge, No. 39, which was chartered in 1813. (13.) Bronze medallion, obv., square and compasses in a circle of dots, outside of which is "Herculano Afre;" rev., bust of Liberty, wearing an Indian headdress of feathers; on band of coronet, "Libertad;" supposed to have been struck for a Cuban Lodge. (14.) A handsome bronze medal bearing on obverse the bust of George Washington, with legend "Talem ferent nullum secula futura virum," and on the reverse a most elaborate series of Masonic emblems and "Non nobis solum, sed toto mundo nati;" struck in 1859. (15.) A white metal medal, struck in honour of Dr. Kane, the Arctic navigator, and bearing his bust, &c.; the reverse similar to the last named. (16.) An engraved silver medal, obv., arch with keystone resting on pavement, beneath which are bible, square and compasses, and other Craft and Royal Arch emblems; rev., coffin, cock, and other Knight Templar emblems; legend, "Memento mori, Rt. Manson, 1817, Lodge No. 299;" which I suppose would be St. James' Union Lodge, London, warranted in 1787. (17.) Bronze medal, obv., figure of Minerva, legend, "Des amie de la paix;" rev., within a wreath of palm and olive leaves, "O. de Paris, 5879." (18.) A rare bronze, obv., a pyramid, on right a man seated, behind him a globe and acacia tree, scroll with Masonic devices at foot, in the sky three groups of three stars each, in background a second pyramid and a pillar; legend "du point parfait a l'o. de Paris 5760;" rev., a beehive with bees, with Masonic emblems; legend, "Labor omnibus unus." Border of a cable tow with love-knots. Several medals appear to have been struck by this lodge, whose history is given by Bro. Woodford in Kenning's "Encyclopaedia." (19.) Bronze medal. The obverse contains an elaborate display of Masonic emblems, the principal features being four Corinthian columns, a double headed crowned eagle, and the mottoes "Deus, memque jus," "Sagesse," "Union," &c. On the reverse, within a serpent ring, a fine pointed star and the legend "Temple Mac. pose de la Pierre IX Aout MDCCCXLI, inauguré XXIV Juin MD CCCLIII;" struck in 1843. (20.) This is a silver medal struck in honour of the semi-centennial of the Grand Lodge of Holland in 1808. The obverse represents a Temple front with altar and burning tapers, various Masonic emblems, &c. On the reverse is an inscription, "Liberorum qui in regno Hollandiae sunt cementarium sodalitate festiva dimidio paracto seculo dies illuxit MDCCCXIII." (21.) A silver medal of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 368, according to our published catalogue. I do not remember the character of the medal, and I fail to identify the lodge. Perhaps Bro. Newton can help us. No. 24 in the catalogue is a silver medal of great rarity, and is described by Marvin. It is supposed to have been struck by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736. A full account of this medal appeared in the "Masonic Magazine" for April, 1882, with engravings of obverse and reverse. On the obverse are the arms of the Grand Lodge of Scotland—azure, a chevron between three castles argent, a collar and cross of St. Andrew, and the legend "In the Lord is all our trust." On the reverse is a tessellated pavement, on which stand two brethren in front of a temple, a female figure giving the sign of silence, several other Masonic emblems, and the legend "Amicitia, virtute, et silentio." (To be continued.)

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are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:—

Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.
Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Cumberland and
Westmorland.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire.

District Grand Lodge of Natal.

CORRESPONDENCE—"Triple Tau."

CONSECRATIONS—Davison Mark Lodge, 331, Red Lion-
square, W.C.; Kintore Mark Lodge, 333, Surrey

Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.; Brooke Lodge, 2005,
Chingford; St. George's Lodge, 2025, Plymouth.

CRAFT LODGES—Westbourne, 733; Royal Albert, 907.

MARK LODGES—Royal Cumberland (T.I.); Union, 124.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—Langton Lodge, 1673.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY—Metropolitan College.

SCOTLAND—Laying Foundation-stone at Kenmore; St.
John's Lodge, 280.

BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Did Francis Bacon Write Shakespeare?"
"Citizen," "City Press," "Broad Arrow," "Pythagoras," "Bul-
letin de Grand Orient de France," "Masonic World," "Kingston
(Jamaica) Budget," "La Abeja," "Court Circular," "Frei-
maurer Zeitung," "Sydney Freemason," "Allen's Indian Mail,"
"Tricycling Journal," "Liverpool Mercury," "Sussex Daily
News," "Natal Mercury," "Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Scot-
land, 1883-5."



SATURDAY, MAY 3, 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.]

OUR LODGE NUMERATION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me to enter a fraternal protest against the
suggestion of Bro. Turner's in the *Freemason* of the 26th
ult. I fail to see any need of a revision of the lodge num-
bers when it is remembered *what such a process involves*.
Many brethren have as much fondness for the numbers as
for the names of their lodges, and the change advocated
would not only move up the numbers of all lodges from say
18 to 2040, but lead to a considerable expenditure in the
then needful alteration of lodge furniture, banners, &c.

A change was made in lodge numeration so late as 1863,
the previous alteration having been made in 1832, thus some
thirty-one years had passed in the interim. It is now but
twenty-one years since the numeration of 1863, and for my
part (and I believe many think with me) it will be well to
wait until next century before another change is made.
There have been no numerical alterations in the lists of
Grand Lodge of Scotland since 1836, and *none in Ireland*
for this century at least. Many know old lodges as much
(and often more so) by their numbers as by their names.
I sincerely hope Bro. Turner's suggestion will not be acted
upon, at least not for 50 years.—Yours fraternally,
May 1st. W. J. HUGHAN.



HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF PROSPERITY,
No. 65. By C. E. FERRY, P.M.

This interesting contribution to lodge life and history
deserves the best thanks of the Masonic student, and we
thank Bro. Ferry for his carefully and honestly performed
"labour of love." The history of the Lodge of Prosperity
is neither very eventful nor important. It is more or less
the normal history of the normal existence of an English
lodge, with its ups and downs, its advances and retrogres-
sions, its hours of trial and its "seasons of refreshing,"
and all that constitutes the uneventful "tenour" of the
way of so many similar bodies. Bro. Ferry has exercised

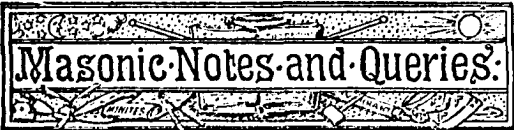
a wise discretion in suppressing many details which should never appear in print, and he has given us a clear and even a graphic description of the earlier difficulties and the later triumphs of the good Lodge of Prosperity. Latterly, under some very worthy and well-known brethren, it has been distinguished for its zeal for our great Charities. In early days it seems often to have had a hard struggle for existence, and to have emerged from straits and drawbacks not a few, through the loyalty of faithful members and the constancy of devoted friends. Originally an Atholl Lodge, and succeeding to the warrant of a dormant Portsmouth Lodge, by a very clumsy arrangement of the old Atholl Grand Lodge, it seems to have actually begun its work in 1810, though no minutes from 1810 to 1823 are now available. Bro. Ferry calls attention to a curious label in this form, "Lodge 91, A.M., 5 P., 23." These latter letters have exercised the ingenuity of many brethren. We understand that Bro. W. H. Rylands has solved the difficulty, by discovering from a facsimile that the letter P. represents the Hebrew letter which is used numerically for 500, and therefore there cannot be any doubt that probably some Hebrew Scribe has given us the Hebrew reckoning, Anno Mundi, 5823—1823. The proposed solution of "five points" is inadmissible, as based on no authority or precedent, and practically without coherence here. We wish all brethren who write lodge histories would imitate the discretion of Bro. Ferry, and give us as clear and connected a narrative, and by no means uninteresting, of its "minute details, its troubles, and its prosperity."

EARLY HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA. By CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA.

Owing to a very fortunate find of our able Confrère, C. P. Maccalla, in the library of the Historical Society of Philadelphia, he has lighted upon an early lodge book of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia. The book is marked "B," so it is not the first book, but is the oldest lodge book in America, and seems to prove that the lodge was formed in the end of 1730 or the beginning of 1731, and is identical with the lodge mentioned in the "Pocket Companion" for 1735, printed in Dublin, and first alluded to by Bro. W. J. Hughan as 116, the Hoop in Water-street in Philadelphia, first Monday. We congratulate Bro. Maccalla on his find, very important in more considerations than one. Bro. Maccalla has thus the satisfaction of having discovered by far the earliest record in America, and also of having strengthened the presumption almost amounting to certainty that Philadelphia is the mother city of American Freemasonry. With Bro. Maccalla, we think other documents may yet be found.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC DIRECTORIES.

Two very useful ones lie on our table—"The Official Directory of the Province of Cornwall," edited by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; and "The Masonic Calendar for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight," compiled by Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M. and Prov. Grand Secretary. Bro. Hughan has taken great pains with his useful little work, and must have given himself great trouble, and spared no pains in compiling the Annals of the Cornish Craft. We hope another year the Directory will be complete with its annual balance-sheet. There are now 29 lodges and 1507 members; the average number of members to each lodge is 52, the maximum number being 80 and the minimum 20. Cornwall has 945 votes for the Charities. Bro. Hughan will, we believe, shortly favour us with a comparison and collation of the various Provincial Calendars. We cannot praise too highly the unwearied labours of our distinguished brother.—Bro. Le Feuvre's well compiled Calendar gives us much interesting information, and must be most useful to Hampshire brethren. It gives us the names of all the Officers and Past Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, as well as the Masters and Officers, Past Masters and Past Principals of lodges and chapters. The funds of the provinces are flourishing, it has 3000 votes in round numbers for the province, and 14 girls, five boys in our schools, and 13 annuitants. When the calendar gives us the number of brethren in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight it will be perfect. The Province has 40 lodges. We regret to note that some lodges have sent *no returns*, adding to the labours of the Prov. Grand Secretary, and marring the completeness of his valuable calendar.—Another very handy and useful calendar that, for the province of Durham, has just been issued, under the authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham. A list of the whole of the meetings of the Craft, Arch, Mark, and other Degrees in the province are given, and the whole of the present officers and Past Masters. There are also added a list of the Past Prov. Grand Masters for the past half century, as well as all the Past Prov. Grand Officers. The work is nicely got up, and reflects great credit on the compiler, Bro. R. Luck, P.P.G. Registrar.



330] THE CHRISTOPHER WREN STORY.

I have been very much gratified by the perusal of the careful and elaborate arguments of Bro. R. F. Gould on the subject of Sir Christopher Wren, in his splendid "History of Freemasonry," and equally have I read with pleasure the able article of "Masonic Student" on the same subject in the *Freemason* of April 12th. From a strictly critical point of view I do not think there can be much doubt that Bro. Gould has demolished the statement that Sir Christopher Wren was a Grand Master of Freemasons, or even a member of the Speculative Order. But is Bro. Gould's method, logically critical as it is, exactly the light and spirit in which to approach the examination of the legends of the Borderland of historic Masonry? How often do we not find serious discrepancies occurring in national histories themselves; and contemporary records and news-sheets are by no means the reliable authorities that could be desired. The regular newspaper reader of our own day must see the difficulties that would present themselves to the historian of a century hence, who may desire to write a fair and unbiassed account of our own times from the files of the English press. How much more must that difficulty be magnified when the sources of information are dated a couple of centuries back, at a period when literature was scarce and when oral legends largely occupied the place of printed matter; and

how much more intensified were those drawbacks to the Masonic historian of that early date by the fact that practically he had no records at all to work upon, owing to the essentially secret nature of the organisation and the antipathy of its members to committing anything to writing. We know from the earliest records of York Freemasonry that even the ordinary minutes of meetings were kept in such scant form as hardly to preserve the bare names of those who were admitted. Several causes contributed to this state of things. First of all there was the deficiency in education amongst all classes, and the consequent dislike to any pen-work not absolutely necessary. Then there was the lack of any central Masonic organisation, which led to all kinds of irregularities. Lodges were not warranted, were under no sort of control, and apparently held meetings at the will of anybody anywhere, and of course kept no minutes at all. Lastly, there was the reluctance to putting anything connected with the mysterious Craft into writing, and the fear of any such writings finding their way into the hands of the profane—a senseless notion, but one which unhappily is by no means extinct at the present moment in an aggravated form. There are old lodges at the present moment whose minute books are sealed even to the Masonic world outside the membership of those lodges; yet although their members have not the leisure or are unable or are too idle to investigate their own archives, they decline to grant access to them to brethren who would willingly give the time and trouble to examine their old records and render available anything that might prove to be of historic value. When therefore we find an old Masonic historian making a statement that has about it nothing upon the face of it that is ridiculous or improbable, I am inclined to doubt the fairness of applying to his assertion the same crucial tests that might be perfectly justifiable in the case of an allegation put forward by one who was known to have had access to recognised authoritative documents, to which appeal could be made at the present time. It must be candidly admitted that we have no absolute proof of Sir Christopher Wren having filled the office of Grand Master; but there is surely nothing antagonistic to our present notions, and to the little knowledge we have of Freemasonry as it existed in those days, in the story that he did occupy that distinguished position. The question therefore is, I think, quite open to argument, and to the influence of possible future discoveries, which, as I have long held, are far more likely to be made amongst private libraries, muniment rooms, and deed chests than in any published works extant.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

331] Bro. Hughan tells me the illegible name of the Secretary of the Cestrian Lodge in 1852, who gives the attestation to the portion of the Wren MS., is "Browne." Can any Chester brother help me to trace him? Who "L. Higson" was does not yet appear, whose name appears at end of the MS., under "Vera copia." The "mnemonics" or Latin verses are held to be curious.

MASONIC STUDENT

332] As I was reading Mrs. S. C. Hall's "Pilgrimages to English Shrines" I came across the paragraph (p. 203) which I have appended below. As I have seen several letters in your paper about Sir Christopher Wren I send it, wondering if it would help you at all in deciding any questionable points as to whether Sir Christopher was really the Master of a lodge. "Boyer House, or Manor House, Camberwell.—Here, perhaps, originated the meeting which Heider asserts was the origin of the Freemasonry of St. John. Here, with a few friends, to save his journey home to dinner, he arranged to dine somewhere in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's; and a club was formed which by degrees introduced a formula of initiation and rules for the conduct of the members, expressed by symbolic language derived from the Masonic profession. Knight thinks it rather corroborative of Heider's assertion that, while the biographers of Wren mention the attendance of the lodge of Freemasons, of which he was the Master, at the ceremony of placing the highest stone of the lantern, no mention is made of their attendance at laying the foundation-stone, and every lodge in Great Britain is an offshoot from the Lodge of Antiquity, of which Sir Christopher Wren was Master." P.S.W. 302.

CHICHESTER.

Can any brother at Chichester put himself into communication with me, care of "Editor," as to some antiquarian enquiries there? M.S.

CAGLIOSTRO'S EGYPTIAN RITE.

I have at last seen an official copy of this Rite, which belonged to the "Eccossais Philosophique," Paris, and, just as I thought, there is no Freemasonry in it. We can only wonder to-day at the charlatanism of such a rogue, and the credulity of his dupes. M.S.

A MASONIC LIBRARY FOR JAMAICA.

A movement of a very praiseworthy character, and one which we beg to commend to the attention of Masonic bodies much nearer home, has been started in Kingston, Jamaica, for the following particulars of which we are indebted to one of the Provisional Committee:—A preliminary meeting in connection with the formation of a Masonic Library in Kingston was held at Sussex Hall on the 31st of March. The several lodges in the city were fairly represented by influential members. Bro. C. L. Campbell was called to the Chair, and Bro. Charles Burton, by request, acted as Secretary. The meeting was addressed by Bros. Paine, Priest, Leon, Spicer, Duff, Lawrence, Feurtado, Burger, and Burton, who all commended the movement and pledged themselves to its support. It was resolved—(1) "That a Masonic Library be at once established in this city, to be named 'The Jamaica Masonic Library.' (2) "That a Provisional Committee be appointed to solicit aid from the District and Provincial Grand Lodges in this city, annual grants from Subordinate Lodges in the Island, and donations and subscriptions from individual Masons, and to take such other steps as may be necessary for properly organising the movement." (3) "That the entrance fee be 4s., and the annual subscription 6s. from each member, payable in advance." The Provisional Committee is composed as follows: Bros. C. L. Campbell, Chairman; H. Priest, Treas. and Librarian; W. A. Payne, Hon. Sec.; E. X. Leon, K. J. Spicer, Wm. Duff, M. H. Lawrence, H. J. Burger, A. Hart, Jno. Hoyes, W. A. Feurtado, and C. T. Burton.

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

By MASONIC STUDENT.

Since I wrote my last Notice, a curious discovery has been made in the British Museum relating to Harleian 1942, which is not without its importance relatively, and has to be considered when we discuss the value historically and critically of that remarkable MS. The paper mark dates apparently from 1663 to 1664. Without laying too much stress upon this fact, for paper marks run on some-times for years, and in this case may cover a certain number of precedent and subsequent years, we yet gain a "land-mark," by which we may fairly, to some extent at any rate, fix its approximate date of transcription. The MS. is itself undoubtedly a seventeenth century MS., most probably as markedly, Caroline in chirography, and of the Restoration period, and it is pretty certain *before* 1670. It is very curious and interesting to note here that Anderson, so much attacked and depreciated, and even accused of "historical falsification," is hereby indirectly supported in the date he gives to this very manuscript, namely, December 27th, 1663. I am aware it may be said that he bases his remarks apparently on Robert's published manuscript of 1942, but it is astonishing if he does so, why he does not accept Robert's date, but gives another one, however, namely, December 27th, instead of December 8th. It is quite clear that Anderson had some reason for specifically affixing such a date. He could not have done it at random or hap-hazard; he probably gave it "deliberately on some special authority," and our "Crux" is to find out what that authority was. My own impression is that Anderson knew of Harleian 1942, and had some source of information, as the Author of "Multa Pausis" seemingly had another, whatever the value may be of either which they took the seventeenth century history of Freemasonry pre-1717. As far as Anderson's argument and object went (if he had any) in such a statement, it would not have signified to him actually whether the date was December 27th, 1652, 1662, or 1672, and it is impossible to suppose that out of his own "inner consciousness," for some inexplicable reason, he deliberately invented the date. Whatever our later contentions may prove or disprove, Anderson, writing in 1737-38, gives this date for some reason and on some authority, so far inaccessible to us, and even if we assume that he took Robert's as his authority, (which I do not see there is any evidence of), he did it apparently perfectly "bonâ fide," and there is no "a priori" reason whatever to doubt that Anderson may be quite correct after all, in the date he gives us of 1663.

Whatever our views may be, the MS. exists, is a seventeenth century MS. and has to be explained. You may reduce it if you like to a copy for antiquarian purposes; you may assume that it is only the constitution of a particular lodge or body, in which the transcriber of an older MS. interpolates new matter, of which he was probably the contemporary recorder; but do what you will you cannot divest it either of importance or reality, or exclude it from consideration as to its general and special value, when you touch upon the various Guild legends, except arbitrarily and uncritically.

If the result of our present little controversy is to rehabilitate Anderson to some extent, and I for one entirely dissent from the charges made against him of deliberate historical falsification, I shall not be surprised, and shall be on the contrary fully confirmed in the view I have never departed from. Just as of old we gave way too much to "sheepwalking" and a credulous and careless habit of accepting unproven statements and unverified authorities, so to-day we seem bent on going to the other extreme, running a "fad" to earth, and allowing some subsidiary technicalities of unimportant details to interfere with our broader views of historical and expert criticism.

I shall recur to this important question of seventeenth century traditions before I conclude these notices, and therefore will only add that the discovery of the paper-mark of 1942 Harleian, now for the first time publicly alluded to, materially validate Anderson's version of the probable date of the MS., and gives it an importance in the sequence of our legends which we cannot afford to disregard or undervalue. It would seem that the main objection to the "New Articles" of 1942 arises from this fact—that they are not mentioned in earlier or later Constitutions, that they come to us unaccompanied by any actual Masonic authority, and therefore fall out, so to say, of the ranks of the Guild legends as a system. I confess, as is said, I "do not see it"; but rather on the well-known ground of textual criticism consider its very "abnormality"—if I may use such a word,—a fact in itself, and one deserving on that very ground the most careful and expert consideration. The use of the word "certificate" generally in our English language is before 1670—Masonically it may be later. But it seems to me we lose sight of this other very important matter that lodge certificates and Grand Lodge certificates are two and entirely distinct things. That lodges gave certificates long before Grand Lodge is, I believe, undoubted, and, as I read the words, Harleian 1942 alludes to lodge "certificates," or call them by what name you like.

On reading over the 1738 Constitutions again I find, that Anderson distinctly mentions several occasions between 1688-9 and 1707 when the Grand Assembly met, as in 1695-6-7-8. It would almost seem that in 1738 it must have been known as a *fact* whether the father of the then Duke of Richmond was a Freemason, as Anderson asserts, or not in 1698, and no doubt so clear and decided is Anderson on this head, and as to Wren's Masonic membership and Grand Mastership, that as Bro. Gould rejects both propositions, I admit he has nothing left for him but to accuse Anderson of deliberate falsification, a very sad climax, and a most serious charge. Those who take this view must forget the "Approbation" for the Constitutions of 1738, page 199, by which it appears that, if Anderson was guilty of the great crime of falsification of history, the then Duke of Richmond, Lord Darnley, Bros. Desaguliers, Payne, Cowper, Ward, Lumley, and Graeme, were deliberately and avowedly "participes criminis." As I venture to consider such a conclusion a "reductio ad absurdum" and a most unjust charge in itself, I think it well again to call attention to the matter.



Craft Masonry.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—An emergency meeting was held the 21st ult. at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-st., E.C. Present: Bros. David Hughes, W.M.; H. McClelland, S.W.; C. Beaumont, Sec.; H. Harbord, S.D.; Danl. Hughes, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; Hand, Org.; R. Whur, W.S.; Hoddinott, Stwd.; R. Pittam Stevens, I.G.; Woodstock, Tyler; Lewis, P.M.; Faux, Ross, Eade, Bater, Gross, Easey, Vears, and Green.

The ballot was taken and proved unanimous for Bro. Fisher as a joining member; also for Mr. Clarke, a candidate for initiation, and he being present was initiated into our ancient Order. Bro. Ross was raised to the Third Degree in the W.M.'s usual first-rate style. A vote of condolence was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Beaumont, P.M. and Sec., and carried unanimously, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M., on the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1062).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult., the following brethren being present: Bros. Walter C. Claridge, W.M.; H. F. Bing, as S.W.; A. Haig-Brown, J.W.; A. McDowall, I.P.M.; W. McDougall, Treas.; N. Green, P.M., Sec.; A. H. Sandle, S.D.; E. W. Smith, Org.; L. V. Walker, I.G.; J. D. McAlpin, D. of C.; J. C. Tilt, Stwd.; and J. Lackland, Tyler; Levey, Wright, Heward, Kitchingman, Morris, Rix, Gregory, McNish, Lowe, Beard, Mardell, and Miding. Visitors: Bros. Ben. P. Jesse, W.M. 1556; G. E. Stockman, 725; Wm. Rowley, 1924; R. J. Petley, 1471; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. 1728; and Hy. Nuding, W.M. 140.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Wright was raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Mardell, which proving unanimous in his favour he was declared elected and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by Bro. McDowall, I.P.M., the W.M. having vacated the chair in his favour that the candidate might be initiated by his old friend and companion in arms the I.P.M., they having for many years been associated in the brigade. The secretary announced a proposition for next meeting, and the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, including "the W.M.," "the Initiate," and "the Visitors," who suitably acknowledged the same, thus closing the season with a very enjoyable evening, Bros. Nuding, Walker, Beard, McNish, Petley, and others contributing their quota to the harmony of the evening.

SAINT MARY ABBOTTS LODGE (No. 1974).—The second regular meeting under the presidency of its new W.M., Bro. Capt. Charles F. Compton, was held on the 24th ult. at the Town Hall, Kensington, W., and proved a great success, both in point of attendance of members and their friends and in the excellency of the working and banquet arrangements afterwards. There were also present Bros. Rev. Wm. Francis, S.W.; Alfred Williams, J.W.; Rev. C. Darby Reade, Chap.; James Green, Treas.; Geo. Capper Harding, Sec.; Reuben C. Green, J.D.; Francis Compton, D.C.; E. L. Cleaver, I.G.; Algernon Bauke, Stwd.; Thos. Friend, Tyler; Capt. A. Nicols, P.D.G.S. of Works Punjab, I.P.M.; Dr. D. Shorter Skinner, W. Cunningham Glen, Capt. H. S. Andrews, William Beavis, M. Whitley Williams, C. W. Stephens, C. E. Baker, C. B. R. Hunter, J. Townsend-Green, A. A. Williamson, G. S. Smyth, and F. G. C. Damian. Visitors: Bros. P. H. Clarke, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 5; Geo. Russell, 180; Sydney Pitt, 1537; A. Hardy, 201; C. Meek, 1306; and J. H. Rutherford, 1642.

The lodge was opened at the unusually early hour of four o'clock in the afternoon. This was necessitated by the amount of work upon the agenda paper, consisting of two initiations, one passing, and two raisings. Early as the hour was, a very good muster of the brethren were in their places when the W.M. sounded his gavel and opened the lodge. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the report of the Permanent Committee was brought up and adopted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of the I.P.M., Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, who, assisted by the principal officers, raised Bros. G. S. Smyth and A. A. Williamson in a manner which must have made a profound impression on their minds. The same efficiency marked the working of the Second Degree, which was taken by Bro. Dr. S. Skinner, P.P.G.D.C. Dorset. Bro. Dr. Francis C. Compton, P.G. Org. Surrey, son of the W.M., then took the chair and proceeded to initiate his two friends, Messrs. H. E. South and F. W. Stericker, into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, which ceremony he performed in his usual pleasing and perfect style. On the motion of Bro. George Capper Harding, P.M., 1238, Sec., seconded by Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, it was unanimously resolved "That an expression of sympathy and condolence with her Majesty the Queen and with her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany in the bereavement they have sustained by the death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, P.G. Warden, be recorded on the minutes of the lodge." Telegrams and letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick, Irwin E. B. Cox, and other brethren. One joining member was proposed, and will no doubt be elected in due course, for his familiar face has often been seen in this lodge as a visitor.

At the conclusion of the business the Master and his Wardens "put by their jewels," and members and visitors adjourned to the banquet which was served at Bailey's Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured during the evening, and the charity of the brethren invoked and heartily responded to. On opening the charity box the W.M. found in it a strange little coin, certainly not current in this country, which gave him the opportunity for making a very humorous speech, shortly after which the brethren separated to their respective homes.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The regular monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street. In the absence of the W.M. through illness, Bro. John Moulton, I.P.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. I. G. Smith, P.M.; and Robt. Whitfield, P.M. There were also present Bros. A. Khagg, S.W.; W. M. Pybus, J.W.; E. Shrewbrooks, Sec.; W. Dalrymple, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; W. F. Raeburn, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Thompson, S.S.; W. Stafford, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; W. F. Carmon, J. T. Corking, Jno. Bulmer, J. W. Porter, H. L. Russell, W. F. Brown, C. Case, A. R. Taylor, P.M. 24; F. Liddicoat, 481; C. G. Nichols, 240; R. A. Dodds, W.M. 1626; R. W. Klyne, 1119; J. C. Lawson, S.W. 240; J. E. Reed, J.W. 424; T. A. Moffit, J.D. 424; H. Nixon, 424; W. Eagle, 1342; G. Hardy, P.M. 1643; and others.

The ballot was taken for Messrs. G. L. Hall and Jonathan Lowes, who were duly elected. Bro. C. Case passed his examination in the First Degree and afterwards took the Degree of a Fellow Craft, the ceremony being ably worked by the acting W.M., and the working tools were explained by the S.W.

After some routine business the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

DEAL.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—This flourishing lodge met in their lodge room, St. George's Hall, on the 18th ult., to install Bro. H. Chambers, S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Bros. T. J. Usher, P.M., P.P.G.R., as S.W., and G. Band, P.M. and Treas., as J.W., there being also present Bros. R. S. Davey, W.M.; H. Chambers, S.W.; J. W. Court, J.W.; J. B. Harrison, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; B. M. Beer, S.D.; J. Shepherd, J.D.; R. Duval, I.G.; Geo. Beale, Stwd.; S. Holgate, Tyler; F. Leith, P.M.; H. Roberts, W. J. A. Norris, J. S. Huntly, Wm. Bowles, A. Banger, H. E. Jones, P. A. Frost, John Miller, E. T. Mortimer, and E. Rea, together with the following visitors: Bros. E. L. Bridge, W.M.; B. Wood, P.M.; T. Bent, P.M.; E. J. Elliott, S.W.; H. Capps, J.W.; E. Allen, J.D.; F. F. Barber, and E. Trevors, all of 784; J. S. Vickers, W.M. 199; R. Rogers, 338; and A. Aubrey, 127. Bro. E. Kirby, P.M., in his usual eloquent and most impressive manner performed the full ceremony, the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren eliciting expressions of unbounded admiration. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. S. Davey, I.P.M.; J. W. Court, S.W.; B. M. Beer, J.W.; J. B. Harrison, P.M., Chap.; G. Band, P.M., Treas.; T. J. Usher, P.M., Sec.; J. Shepherd, S.D.; R. Duval, J.D.; G. Beale, I.G.; F. E. Hast, D.C.; J. S. Huntly, Org.; H. E. Jones and W. Bowles, Stwds.; and S. Holgate, Tyler.

A letter of sympathy and condolence was voted to the M.V. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the lamented death of his brother the Duke of Albany. Before the lodge was closed a very cordial vote of thanks was placed on the minutes to Bro. E. Kirby, P.M., for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony that day, and Bro. Kirby having suitably acknowledged the kindness of the brethren, the W.M. rose and in a few appropriate remarks presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel which had been subscribed for by the brethren. Bro. Davy returned his heartfelt thanks for their great kindness to him on all occasions; he would always wear the jewel with pleasure and pride. To him it came as a great surprise. He had only striven to do that which every brother ought to do—his duty to the Craft and the chair. After many expressions of goodwill towards the W.M. and "heartily good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent repast was provided by our worthy Bro. H. Spurrier, to whom, as well as to Mrs. Spurrier, very great credit is due for the efficient arrangements that had been made for the creature comforts of the brethren, the viands and wines being all that could be wished. The W.M. presided, being ably assisted by his officers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "Our Most Gracious Queen" being given in very feeling terms by the W.M. "The Grand Master," "The Masonic Charities," "The Installing Master," and "The I.P.M." were very cordially received, and "The Charities" found in Bro. Leith a very able and energetic supporter. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Fricker and Higgins, Bro. Aubrey ably presided at the piano.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd ult., when the chair was occupied by Bro. J. L. Shrapnell, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Savage, I.P.M.; J. Atkinson, P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D.C., acting as S.W.; J. B. McKenzie, P.M., P.G.S.D., Treas., acting as S.D.; Josef Cantor, Sec., acting as Org.; J. Orr Marples, I.G.; H. Round, S.S., acting J.D.; C. Buchanan, J.S.; E. H. Allen, O.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members who put in an appearance were Bros. Fleming, C. A. Giannacopulo, T. L. Duncan, W. T. Hemsley, Rev. M. J. Birks, T. Johnstone Irvine, J. F. Ainscow, J. H. S. Alpass, Past G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; A. Mein, W. Briscall, J. Rawthorne, J. T. Bramley, Joseph Fineberg, Harris Fineberg, T. Macpherson, W. Campion, J. Chambers, W. S. Cook, W. C. Fane, R. M. Anderson, W. Morgan, D. Cumming, B. Hughes, J. Ballard, J. Bramham, and J. B. Macpherson. The visitors present included Bros. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; T. Mawdesley, 216; H. P. Squire, 1356; E. Ingham, D.C. 1620; Herbert Brooke, 35; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; T. Hatton, P.M. 203; R. Johnson, S.W. 1013; H. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and J. A. Muir, 203.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Albert Smith, and he was declared duly elected. Being in attendance, he was duly initiated into the privileges of the Order by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. Bros. Hemsley, Birks, and Mein were subsequently passed to the degree of F.C., and Bros. Giannacopulo, H. Fineberg, Briscall, Irvine, and Wilde were raised to the degree of M.M. The W.M. performed the portions of the ceremony which appertain to the chair in a manner which elicited the heartiest commendation of all the brethren present, and while all his officers performed their duties with admirable efficiency, special praise should be given to Bro. Sandbrook for his ful-

filment of the duties of S.W., an office which he held for the day in the unavoidable absence for the first time of Bro. Burgess.

A banquet was served after business by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., and during a most enjoyable two hours' social board gathering a capital musical and histrionic entertainment was given by Bros. Hemsley, Cantor, Giannacopulo, Savage, Muir, and J. Fineberg.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The annual festival and installation of W.M. was held on the 23rd ult., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present Bros. Robert Latham, W.M.; John Barrett, S.W.; E. G. Harwood, J.W.; George Ferguson, Prov. G.S. of W., Treas.; Nathaniel Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; Cosgrave, S.D.; J. W. Taylor, P.P.G.O., D.C.; T. Naylor and B. Derham, Stwds.; T. E. Smith, Org.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; P. Ms. G. P. Brockbank, G. Stwd. Scotland; Thomas Morris, W. Blain, James Heywood, W. Court, Henry Stead, James Richardson, John Bromby, and Wm. Fliteroft. Bros. Brierley, Fielding, Jas. Smith, Priestley, Thomas W. Whewell, Whittaker, Goulborn, Parkinson, Hawksworth, Collins, Forbes, Thomas Morris, jun., J. Fogg, E. Kershaw, Thomas Arden, J. F. Elleston, W. Pendlebury, Miles Settle, J. B. Bolton, and the following visitors: Bros. Samuel Pope, P.M. 1610 (Recorder of Bolton); John Booth, W.M. 37; H. Broughton, W.M. 146; Edwin Melrose, W.M. 221; Thomas Higson, W.M. 348; Thomas Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; Thomas Marlow, 1462; W. Forrest, 221; J. S. Glover, 1868; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Naylor, 37; R. Duxbury, 146; W. Nicholson, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Vevers, 430; B. W. Sefton, 1773; and J. Rimmer, 146.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Thos. Magee was balloted for as a candidate for initiation and unanimously elected. Bro. E. G. Harwood was then presented by Bro. Jas. Heywood, P.M., and was obligated by the W.M. as to the government of the lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was opened under the presidency of Bro. G. P. Brockbank, and the W.M. elect was duly obligated, proclaimed, and saluted as Master for the ensuing 12 months in ancient form, the honours being given by Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.P.G. Org., and the musical portion of the ceremony rendered by the members of St. George's Lodge choir—Bros. Collins, T. E. Smith, Hawksworth, Whittaker, and Goulborn. Bro. Nathaniel Nicholson, P.M., invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. John Barrett, S.W.; A. Cosgrave, J.W.; G. Ferguson, Treas.; W. Nicholson, Sec.; T. B. Tong, S.D.; W. E. Bardsley, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, D.C.; T. E. Smith, Org.; Whittaker, Asst. Org.; B. Derham, I.G.; Thos. Naylor and J. W. Hawksworth, Stwds.; and J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Bro. Nicholson explaining the symbolic meaning of their respective jewels, the final address to the W.M., officers, and brethren being delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, the senior Past Master of the lodge.

Before closing the lodge the W.M. proposed a resolution welcoming the illustrious visitor, Bro. Samuel Pope, O.C., Recorder of Bolton, who had remained in Bolton at the conclusion of the Quarter Sessions in order to be present at the meeting of the lodge and be present at the installation of Bro. Harwood, who is serving the office of Mayor of Bolton for a second year and referred to the honourable position filled in the Masonic Fraternity by the learned brother, and the pleasure his timely visit had afforded all the brethren. The motion was cordially agreed to and ordered to be inserted on the minutes of the proceedings. Bro. Pope in acknowledging the compliment paid to him expressed his gratification in attending a lodge in a town where he had been officially connected for very many years, where everything appeared to be worked so well, and where all the needful arrangements has been carried out with such zeal and precision, he could not help referring to the great courtesy and kindness extended to him by the Magistrates generally, and the Mayor of the borough in particular, who were always ready and willing to afford him every possible assistance and anticipate his every wish. The Mayor, the W.M. of to-day, was the youngest Magistrate on the bench, but his acquaintance with him had been such as to satisfy him that he was a true type of an Englishman, frank, open, and straightforward, and it had afforded him great satisfaction to be present to welcome his admission amongst the rulers of the Craft.

The lodge room was most tastefully decorated and adorned with many banners the property of private members of the St. George's and other lodges, with their respective arms and crests elegantly embroidered thereon, and were arranged under the direction of Bro. Blain, an old Mason and P.M. of this lodge. "Heartily good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

Banquet was prepared under the able supervision of Bro. Priestley and Mrs. Priestley, whose efforts were heartily appreciated and gave the greatest satisfaction to the brethren. The musical brethren mustered in force and contributed materially to the success of the meeting, which was the most successful Masonic gathering in Bolton for some years, and will be long remembered by those who had the privilege of being present on the occasion.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, Praed-street, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. Cruttenden, W.M.; J. Laurence, S.W.; H. Purdue, W.M. 834, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Precept.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; M. J. Green, S.D.; W. H. Chalfont, I.P.M. 1425, J.D.; C. J. Morse, I.G.; S. J. Humfress, Stwd.; Past Masters Bros. M. S. Speigel, 188; C. W. Hunt, W.M. 1425; F. T. C. Keeble, W.M. 1426; S. Smout, I.P.M. 1642; Capt. A. Nicols, I.P.M. 1974; and Bros. F. Chandler, R. E. Cursons, H. Robinson, J. Brazell, W. J. Mason, H. Mitchell, and W. Middleweck. Bros. J. Lichtenfield, 205; A. John Chapman, 834; W. Eastgate, 834; and S. Funkensztejn, 1017, were visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eastgate candidate. The lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Chandler candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bro. Laurence was elected W.M. for next meeting. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining mem-

bers: Bros. S. Funkensztein, 1017; J. Lichtenfeld, 205; A. J. Chapman, 834; and W. Eastgate, 834. Ten guineas from the funds were voted to Bro. Read to go on his list as Steward to the Girls' School. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the meeting held on the 17th ult. there were present Bros. Ford, W.M.; Fowles, S.W.; Frank Gulliford, J.W.; C. Ralph, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; G. Coleman, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Graham, J. Woodward, H. Robinson, W. C. Smith, Lewis, Corby, Shannon, and E. W. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Graham offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Bro. Corby having offered himself a candidate for passing, he was duly questioned and entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Fowles having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, lodge was closed in due form.

The first meeting of the Charitable Association connected with the lodge of instruction then took place, Bro. G. Coleman, W.M. 1614, acting as President, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. H. Gulliford, I.P.M. 1614. Bros. Fowles and Ford having been voted tellers, a ballot was drawn for obtaining a life subscribership in one of the Masonic Charities, which fell to Bro. C. Ralph. A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. G. Coleman for his kindness and attention in presiding over the meeting. The Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, stated he would be most happy to have the names of many more brethren added to the Association.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th ult., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road. Present: Bros. Paton, W.M.; Johnstone, Preceptor; Spencer, S.W.; Eidmans, J.W.; Smith, S.D.; Clarke, J.D.; Baker, I.G.; also Bros. Sims, Rowlands, Sutton, Lane, Gardner, Hampton, C. Evans, and Mackie. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the questions leading to the Third Degree were put to and answered by Bro. Sutton. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Sutton acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Charles Evans, who in an able manner rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Rowlands acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for first and second time. Bro. Spencer was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting and was pleased to appoint 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 Freemasonry the lodge was closed in due form, in peace and harmony.

At the meeting on the 23rd ult. there were present Bros. Eidmans, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; Stokes, S.W.; Parkhouse, J.W.; Sutton, S.D.; Forster, J.D.; Thomson, I.G.; Paton, Sec.; Marshall, Wise, Smith, Mackie, and Spencer. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Wise worked the Second Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mackie acting as candidate. The Preceptor worked the Third Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. C. A. Marshall, 1922, was elected a joining member of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was resolved to invite the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge to work the Fifteen Sections. The Secretary gave notice of his intention to take the feeling of the brethren on some future occasion as to the desirability of forming a Charitable Association in connection with the lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom in peace and harmony, the Preceptor giving the long address.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—Chapter of Concord (No. 37).—The annual installation festival of this old chapter was held at the Swan Hotel, on Monday, the 21st ult. The chapter was opened by Comp. James Walker, Z.; James Newton, P.Z.; P.P.G.S.N., acting H.; and J. Mills, J. There were also present Comps. G. P. Brockbank, P.Z.; P.P.G.S.N.; James Brown, P.Z.; E. M. Garstang, P.S.; John Booth, John Hardcastle, Henry Greenwood, James Naylor, H. Roilet, Janitor; and others. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.J.; and W. Cooper, J. elect 348. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the companions, in accordance with notice given upon the summons, proceeded to elect a companion to fill the office of Z. in consequence of the lamented death of Comp. S. Crowther, Z. elect. The ballot was unanimously in favour of Comp. James Newton, P.Z., who was installed in the First Principal's chair by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, who also installed Comp. J. Mills, H.; and Comp. E. M. Garstang, J. The following officers were invested, viz.: Comps. G. P. Brockbank, P.Z., S.E. and Treas.; John Booth, P.S.; John Hardcastle, 1st Asst. Sojr.; James Naylor, 2nd Asst. Sojr.; and H. Roilet, Janitor. A vote of thanks was proposed and heartily accorded to Comp. Sillitoe for his services as Installing Principal. The chapter was closed in solemn form, after which the companions adjourned to a banquet, served by mine host Comp. Greenwood, who on this special occasion added lustre to his well-earned reputation as a caterer.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on the 18th ult., when Comp. E. Clarke, M.E.Z., Prov. G. 2nd Asst. S., presided, supported as follows: Comps. F. Hodgson, Prov. G. Stwd., H.; W. Bewlay, J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; W. B. Cowman, Prov. G. Swd. Br., S.N.; W. Sandwith, Prov. G.J., P.Z., as P.S.; J. Casson, Janitor; John Barr, Prov. G.H., P.Z.; E. Tyson, P.P.G.D.C., P.Z.; T. Atkinson, P.P.G. 1st Asst. S., P.Z.; G. Dalrymple, P.P.G. Swd. Br., P.Z.; Rev. Stuart Hall, J. Rothery, W. C. Johns, R. W. Moore,

J. C. Thompson, W. Carlyle, J. Eden, L. Ward, C. Gore-Ring, and others. On the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Bros. E. Jackson, T. Coward, G. P. Abraham, and Chas. Christopherson, all of 1073, who were accepted and exalted to the Supreme Degree. The chapter was then closed in form.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This prosperous chapter met at the Albany Hotel on the 24th ult. Among those present were Comps. W. Taylor, P.Z., acting M.E.Z., in the absence of Comp. Rushworth; W. H. Saunders, H., M.E.Z. elect; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., J. and acting S.E.; R. Saunders, S.N.; the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; Cama, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.Z.; R. Thrupp, P.Z., P.P.G.H., &c.; H. C. Levander, P.G.S.E. Middx., Hon. Member; Richnell, and others. The visitors were Comps. Dr. Clark, P.Z.; Dodd, S. Paul, Inglis, and Motion.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Comp. Inglis for joining, and for Bros. E. Jenkins, I.G. 1503, and Gurney, J.D. 1503, for exaltation, and it proving to be unanimous, the two latter were duly and impressively admitted to the degree of R.A. The ceremony of installing the three Principals, Comps. W. H. Saunders, T. C. Walls, and R. H. Saunders, was ably performed by Comp. R. Thrupp. The officers invested for the year ensuing were Comps. Richnell, S.E.; the Rev. S. H. Saunders, S.N.; Smiles, P.S. (by deputy); the Rev. L. D'Orsey, Chap.; Dunkley, Org.; and Harrison, Tyler. Previously to the chapter being closed the sum of five guineas each was respectively voted to Comps. W. Taylor and Cama as Stewards to the Girls' and Boys' Festivals. A vote of thanks was given to Ex. Comp. S. Paul for his services as acting P.S., and a similar vote was passed to Ex. Comp. Thrupp as Installing Officer.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. The Royal toasts were drunk in silence, and after the pledge of "The Grand Officers" the Dead March in "Saul" was played out of respect for the memory of the late Duke of Albany. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 15th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. Sidney Clarke, W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremony, placed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Capt. Eugene Sweeney, P.M., P.P.G.J.O. Kent, was the installing officer, and carried out the work admirably, although unprepared, as our late esteemed Asst. Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Dewar, had promised to attend and perform the ceremony of installation, but unfortunately was at the time on that which proved to be his death bed. The following officers were invested: Bros. Dr. C. H. V. Godwin, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, S.W. (by proxy, he being at the present time on service in Egypt); G. C. Mathams, J.W.; C. H. G. Risch, M.O.; E. Denton, S.O.; K. Uglan, J.O. Sec.; Eugene Sweeney, P.M., Treas.; R. Pidcock, P.M., Reg. of Mks.; F. G. Nichols, S.D.; E. Riddle, J.D.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Among other brethren present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 226, P.P.G.S.W. Kent; Dr. Jos. Pope, P.M. 946; T. Holleman, S.W. and W.M. elect 226, P.P.G.A. D.C. Kent; C. Jolly, 226, Prov. G. Org. Kent (Freemason), and others. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, was presented to Bro. Capt. J. Sculley, R.I.A., the I.P.M., as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and for valuable services rendered the lodge by him during his year of office, and Bro. Sculley returned thanks in suitable terms. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the great loss the Order had sustained by the untimely death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M. of England, and also to the personal loss the brethren of the lodge had met with by the death of Bro. Capt. J. J. Donally, of the O.S. Army Service Corps.

The banquet was served in the hall by Bro. W. Moulder, of the Duke of Connaught Coffee Tavern, in rare style, and the cloth being cleared the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts, nor were the provincial toasts forgotten, the W.M. eulogising in no measured terms the admirable Masonry of the esteemed Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., whose health was drunk with cheers. Bro. Jolly having responded to the toast,

Bro. Sculley, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he felt assured that under the hands of Bro. Clarke the lodge would lose none of its lustre, indeed he knew of no one so well qualified to add to the material prosperity of the lodge as their esteemed W.M., who was an old P.M. in the Craft and a rare lover of Masonry.

Bro. Clarke said he rose with a great deal of pleasure to thank them for their hearty reception of his name, and while he fully appreciated the honourable position he that day occupied, yet he would rather have seen their old friend and good brother Dr. Godwin in the chair, a position he would have held had not the call of duty taken him away on foreign service. He hoped, however, they would have Bro. Godwin with them by that time next year, and that he might be spared to fill the chair of the Florence Nightingale Lodge. He had received a letter from Bro. Gordon, who was in Egypt, in which he congratulated him (Bro. Clarke) on arriving at the chair, and wished him and the brethren a pleasant and prosperous year of office. For himself, he could assure them that he should do all in his power for the comfort and happiness of the brethren and the welfare of the lodge.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors" the Worshipful Master said they had a "Pope" with them that night who would not anathematize them as the Pope of Rome had done or was about to do. Their Pope was a genial hearted brother, whose presence they all delighted to honour and who had been faithful to the Florence Nightingale Lodges, both Craft and Mark, for years past. In Bro. Holleman also they had a good Mason, and the W.M. elect of a neighbouring lodge; let them therefore give their visitors a bumper.

Bro. Pope, in a facetious speech, acknowledged the compliment, and Bro. Holleman also briefly responded. "The Installing Officer" was the next toast, and Bro. Sweeney returned thanks. "The Past Masters" and "Officers" concluded the proceedings, which were most harmonious and enjoyable.

READING.—Leopold Lodge (No. 235).—The adjourned installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. S. Bradley, W.M.; G. Vestall, P.M., acting S.W.; H. W. Homann, J.W.; W. C. Moffatt, M.O.; R. Glasspool, S.O.; W. Morris, P.M. 257, acting J.O.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., Chap.; J. T. Stransom, Treas.; H. Creed, R.M.; W. Ravenscroft, Sec.; W. Collins, S.D.; C. H. Tench, J.D.; W. Hickie, Org.; J. W. Lindars, I.G.; W. J. James, Steward; W. Hemmings, Tyler; Pulley, P.M.; Margrett, P.M.; Stephens, D.P.G.M., P.M.; Flanagan, P.M.; C. Park, 247, P.M.; Tubbs, Vowles, F. J. Ferguson, Thompson, Sydenham, and Ridley, and the following visitors: Bros. Kirchhoffer, G.J.O.; Davison, G. Treas.; Thatcher, W.M. 37; D'Almaine, W.M. 225; Rev. F. W. Thoytes, P.G.C.; Capt. Golding, W.M. 55; Benham, P.M. 54; Harvey, M.O. 37; Wennett, S.O. 59; Dr. Leighton-Coleman, Kennedy, and others. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the M.W.G.M.M.M., Lord Henniker; Bros. F. Binckes, G. Sec.; and many other brethren.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were read, confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The Secretary reported that the floral wreath voted at the last lodge had been presented at St. George's Chapel on the morning of the 4th ult. The addresses of condolence to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany were then read, approved, and signed by the W.M. and Past Masters. A ballot was taken for Bros. the Rev. H. Wells, W. A. Simmons, and C. F. Simmons, and declared clear, and these brethren being in attendance, were advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. with full musical ceremony, Bro. Taylor, 99, presiding at the organ.

The V.W. Bro. Chas. Stephens, D.P.G.M., then assumed the throne, and installed the V.W. Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., into the chair of A. in a very impressive and perfect manner. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. Bradley, I.P.M.; H. W. Homann, S.W.; R. Glasspool, J.W.; W. Moffatt, M.O.; C. G. Butler, J.O.; Rev. H. Wells, Chap.; C. H. Tench, R.M.; J. T. Stransom, Treas.; J. W. Lindars, Sec.; W. Collins, S.D.; F. J. Ferguson, J.D.; E. Margrett, P.M., D.C.; W. Ravenscroft, Org.; W. Hickie, I.G.; T. R. Vowles and J. E. Sydenham, Stwds.; and Hemmings, Tyler. The W.M. had much pleasure in performing his first duty in the lodge by presenting a valuable Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. S. Bradley, which was acknowledged in suitable terms.

Bro. Glasspool, J.W., proposed that the sum of five guineas be contributed to the Mark Benevolent Fund, the amount to be placed on the list of Bro. Pulley, Prov. Grand Sec., which was seconded, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Ravenscroft, Sec., was then requested to retire from the lodge, and in his absence Bro. Stephens, D.P.G.M., proposed, and Bro. Pulley, Prov. G. Sec., seconded, that a jewel be presented to Bro. Ravenscroft in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge as Secretary for the past three years. This was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Ravenscroft then re-entered the lodge, and was addressed by the W.M., who communicated to him the result of the last proposition. Bro. Ravenscroft expressed his sincere thanks for the unexpected honour conferred upon him, and said he should ever wear the jewel with pride and a happy remembrance of the pleasant performance of the duties of his office.

Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Great Western Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner was provided by Bro. Flanagan, P.M., after which the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were duly presented, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed, with the musical assistance of Bro. Taylor and others.

DERBY.—Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 246).—The regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 15th ult. In the regretted absence of the W.M., Bro. G. T. Wright, through illness, the chair was occupied by Bro. W. L. Ball, I.P.M., P.G.D. of C. The following officers and brethren were in attendance: Bros. Percy Wallis, G. Stwd., as S.W.; J. O. Manton, J.W.; W. Whittaker, as S.O.; T. Horsley, as J.O.; J. Bland, Sec.; Edgar Horne, S.D.; G. R. Dalton, as I.G.; and W. Stone, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. Thomas Cox, W.M. 302, P.G.J.O.

The ballot was taken for Bros. J. R. Cain, I.P.M. of Craft Lodge 353, and F. S. Dunwell, of same lodge, and being clear, both were duly advanced in excellent style by the acting W.M. The ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. J. H. Lawson, S.W., was elected, Bro. E. C. Milligan, P.M., being re-elected Treas. The Secretary proposed, and the acting S.W. seconded a motion that the lodge send a vote of condolence to Grand Mark Lodge on the death of the Duke of Albany, P.G.M., and lodge was then closed.

Refreshment followed in the lower hall, Bro. P. Wallis in responding for the Grand Officers intimated his intention of going as Steward to the festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund in July. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the newly advanced brethren," who suitably responded, expressing high approval of the ceremony, and the Degree generally. "The Officer's Healths" having been proposed by Bro. Wallis, G. Stwd., and responded to, the brethren adjourned.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

GREEN.—On the 28th ult., at Stafford Lodge, Exeter, the wife of S. N. Green, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ROTHERY—BIRDSEYE.—On the 19th ult., at Hackney, H. J. Rothery, of Bexley, Kent, to Marian, daughter of Bro. H. Birdseye, of Clapton.

PEARCE—LAWRENCE.—On the 19th ult., at St. Paul's Church, Herne Hill, London, S.E., by the Rev. S. F. Bridge, Bro. John Pearce, M.M., of Hannibal Lodge, No. 224, Grand Registrar of Ireland, St. Georges, Bermuda, second son of the late Bro. John Pearce, Wellington Lodge, No. 805, '59, to Emily Sarah, daughter of the late W. H. Lawrence.

DEATHS.

COSTA.—On the 29th ult., Bro. Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W. and P.G.O., age 70.



In Georgina, Ontario, resides Bro. William Ritchie, who was initiated into Masonry in the Methoin Union Lodge, Perthshire, Scotland, in 1819.

A meeting of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite will be held at 33, Golden-square, on the 13th inst., at 4.45 p.m. There are several candidates for the 32°, 31°, and 30°.

The portrait of R.W. Bro. William Kelly, P.P. G.M. Leicestershire, which has been painted at a cost of £84, was presented to him at a banquet at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday last.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., was on Wednesday invested by the Earl of Carnarvon at Grand Lodge with the collar of Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing, being the second position of honour in the Craft the brethren have it in their power to confer.

We are pleased to notice that Miss Helen Hopekirk, the celebrated pianist (niece of Bro. Walter Hopekirk), is making a very successful tour in America. She has given recitals at the Steinway Hall, New York, at Brooklyn, and elsewhere, and she has been engaged for the Philadelphia May Musical Festival.

At the annual meeting of the Wakefield Chapter, No. 495, on Monday last, Comp. Hartley was duly invested as Z. The chapter was stated to be in a flourishing condition. Comp. Oxley made some pertinent observations in reference to the advisability of holding meetings for instruction. Amongst the visiting companions were Comps. Boord and Newsum.

The Lodge No. 4 on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England having, through the death of various members and other causes, fallen into abeyance, is, with the sanction of the authorities, about to be resuscitated, and will meet at 8a, Red Lion Square, under the title of the Prince of Wales Mark Lodge. Communications on the subject should be addressed to Bro. H. Lovegrove (P. Grand Mark Sup. of Works), 26, Budge-row, Cannon-street, E.C.

The installation of Principals will be worked at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley Cornhill, on Tuesday next, the 6th May, at half-past 5 o'clock. The usual exaltation ceremony will commence at half-past 6 o'clock. The installation will be worked by Comp. Maidwell, Z.; C. H. Webb, H.; T. S. Fraser, J.; all of the Stanmore Chapter 1549; and as this is the last occasion this session upon which they will be given, it is hoped a good muster of Past and Present Principals will attend.

The following dinners, &c., have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, April 28th—Old King's Arms Lodge (Installation), Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Wednesday, 30th—United Grand Lodge Festival, Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers. Thursday, May 1st.—St. Andrews Lodge, Westminster and Keystone Lodge, Linnean Club. Friday, 2nd—British Chapter, Chapter of Fidelity, Leader Kranz Ball, Odd Volumes, St. Clement Danes Churchwardens.

The Brooke Lodge, No. 2005, was consecrated on Tuesday, at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, by Bro. F. C. Philbrick, D.G.M. of the province, in the absence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., who was detained in town by his Parliamentary duties. It was a most successful gathering and there can be no doubt that the Brooke Lodge, under the rule of Bro. W. Herbage, who was installed first W.M., has a bright future before it. We have a full report in type, but it is crowded out by the report of Grand Festival and other matter.

We very much regret the Hon. Edward Blake's recent attack in the House of Commons upon Secret Societies, including Freemasonry, and were it not that some narrow minded people would accuse us of political motives the honourable gentleman would hear from us. We are sorry to find one who occupies such a high position who sees so much in our Institution worthy of censure. We fear his mind is warped by political principles, and his views on social subjects are of the most primitive character. All honour to Grand Master E. C. Baker, M.P., of British Columbia, and Past Grand Master Thos. White, M.P., of Montreal, who manfully rose in their places in the House and boldly resented the insults cast upon an institution of which they are justly proud. Archbishop Lynch, Prof. Gregg and Hon. Edward Blake are a nice trio to live in the 19th century, and we congratulate them upon sailing in a boat that is manned with prejudice and freighted with ignorance.—*Toronto Freeman*.

On Thursday evening, the 24th. ult., there was an unusually large gathering of the fraternity at the ordinary monthly meeting of the Emulation Lodge, No. 1505, held in the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool. This lodge has been very prosperous during the current year, under the able guidance of its popular W.M., Bro. Peter Thomas, who took the chair, supported by the I.P.M., Bro. H. H. Smith, and a large gathering of members and visitors, including several Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, many of the members of the lodge falling under this classification. During the post-lodge proceedings the toast of "The W.M." was heartily honoured, after which Bro. Thomas proposed the health of the I.P.M. in flattering terms, and on behalf of the members presented that brother with his portrait as a spontaneous tribute to his efforts during the past year, and to his many excellent qualities as a brother Mason. The picture, a very truthful and artistic likeness, is the work of Bro. Vandyke, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. H. H. Smith, I.P.M., by the members of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1505, of Antient Free and Accepted Masons, on the expiration of his year of office as W.M., as a mark of esteem and respect, with every good wish for his future prosperity.—April 24th, 1884."—Bro. Smith thanked the brethren in very feeling terms, and expressed his great gratification in receiving such a mark of their esteem. He felt amply repaid for his efforts in the chair by their goodwill, so freely shown towards him, and he would in future do his best to merit their continued regard.

Hiram lodge, New Haven, Conn., has 759 members; St. John's, Hartford, 526; and Wooster, New Haven, 513.

The Kintore Mark Lodge was consecrated on Tuesday last, at the Surrey Masonic Hall. Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.M. for Tunis and Malta, delivered a most able oration, and the proceedings were of a very successful character. A report will appear next week.

Bro. Dr. Wynn Westcott, M.B. Lond., the Deputy Coroner for Central Middlesex, is a candidate for the vacant office of Coroner to the City of London. Bro. Westcott is a P.M. of No. 814, and P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; he is also Secretary to the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society.

It has been determined to perpetuate the services to Masonry in general, and to the province of Middlesex in particular, of Bro. H. C. Levander, M.A., P.G.D. and Prov. G. Sec., by the establishment of a lodge bearing his name. The Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, having approved of the scheme, H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a warrant for the Henry Levander Lodge, No. 2048, to meet at Harrow.

Many of the brethren in South London will hear with much pleasure that Bro. M. S. Larham, P.M., P.Z., who we are glad to say is now restored to health, has become once more the Hon. Preceptor of the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507. It is anticipated that many of his old friends will take an early opportunity of supporting Bro. Larham. Meetings are held as usual on Fridays at 7.30 o'clock.

The grand Masonic Literary and Musical Entertainment, organised by Dr. Hine and given in the Corporation Hall, Derry, on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., on behalf of the funds of the Boys' Masonic Orphan School, Ireland, was a grand success. £78 was collected, £12 of which went for expenses. Dr. Hine has had the pleasure of sending a cheque for £100 to the Secretary Masonic Boys' Orphan School.

The Davison Mark Lodge, No. 331, was consecrated at the Hall of the Mark Degree, Red Lion-square, on Thursday last. The consecrating officer was Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, the G.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.G.C., delivered the oration, and in it referred to the death of the Duke of Albany. Bro. Henry Faija was installed as first Master of the lodge. Bros. Inglis was appointed Senior Warden, and Meyer, Junior Warden. We hope to give a full report in our next.

A meeting of the Charities Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was held on April 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, under the presidency of Bro. R. Wylie, to arrange for the collection of votes in this division for aged Freemasons and widows in order to secure the election of three candidates for their province. Satisfactory arrangements towards this desirable object were made, and it was further intimated that all lodges having votes should send them without delay to Bro. H. S. Alpass, 27, Parkfield-road. It may be stated as an instance of Masonic charity which is worthy of imitation, that at the last meeting of the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013, the sum of 50 guineas was voted from the funds—20 guineas to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, 20 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and 10 guineas to the Hamer Benevolent Fund.

Bro. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B., presided at the quarterly meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., on Friday evening, the 25th ult. The minutes of the various meetings of the House Committee held during the quarter were read and unanimously confirmed. On the motion of Bro. J. B. McKenzie, P.G.S.D., seconded by Bro. J. W. Ballard, P.G.S., Bro. Maurice Hart, P.G.D.D.C., was appointed Treasurer of the Masonic Hall Committee in succession to Bro. H. A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., who had resigned the office. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. H. S. Alpass, Past G.S.B., seconded by Bro. Salter, P.P.G.S.D., that a cordial letter of thanks should be sent to Bro. Tobias for the very valuable services he had rendered in his capacity of Honorary Treasurer. Bro. H. H. Smith, P.M. 1505, was elected one of the auditors in place of Bro. M. Hart on his appointment as Treasurer.

At the last regular meeting of the Marquess of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Durham, the Secretary, Bro. W. Richardson, read the following record of the visit of the late Duke of Albany to the province, which it was resolved should be entered on the lodge minutes: "Visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany to Durham.—A Special Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Durham was held in the Castle Hall, Durham, on Jan. 30th last, under the R.W. Prov. G.M., the Marquess of Londonderry which was numerously attended by the Prov. Officers, past and present, of the Province of Durham, and the neighbouring provinces and by large numbers of the Craft from every lodge in the Province of Durham. It was estimated that not less than 600 attended Provincial Grand Lodge. The Marquess of Granby Lodge was well represented by the W.M., several P.Ms., the Wardens, the whole of the Officers, and a large number of the brethren. The Provincial Grand Lodge was honoured by a visit from H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.W. of England and Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, when a suitable address was presented to him by Prov. Grand Lodge and was read by Bro. Hudson, Prov. Grand Secretary. His Royal Highness was pleased to accept the address and to make a gracious reply. The whole of those present at Prov. Grand Lodge, with the addition of large numbers of the brethren who had been unable to gain admission, in all to the number of about 1000, attended divine service in the Cathedral, when a sermon was preached by Bro. Canon Tristram, P.P.G.S.W., at the conclusion of which a collection was taken on behalf of the Durham County Hospital amounting to upwards of £46. After service the brethren returned to the Castle Hall, where Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Glad Tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let such sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged without difficulty by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies, which comfort by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves.

Obituary.

BRO. SIR MICHAEL COSTA, P.G.J.W.

Our distinguished Bro. Sir Michael Costa, whose health had been failing for some time past, and whose death was by no means unexpected, departed this life on Tuesday, the 29th ult., full of years as of honours, and enjoying the respect not only of the members of the profession of which he was so bright an ornament, but likewise of all classes of her Majesty's subjects. Sir Michael Costa had been a Freemason for very many years, having been initiated in the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, on the 3rd May, 1848, and the brief account which we are enabled to give of his Masonic career will serve to show that for some time after his reception into the Order he was one of our most active members. He was W.M. of his lodge two years in succession—1852 and 1853—and during his second year's tenure of the office presented to it a pair of globes corresponding in design with the chairs and pedestals which he had previously presented in conjunction with his brother Raphael Costa, who is likewise a P.M. of this lodge. So satisfied were the brethren with Sir Michael's services that on his retirement from the chair, early in 1854, they presented him with a medal and clasp in recognition of what he had done for them. He was Grand Organist from 1851 to 1854, and occupied a similar position in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, as well as in the Grand Conclave of the Templar Order, in 1853. He was also a Past E.C. of the Cross of Christ Encampment and in 1855 was appointed Second Grand Captain in same degree. He was advanced to the Mark on 10th September, 1851, in the old Bon Accord Lodge under the Scotch Constitutions, and was one of the original members of the Studholme Lodge (Mark), No. 197. He had been a member of the Supreme Council of the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and in 1875 held the office of Grand Captain of the Guards. Sir Michael composed the grand march that was played at the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, and in recognition of the merit shown in this composition as well as of his long and faithful services to Masonry, his Royal Highness was pleased to confer upon him the rank and privileges of a Past Grand Junior Warden of England. And by way of completing this sketch, it should be stated that our deceased brother was a Life Governor of, and had twice served as Festival Steward for, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and was a Vice-President of the Boys' School.

BRO. DONALD M. DEWAR, Asst. G. Mark Sec.

Bro. Dewar, to whose sad and sudden death brief allusion was made last week, had been a member of our Society for considerably more than 40 years. He was initiated in the Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4 on the roll of Grand Lodge, Scotland, when not of full age, and had been a Past Master of it some years when he joined the English branch of the Fraternity. Subsequently he became a member of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham, and afterwards was one of the founders of the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415, Hampton Court, being invested immediately after its consecration, as acting J.W. for the J.W. designate, and two years later—in 1874—was elected W.M. In 1876 he was a founder of the Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, and of this as well as of the Campbell Lodge he was Secretary at the time of his death. He was a P.Z. of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, Hampton Court, while as regards the Mark, we believe he was advanced to that degree in the Glasgow Kilwinning, the Mark being a recognised part of the Scotch system of Masonry. He was the oldest Past Master of the Old Kent T.I. Lodge and a member and one of the founders of the Grand Master's Lodge, both under the Mark Grand Lodge. In 1877 he was appointed G.S. Overseer and the year following Asst. Grand Secretary, in which latter capacity he had played a leading part in all the principal events connected with Mark Masonry; the Mark Benevolent Fund, for which he had several times served the office of Festival Steward, being greatly indebted for its progress to his exertions. He was a Past M.W.S. and the Recorder of Mount Cavalry Chapter Rose Croix, and a P.E.C., and likewise the Recorder of the Mount Cavalry Encampment of Knights Templar. In addition he was a Knight Grand Cross, Intendant General of Division unattached, and Grand Vice Chancellor of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, and a conspicuous member and supporter of the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters and the Allied Degrees. Last, but not least, our respected brother was a Life Governor of each of our three Charitable Institutions and had served the office of Festival Steward once in behalf of each of them. His remains were interred at Brompton Cemetery on Saturday last. A preliminary service was held over the body at St. John's, Hammersmith, of which church Bro. Dewar had been formerly Churchwarden, and was fully choral. The hearse was an open one and the coffin was covered by a large violet pall and bore many floral offerings from bereaved relations and others, the mourning carriages containing the two sons, the brother, and several intimate friends of the deceased. At the grave we noticed Bros. Capt. Philips, 33° (specially representing Bro. Lord Henniker, G.M. M.M.); Chas. Driver, 33°; Roebuck, 31°; W. Paas, 30°; T. C. Walls, 18°; H. J. Lardner, 18°; and a few others. The cause of the scanty attendance was doubtless due to the fact that so few knew when, where, and at what hour the interment had been arranged to take place. The inscription on the coffin plate was "Donald Mangles Dewar, died 23rd April, 1884, Aged 65 years."

BRO. JOSEPH NUNN.

Another veteran has been called to his rest in the person of Bro. Joseph Nunn, Secretary of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, and Scribe E. of the chapter connected therewith, who expired on the 19th inst., at his residence, 376, Kennington-road.

MICHAEL THOMAS BASS, M.P.

We are aware that more than one member of the Bass family will be found enrolled in the Society of Freemasons, but we cannot say if Michael Thomas Bass, the distinguished head of the firm of Bass and Co. and formerly M.P. for Derby, who died on Tuesday evening at the advanced age of 84, was one of them. However, if he was not a Mason, he was a supporter of two of our Masonic Charities, having been a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School and a Life Governor on the Male Fund of the R.M. Benevolent Institution.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, May 10, 1884.

MONDAY, MAY 5.

- Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
 " 1996, Priory of Acton, Royal Assembly Rooms, Acton.
 Mark 139, Panmure, SA, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
 West Smithfield, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, 8 till 10.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15 Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

TUESDAY, MAY 6.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
 Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.
 " 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermy-st., W., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
 Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Metropolitan Chap., Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Junction-road, N., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke
 Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.

- Grand Chapter, at 6.
 Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.
 " 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney.
 " 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's
 Park, at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Merchant Navy, Silver T., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30 (alt.)
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

THURSDAY, MAY 8.

- Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 238, Pilgrim (German language), Freemasons' Hall.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1216, Macdonald, Head-Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles,
 Flodden-road, Camberwell.
 " 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill.
 " 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
 " 1987, Strand, Astley's Hot., Covent Garden.
 Chap. 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

K.T. Precept. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple, E.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Belgrave, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., 6.30.
 Burgoyne, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., 6.30.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon
 Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Covent Garden, The Cranbourne, 1, Upper St. Martin's-
 lane, W.C., 8.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-
 house, at 7.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Vic-
 toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
 well, at 9.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-
 road, at 8.
 Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 North London Chap., Alwyn Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd.,
 Canonbury, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd.,
 Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, MAY 9.

- National Great Priory, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Lodge 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
 " 1907, John Carpenter, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 569, Fitz-Roy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Co.,
 City-rd.

K.T. Precept. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Robert Burns, North Pole, 387, Oxford-st., W., at 8.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-
 road, at 7.30.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell,
 at 7.
 Old Kent Mark, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7 to 9.
 Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 2nd
 and 4th, at 6.45.

SATURDAY, MAY 10.

- Lodge 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.
 " 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
 " 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, Kings Arms, Wood Green.
 " 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1706, Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall.
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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MONDAY, MAY 5.

- Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
 " 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Royal Hot., Waterloo.
 Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side,
 Manchester.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 6.

- Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, King's Arms, Prescott.
 " 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.H., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Ha., Tuebrook, Liverp'l.
 Mark 65, West Lancashire, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 8.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxeth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-
 Woods.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgwater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
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FRIDAY, MAY 9.

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