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WE are informed on the best authority, that very grave errors exist as to the position of our English Lodges in South Australia. It is true, undoubtedly, that a large majority of all our lodges have joined the movement, but still leaving a minority averaging about a dozen in each lodge faithful to the Grand Lodge of England. The Book of Constitutions says, that when a majority leave a lodge, the power of assembly remains with the minority, provided three brethren continue, so that practically all our lodges remain under us, and, we are bound (as in case of Montreal), to support them. In any question of recognition, the rights and existence of our lodges would be safeguarded by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER and Grand Lodge. The truth is, that all these movements are more or less "factitious," and proceed from a small body of agitators.

WE reprint in another column a communication from its Correspondent at Rome which appeared in the *Times* of Monday last. We think it but right and fair to bring it to the cognizance of those of our readers who do not peruse the *Times*: "The *Moniteur de Rome*, after briefly informing its readers that the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons had, through its President, protested against the POPE'S Encyclical, 'De Sectâ Massonum,' reprints the few remarks which Lord CARNARVON made, with reference to LEO XIII., at the beginning of his protest, and the text of the resolution voted; but refrains from giving the words of the protest itself. The Pontifical organ makes no critical observations, beyond stating that the language employed by his lordship in speaking of the POPE was respectful." The suppression of the "protest" by the "inspirers" of the article is very noteworthy.

WE call attention to the review elsewhere of a very carefully-written article in the Roman Catholic magazine, "The Month," against Freemasonry. If marked by much polish of diction and apparent courtesy of expression, it is not the less characterized by intense bitterness of feeling and antagonism. Its entire injustice towards Anglo-Saxon Masonry is not less conspicuous than its evident inability to appreciate the real views and aims of English Freemasons. We are still, it seems, responsible for proceedings which we have utterly disavowed, and for a state of affairs which we so utterly disapprove of, that we decline to receive in our lodges any who have thus revolutionized Freemasonry in some jurisdictions abroad. But all in vain. Despite the high character of those who openly avow themselves members of our loyal, charitable, and useful Order, notwithstanding that the Prince of WALES and the Duke of CONNAUGHT are "of our sodality," though Bishops and Deans, and Archdeacons and Canons, and a large number of the Anglican Clergy are in our midst; though a large section of the nobility, Ministers of the Crown, Members of the House of Commons, and citizens of various classes, and of the highest culture and gravest character and distinct respectability, joyfully declare themselves to be Freemasons, our good Roman Catholic censors declare that we are ignorant of our own principles, that we are "participes criminis" in the violent and erratic proceedings of some foreign jurisdictions, and that we are "atheists by inadvertence" and "revolutionists in ignorance." Now, the truth is, that all this violence, under specious words and civil glozing, betrays the fact that Roman Catholics find themselves between "Scylla and Charybdis." A large section of the Roman Catholic clergy and laity, whether openly or privately matters nothing, disapproves of an infallible authority making so great a blunder as before the public, dubbing, that is to say, with sweeping and indiscriminate censure as atheists and destructives those fellow-citizens of theirs, with whom they live, daily see and hear of, as well as those foreign agitators who make a trade and a cat's paw of Freemasonry proper. And then, on the other hand, there lingers in Roman Catholic circles the taint of the old intolerant heresy of forced adhesion and compulsory communion.

If some honest minds unequivocally condemn the loathsome horrors of the past, the persecution of the Jews, Huguenots, Vandois, and the like, the fiery development of the Inquisition, the cruel working of the "Secular Arm," we have not far to go to find those who can still make excuses for the massacre of St. Bartholomew, the Mairian murders, and the deaths of Huss, and Jerome, and Savonarola. Rome, we fear, never changes from its "antiqua superstitio," and, as some one said a short time ago, "would burn still all Freemasons if it could," such is the detestation of the great principle Freemasonry ever more inculcates Toleration. And if the civil spoken critic of the "Month" can betray the deep and unflinching animus which underlies his well turned sentences from first to last, what can we expect of that "vulgus profanum" whose associations are unchanged and unchanging, and whose fanatic feelings are fanned and augmented by foolish "Mandemens" and prolix Papal Allocutions.

SINCE we wrote the above the *Moniteur de Rome* has published a leading article, which, without noticing the Grand Lodge protest or the PRO GRAND MASTER'S admirable address, simply reproduces in other words the whole of the vulgar incriminations of which Lord CARNARVON so properly complained, and against which he so forcibly protested and Grand Lodge with him. These reiterated allegations against Freemasonry will be treated like the Allocutions by Freemasons henceforth everywhere with the contempt they deserve. We call attention to it elsewhere.

WE said last week that we should recur to the subject of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and we do so, though with much reluctance, for many reasons. In the first place enough has been said, we think, on a very painful case, and in the next, the more we look into the whole matter the less we like it, as symptomatic or representative of true Masonic teaching, and the realization of Masonic sympathies, duties, and propriety. Yet we must make a few remarks. It would seem from an "extract" published last week, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec in its earlier days fully knew and recognized the exact position of the English lodges in Montreal. Hence their actual illegality was an after thought. The whole question seem to have arisen from the discussion which arose between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec. For in the letter Bro. GRAHAM wrote to H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, Grand Master, in 1880, if we remember rightly, he first raised the question of the English lodges consequent on the "invasion" as he termed it of the Scottish Grand Lodge. The recognition of the Grand Lodge of England was asked for, and the Grand Lodge of England very properly made the legal position of its lodges, already admitted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, a "sine qua non" of recognition on its part of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, a swarm from the Grand Lodge of Canada. This was refused on the ground of "Universal Sovereignty," but not one word was said as to the agreement of the Joint Committee, which has been quietly suppressed. And then it was that on the report of the Board of General Purposes to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Bro. GRAHAM being again Grand Master, that the new departure was originated by action of that Grand Lodge, which has since marked its proceedings, and which constitutes a virtual repudiation of the agreement of the Joint Committee, the effect of which was to recognize the legal position of the English lodges until a friendly settlement could be arrived at. Whereas in 1881, the legal position of the English lodges is absolutely denied and the Grand Lodge of Canada blamed for having conceded it, and here the matter rests. We hope the good sense of our brethren in Quebec will prevent any further complication. Were any distinct action to be taken against the English lodges and chapters undoubtedly legal in their position and according to every requirement of Freemasonry, despite modern "dicta" and irresponsible fire-brands, the Grand Lodge of England might have "its hand forced," and might be compelled "nolens volens" to protect officially those who have committed no legal or Masonic wrong. We hope therefore that the sensible and sound advice of the GRAND SECRETARY of England will be taken, viz., to leave to the peaceful "efflux of time," always sedative and healing, the settlement both of burning questions and awkward difficulties.

WE understand that Bro. BINCKES has up to date received the names of 288 Stewards. We trust that this, our last, Charitable Festival for 1884, will be a most successful one, and that, under the special circumstances of the case, a very large number of Stewards will be present to testify their respect for the memory of their Royal and lamented brother, their regard for the LORD MAYOR, and their unchanged and unchanging sympathy for the Boys' School. We hope to announce a fuller list of Stewards.

WE should not notice the question of recent elections in Belgium in the *Freemason*, but for the announcement in a Roman Catholic paper that they are a "triumph over Freemasonry." We doubt the fact very much indeed, though we are aware that the Belgian Freemasons have most unfortunately allowed in their lodges the discussion of "social questions," and amongst them that most difficult of all questions,—education. We cannot help repeating our sincere regret, that in any jurisdiction abroad many subjects are dilated upon in the lodges which are really alien to Freemasonry. Nothing can be more injudicious than for Freemasons, whether in France or Belgium or elsewhere, to arouse against them, not merely the unchanging "animus" of the "parti pretre," but the feelings and opinions of moderate, thoughtful, and religiously-minded persons. The unrestrained use of speech is as objectionable as the violence of an unscrupulous Press; and too many Freemasons seem to forget that in saying what they know beforehand must hurt and wound the consciences and feelings of many, they are throwing ridicule on their own Masonic professions, and doing despite to the always kindly teaching of Freemasonry. That the Belgian Freemasons have been both unwise and incautious in their servile imitation of French follies and erraticism in respect of Masonic changes, we are perfectly aware; but that they have any influence over the elections is one of those chimerical fancies which, whether in affectation or reality we know not, Roman Catholic writers like to indulge in. If, on their part, the Roman Catholics would only leave Freemasonry to Freemasons alone, if good they would produce good, if bad and wrong in principle and practice, they would put it to the best of tests: they would assuredly soon come to naught.

WE rejoice to note the onward progress of Royal Arch Masonry. We were perusing some autograph letters of the learned Sir W. DRUMMOND, the other day, who became a Freemason somewhat late in life, and was especially struck with the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry. It is not too much to say, as he well puts it, that Royal Arch symbolism deserves to be studied more closely and scientifically and expertly than has heretofore been the case.

ON looking over the correspondence between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of England, we find the following letter from our Grand Secretary, Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, which so tersely and correctly puts the whole case, that we venture to reprint it:

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
10th August, 1880.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,—

I have duly laid before the Grand Master your letter of the 31st March, in which you request that the three lodges at present holding under this jurisdiction in Montreal should be transferred to that of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. In reply, I am directed by his Royal Highness to refer to my predecessor's letters of the 31st March, 1875, and 6th December, 1877, and to remind you that it was expressly stipulated at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec that the three lodges in question should remain under the jurisdiction of England, and his Royal Highness regrets that he cannot now deviate from an arrangement which was made and fully acquiesced in at that time.

I have the honour to be, dear Sir and M.W. Brother, yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE.

Bro. GRAHAM, in his reply, states: "I beg to say that at its formation the Grand Lodge of Quebec made no such stipulation, and entered into no such treaty with the Grand Lodge of England, or with any other Grand Lodge." But what about the report of the Joint Committee, published last week, approved of by the two Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec? Had the words no meaning? Had Bro. GRAHAM forgotten them?

THE legal position of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as before the laws of the land, is a very serious matter, and in the eyes of all lawyers is one of paramount importance in the discussion of jurisdictional questions. We do not affect to understand the views of the Quebec or American Freemasons on the subject. We always understood that Freemasonry to meet legally must be tolerated, if not expressly sanctioned, by the State where its lodges assembled. But that if any law of the land forbade its assembly, however much such a law might be regretted, and sought to be repealed, as long as it was law, Freemasons' lodges could not lawfully assemble. In Austria at the present moment Freemasonry is held to be illegal. In Hungary it is legal. The Vienna and Austria Freemasons, though deeply deploring the fact, bow very properly to the law, and meet at Presburg. It would seem from some recent articles as if Quebec and American Masons held that Masonic lodges could meet, if even they incur the penalties of a Secret Societies Act by so doing. One writer says the law was passed by a Roman Catholic majority, another says the Freemasons do not mean to take cognizance of the "Act." Indeed! Is there then a dispensing power for Masonic bodies as regards the Laws of the Land? Is it not the universal binding law of Freemasonry to "obey" the behests of the Supreme Legislature? We can only express our opinion, that more dangerous and un-Masonic arguments were never used, and that if persevered in they may lead to very serious results. We have no hesitation in saying that the Quebec Grand Lodge ought at once to obtain a legalizing and enabling act, and that until it does so, if its lodges meet, they meet illegally. It is but fair however to observe, that though the illegality of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is, as we held, a very serious matter "per se," it does not come before the authorities of the Grand Lodge of England in any way, nor have they really anything to do with it. If the Grand Lodge of Quebec was in any way put down or collapsed by action of the Law of the Land, the only effort would be, as far as we in England are concerned, that the Grand Lodge of Canada would resume its jurisdiction. The rights of the English lodges would be saved under any circumstances,

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

(Continued from page 297.)

FROM THE APPOINTMENT OF BRO. REV. W. J. RODBER, G.C., TO THE RESIGNATION OF BRO. SIR DAVID POLLOCK, P.G.S.W., 1841-46.

The period that follows the resignation of Bro. T. Moore is comparatively uneventful. The same quiet policy appears to have been pursued and with apparently the same results. Of course, the first duty which devolved on the Governors and Subscribers on being informed of Bro. Moore's resignation was to elect a new Treasurer, and in acknowledging the letter written by Grand Secretary White, at the instance of his Royal Highness the President of the Institution, and, after expressing their regret that Bro. Moore was no longer able to continue in office, the Committee hoped his Royal Highness would be pleased to communicate to them any suggestions he might have to make "with respect to the appointment of a future Treasurer." At the Special General Meeting held on the 11th February, 1841, a reply to this communication was read, his Royal Highness pointing out that the office of Treasurer was an elective one, but at the same recommending Bro. the Rev. W. J. Rodber as being well qualified for the post, and a few days later at another Special Meeting summoned for the purpose, that brother was elected by 135 votes to six, his opponent being Bro. Philippe. Of course no other result was possible under the circumstances. The Grand Master President's slightest wish appears to have been law in the eyes of the Governors and Subscribers, who seem to have had no sense whatever of the importance of their own position as electors and were only too anxious to endorse the recommendation of their chief. But their subserviency was not allowed to pass unnoticed by the Masonic periodical of the day—the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review"—and though we cannot accept unreservedly its editorial comments, we must in common fairness allow they were established on a certain basis of reason. It is impossible that any discredit could attach to his Royal Highness for recommending Bro. Rodber as the future Treasurer of the Charity. The Committee had invited him to communicate any suggestions he might have to make, and he complied with their invitation. His Royal Highness had even gone so far as to remind them that the choice of a successor to Bro. Moore lay with the Governors and Subscribers, but there can be little doubt that, as the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" points out, "the Committee, or at least those members present on the occasion, virtually compromised the privilege of election by seeking a nomination from the Patron, instead of leaving the matter to the unbiassed judgment and uninfluenced votes of the Governors and Subscribers." We may also not without reason unite with the "Review" in expressing surprise at the novelty of the principle which seems to have guided his Royal Highness in offering this recommendation. "Not," wrote the Editor of the Masonic organ in question, "from the long list of Life Governors, among whom there is a very fair sprinkling of Grand Officers—not from the number of old subscribers to the Charity, among whom are many who have served the honourable and expensive office of Steward at the Festivals—not from the most efficient of these, who have for periods of years devoted their time to its service, but from the most recent subscribers, at the minimum subscription, has the selection been made. That Bro. Rodber was well qualified for the office on all other grounds was freely admitted:—"That the brother thus honoured is unobjectionable on all other grounds, we may freely admit; but we protest"—continued the Editor, who seems to have treated the matter calmly enough—"against the assumption of his peculiar fitness, because he had hitherto been a subscriber for only a few months, and was comparatively unknown to the body of Governors and Subscribers." It is more than probable that the Editor of the "Review" did not stand alone in the opinions he expressed so moderately, but though the selection made by the Patron must have taken people by surprise, and was the reverse of complimentary to the Governors themselves, the latter had no choice left them but to accept his Royal Highness's nomination. The mistake they made was in having no will of their own to make the requisite selection from among the many qualified brethren who had already worked so hard to promote the success of the Charity.

What might have been Bro. Rodber's influence on the fortunes of the Institution, had he been longer spared to fulfil the responsible duties of his office, it is impossible to say. He seems to have taken an active part in its government, if we may judge from the regularity of his attendance at the Committee Meetings and Quarterly Courts, though we cannot trace, by the aid of the minutes, that any important step taken during the term of his Treasurership was due to his initiative. At the Quarterly Court which followed his election, the number of boys on the establishment was restored to 70, as in 1821. At the same meeting it was arranged to present a silver medal annually to the boy whose writing was adjudged the best. The Rules, too, were carefully revised during his first year of office. But within three years of his election Bro. Rodber died, and, however great may have been his abilities and his inclination to serve the Charity, his opportunities for displaying them must have been very few. However, if we are unable to assign any special credit to Bro. Rodber as an administrator, still less are we able to say anything on behalf of his successor, Bro. David—afterwards Sir David—Pollock, P.G.S.W., who, whatever may have been his abilities, appears to have zealously guarded them from the Committee and the general body of Governors and Subscribers. Bro. Rodber's death was announced at the Quarterly Court held on the 1st January, 1844. On the 15th of the same month Bro. Pollock was proposed, and on the 20th he was elected, as Bro. Rodber's successor; but all we learn about him from the minutes is that the month following, arrangements were made for him to receive the dividends; that in January, 1846, he was elected a Trustee, in place of Bro. Ramsbottom, deceased; and that in September of the same year, the Secretary announced that Sir David Pollock, as he had then become, had sailed for India without forwarding to him any communication, and, as a consequence, exceptional arrangements had to be made on the spur of the moment, so that the Secretary might draw a cheque on the bankers of the Institution for the payment of certain bills, amounting to upwards of £100. A month later, a formal communication was read at the Quarterly Court announcing Bro. Pollock's resignation of the Treasurership, and Bro. B. Bond Cabbell, who in the meantime had been requested to accept the office, and had consented to do so, if elected, was unanimously chosen his successor. But, save in respect of these two or three indispensable formalities, we have no mention whatever in the Minutes of Bro. Pollock's name. He does not even appear to have attended a single meeting of the Committee or Court of Governors, and consequently we have no grounds on which to base an opinion of any services he may have rendered to the Institution. He may have done much, or he may have done but little, to assist a Charity of which

he was the chief executive officer. The Minutes are silent as to the part played by him, and all that can be stated with certainty is that the Institution was in no worse a position when he resigned than when he accepted the trust reposed in him by the Governors.

It would be unreasonable to infer that, because the Minutes contain no evidence of special activity on the part of Bro. Rodber, he did not go out of his way to exert himself on behalf of the Institution, or that, because Bro. Pollock's name is never included among those of the brethren who took part in the proceedings of the Committees, he did nothing whatever. Still, the fact remains, as stated in the beginning of this chapter, that nothing of a particularly eventful character occurred, during the period of close on six years which followed Bro. Moore's retirement from office, which could legitimately be ascribed to the exercise of any influence brought to bear on the governing body by his successors. The three events we have already specified—the restoration of the number of boys on the establishment to 70, as in 1821, the resolution to award a silver medal annually to the best writer, and the revision of the Rules—occurred too soon after Bro. Rodber's accession to office for him to have had any conspicuous share in bringing them about; and beyond these there are very few matters that need engage our attention for long. Notwithstanding the aforesaid numerical increase from 65 to 70, it was determined that, though there was one vacancy reported in June, 1841, and 22 candidates, there should be no election in July, as usual; and though this resolution was non-confirmed, and an election arranged for October, the claims of the poor candidates were held over till January, 1842, when 12—including, we presume, the five additional—out of a list of 20 were placed on the establishment. Most of the elections that followed this were without ballot, there being, as a rule, more vacancies than approved applicants to fill them, the Institution being six below its full strength, when Bro. Sir David Pollock so ungracefully laid down the reins of office, and Bro. B. B. Cabbell was chosen to rule in his stead. As regards the institution of the annual prize, it was undoubtedly a step in the right direction, and, as frequently happens in such cases, was followed early in 1842 by a second step in the same direction, it being announced at the February Committee Meeting in that year that the Board of Grand Stewards for 1841 had presented the sum of 20 guineas, being part of their surplus remaining from the Grand Festival, to be expended in executing a pair of dies for two medals, to be given annually "to such boy and girl as the Committees of the two Masonic Establishments consider deserving of the reward." As to the revised Rules, we need say nothing, it being a necessity of such Institutions as these that their Rules must be carefully reconsidered from time to time, in order to make them fit in conveniently with the ever-varying circumstances of the hour. It will be as well to note, however, that in January, 1843, Bro. Giraud gave notice of motion for the next Quarterly Court to the effect that no Special General Meeting should be called on the usual requisition of five Life Governors, unless the requisition was accompanied by a deposit of 10 guineas, to be paid over to the Institution, or returned to the said Life Governors, according as the Special Court might see fit to determine. The necessity for some such precautionary measure appears to have arisen from one or two Special Meetings having been called, the requisitions for which had been declared to be "groundless, frivolous, and vexatious," and which, as a matter of course, had put the Institution to unnecessary expense, and the Governors and Subscribers to unnecessary trouble. When Bro. Giraud's motion was agreed to, the annoyance arising from these circumstances came to an end.

Of the other events that occurred during this period we may mention that in March, 1841, a resolution was passed for presenting each boy on leaving the Institution with a bible, and, in the event of his belonging to the Church of England, with a prayer-book likewise. In January, 1842, the death was reported of Bro. I. J. H. Coe, whose name has figured so often and so creditably in these pages, and it was unanimously resolved "That this General Court desire to communicate to the Widow and Family of their lamented Bro. Coe the expression of their deep and affectionate sympathy at the loss they had sustained, whereby this Institution has been deprived of one of its most efficient and zealous friends." The resolution was ordered to be inscribed on vellum, Bro. Vinson had it handsomely framed at his private cost, and Bros. Dr. Crucifix and Vinson, in accordance with the request of the Court, presented it. Bro. Coe had been instrumental in raising considerably over £1000 towards the funds of the Charity, and had likewise taken a very active part in its government. His death, therefore, at a time when the services of willing and large-hearted workers were more than ever necessary, must have been a very serious blow indeed. Happily, its force was less seriously felt in consequence of his work being continued by a similarly indefatigable brother—Bro. Richard Barnes—whose plans for improving the funds of the Institution by some annual excursion or gala were well nigh as successful as Bro. Coe's. In April, 1843, the Committee had to lament the still heavier blow caused by the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, who, though his policy may not always have been unchallengeable, was resolute in his desire to promote to the utmost of his ability the welfare of the Institution. Such an event was, of course, not permitted to pass unnoticed, and the month following his death a resolution was adopted and ordered to be inscribed in the Minute Book, to the effect: "That the Committee have with great regret to record the death of H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, the M. W. Grand Master and President of this Institution, who for many years presided over its proceedings, and whose patronage, high influence, and the deep interest he personally took in its welfare, have contributed so largely to its prosperity and to the more general extension of its benefits." The Duke had presided over the fortunes of the Charity for close on 30 years, and during the whole of that period he enjoyed the respect of his contemporary brethren, even if he did not always secure their sympathy with his plans and proposals. His Royal Highness was succeeded as President by the Earl of Zetland, his successor in the Grand Mastership.

What little remains may be soon told. The Festivals appear to have become increasingly productive, the proceeds of that held for the year 1844 being stated at a fraction over £400, while that of 1845 yielded over £561. As regards the inquiries made into the circumstances connected with the petitions and those who presented them, the Committee seem to have been increasingly careful, and in several instances we find that the applications were ordered to stand over for further inquiries, or were rejected because other children of the same parents had been assisted by this or the Girls' Charity, because the position of the parents was not such as to justify the admission of their sons into the School, or for some other and equally cogent reason. It was also arranged during this period that the time the father of a candidate had been a subscribing member to a lodge or lodges should be inserted in the balloting papers, while in one instance a brother's petition was rejected because he had already had assistance extended towards him on behalf of three other of his children—two boys and one

girl—and in yet another, a mother's petition was similarly treated, because one of her boys was already on the funds of the Institution. But these evidences of the care with which the Committee carried out their duties, though highly commendable, are no more than we have a right to expect. Still such as they are, they are about the only noteworthy circumstances in the history of the Institution during the six years from 1841 to 1846, both inclusive. It will be suggested, perhaps, that this absence of any stirring events is evidence that the School was pursuing an even and prosperous course, and to a certain extent this was the case. But to us it seems likewise to convey the idea that in the Treasurerships of Bros. Rodber and Pollock things were left pretty much to themselves. At all events, it is not a bright period in the history of our Boys' School, and we are not sorry to have done with it.

(To be continued).

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The last of our great Anniversary Festivals will be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Saturday next the 28th instant. The chair will be taken by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P., Grand Junior Warden of England, and Prov. Grand Senior Warden of Wiltshire; and from the fact that Bro. Binckes has secured about an average, if not an exceptionally numerous Board of Stewards, we are justified to a certain extent in hoping that the proceeds of the 86th Festival of the Boys' School, if not as considerable as was the case last year, will be approximately commensurate with the heavy demands now to be annually made on the resources of the Institution. We cannot anticipate on this occasion a repetition of the magnificent triumph of 1883, but seeing that the School, from the projected enlargement of its premises, and the great increase in the number of its pupils which will shortly follow, will require a larger annual income than heretofore, we have a right to expect that the Craft which has so generously applauded and supplied the means for this extension, will be equally generous in providing the necessary sum for its maintenance. It will be to little purpose that new buildings are erected and new inmates chosen to occupy them, if the funds to maintain the enlarged school in a state of efficiency are not forthcoming from year to year. We are not divulging any important statement, when we say that if an annual expenditure of £10,000 was necessary, when there were only some 200 boys in the School, an additional sum must be forthcoming annually when there are 250 or 300 boys. This is a simple matter of arithmetic; but its simplicity must not lead us to forget its importance. More money than ever is needed, because more will have to be spent, and we doubt not the Stewards of Saturday next will practically illustrate their enduring sense of this simple truth by pouring a goodly sum in the Boys' School treasury, and thereby making comparatively easy the work of the Executive during the 12 months next ensuing.

We should have had few, if any, misgivings about the success of this year's festival had the arrangements originally made been possible; but the sad and sudden death of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, who had so graciously consented to preside, must very seriously have disturbed Bro. Binckes's calculations. The presidency of that illustrious Mason would fittingly have inaugurated the new era on which the School is entering, and his influence and his example could not have failed to make themselves felt at the banquet when the important point whether the 1884 Festival should take rank above or below its predecessors was on the eve of being determined. It has, however, been ordained otherwise, and the place of Prince Leopold will be taken by the Lord Mayor, a most worthy brother and present Grand Officer, who thus far during his mayoralty has shown himself to be the peer of the best among his predecessors, and who, we may be sure, will leave no effort untried in order to secure to Bro. Binckes and his Stewards another equally substantial success, a success that would have been worthy of Prince Leopold himself had he been spared to fulfill his engagement. We may likewise be assured that as the Lord Mayor is Master of a London lodge the brethren of the Metropolitan lodges will support him liberally, and that, as he is also a Past Master of a provincial lodge and a Provincial Grand Officer, the provincial brethren will show respect for one of themselves, and vie with their London brethren in the liberality of their contributions. Possibly Oxford, too, may prove as loyal to the memory of their Chief, as they would have proved to that Chief himself. In any circumstances and for the reasons we have stated, we trust when the time comes we shall have a handsome result to chronicle with the celebration on Saturday next.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The President's chair was taken by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, acted as Senior Vice-President; and Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, F. R. Spaul, W. Mann, J. W. Matthews, G.S.B.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; William Stephens, G.P.; E. Letchworth, G.D.; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; Geo. P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205; Alfred C. Spaul, Fredk. Binckes, S. G. Bake, R. W. Hollon, P.G.S.B.; H. Dehane, Stanley Robinson, Edward White, A. Nicols, Thomas Sanders, H. Massey, W. S. Hall, Christopher Welch, M. S. Larham, Charles Robert Rivington, George D. Bundy, W. Downing, George Everett, N. B. Headon, J. Mason, John L. Mather, W. B. Crump, Charles Kempton, I. C. Walls, W. Taylor, A. J. Bellis, W. Nicholl, C. F. Matier, L. G. Langdon, John Reid, C. H. Webb, James Stevens, W. M. Stiles, F. J. Perks, J. R. Tolliss, Richard Jennings, J. W. George, R. A. Steel, F. A. Pullen, A. M. Broadley, G. Motion, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

GRAND SECRETARY announced the receipt of several letters from persons relieved at last meeting, thanking the Board for the relief extended.

The brethren first confirmed grants, recommended at the May meeting, to the amount of £190. The new list contained the names of 27 petitioners. The localities from which the petitioners hailed were London, Guisborough, Hampton Court, Lowestoft, Dover, Kenilworth, Graaff Reinet, Paignton, Allahabad, Marple, Jersey, Urmston, Douglas (Isle of Man), Manchester, Bruton, Twickenham, Carmarthen, Harrow, Brightlingsea, Pietermaritzberg, York, and Ireland. Two of the cases were dismissed, and three were deferred. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £855. One case got £150, and one £100. Two cases got £75 each, four £40 each, four £30 each, three £25 each, three £20 each, three £10 each, and two £5 each.

The Board was then closed, after a sitting of over three hours.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications stand over until next week for want of space:—

The Pope's Encyclical Letter "De Secta Massonum." The Collegia Romana.

Jubilee of Menturia Lodge, 418, Hanley, Cheshunt Great House.

District Grand Lodge of Natal.

CRAFT LODGES:—Florence Nightingale, 706; Crystal Palace, 743; Marmion, 1060; Clarendon, 1769; Graystone, 1915.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Freimaurer Zeitung," "Keystone," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Masonic Advocate," "New York Dispatch," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "La Espana Masónica," "Court Circular," "Rough Ashlar," "The Tricycling Journal," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Masonic World."

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[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.]

LONDON ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

Can any of your readers favour me with a few votes at once in this excellent orphanage for Sarah Laura Herbert, orphan of our late Bro. Herbert. The case is strongly recommended: The election is on Monday, so that any votes ought to reach me by the last post Saturday. —Yours fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.

NOT FAIR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

There is a little matter connected with the honour of Freemasonry in Canada to which I wish to call attention. It is the alleged confiscation of the property of the St. George's Lodge, Montreal, and its appropriation by another body, which fact, if true, I think is most opposed to the genuine dictates of true Freemasonry. At this hour, if I am correctly informed, the jewels of the St. George's Lodge, with name and number engraved, are held by the officers of another lodge, without leave or licence; indeed, having been taken away from their lawful possessors. Surely, as with the hiding of the Royal Arch warrant, something should be done by those who are cognizant of the facts of the case to put a stop to a crying scandal and reflection on Freemasonry.—Fraternally yours, M. M. M.

A NEEDFUL CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to correct a typical error in your last Freemason. I did not say in the leaderette No. 8, page 296, "the contributions of the brethren of the English lodges in South Australia to benevolence," merely or generally. Some words have evidently slipped out. As I wrote them the words were "to the Lodge of Benevolence at home!" the argument in the colony being that they could do better for themselves if they were independent, by giving their contributions to a local Fund of Benevolence, than sending them, as it was asserted they did, to the Lodge of Benevolence at home.

My answer is, they certainly could do better, as their contributions to the Lodge of Benevolence at home were nil, though the Lodge of Benevolence at home was constantly helping the colonial brethren. You will see that the omission of these words takes away the entire effect and real meaning of the sentence, and you will oblige me sensibly by inserting this correction.

THE WRITER OF THE LEADERETTE.

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I desire to acknowledge the receipt, through our good friend Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, a further sum of 35 dols., towards the Hughan Testimonial Fund. Particulars will appear in a future advertisement.

Yours fraternally,

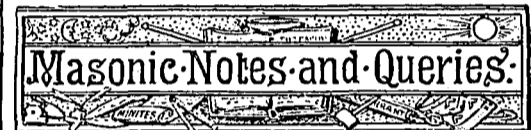
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THE MONTH. June, 1884. BURNS AND OATES.

There is in this Roman Catholic magazine (No. 240) a very carefully written article on Freemasonry. We wish we could say that the tone it takes and the arguments it accepts were more fair or kindly than previous violent outbursts of the Roman Catholic "Spirituality." There is, undoubtedly, more seeming courtesy in language, less excitement of temperament, a calmer and more reasonable way of dealing with the "secta Massonum," as they like to term us, in defiance as often happens with Rome of classic language,—using in fact uneducated "Dog Latin." But the animus remains the same, "latet anguis in herba." Freemasons are still in their polite vocabulary "pagans," and really "particeps criminis" in all the abomination of the worst of foreign jurisdictions. Freemasonry is a "pernicious sect, a baseless, lawless, godless society," "the enemy of all virtuous living," and "contrary to right and justice, and not less baneful to Christianity than the State," because, "teaching the doctrines of naturalism" and "reviving with indomitable craftiness and dissimulation the diabolical spirit of rebellion among men." Though the writer of this eloquent tirade is kind enough to say he does not "accuse it of being professedly atheist," yet he does deliberately "accuse it," he tells us, "of being professedly a pagan society, a society which ignores all revelation, a society which is based on mere naturalism, a society which sets aside all supernatural truth," &c., &c. For a Roman Catholic to be present at a lodge consecration especially is a "communicatio in Sacris," a taking part with them in their religious services. In fact, if the polite language be used, the very hyperbole of concentrated bitterness is exhausted in seeking to prove that all "loyal Christians" and sincere Roman Catholics should never regard Freemasonry with anything but hostility and abhorrence. Let us remember that the whole of this torrent of incrimination and condemnation is poured forth in the face of acknowledgments, that the writer is fully aware that men of the highest culture and character in England belong to this hypocritical and dangerous society. To use the writer's own words, "In England and America it is quite different; Freemasonry there puts on the garb of religion; it enlists in its ranks men who fill the highest places in Church and State; it is essentially a Conservative institution, and professes to cling to English tradition, and to be a staunch upholder of Divine and human law. It has its Chaplains among Anglican dignitaries; its offices are filled by Royal personages. The Holy Bible occupies a conspicuous place in its assemblies; in all its proceedings Almighty God is recognized with an outward show of honour and respect." The Tablet, a Roman Catholic paper, had most fearlessly suggested that English Freemasonry might be excepted from the actual and implied censures of the Papal Bull. For this, that rash journal receives a dignified reproof from the writer of the article. And thus it is that with a happy mixture of paradox and politeness, courtesy and cursing, inconsistency and unfairness, contradiction and contempt, sense and sarcasm, Freemasonry is practically denounced by the reviewer in the "Month," as a heathenish, hurtful, deceptive, and destructive Society, hostile to God and injurious to man; and the sum and substance of the whole matter is that Leo XIII. was perfectly justified in issuing the "Bull Humanum Genus," &c., and that all Freemasons are very properly censured, anathematized, and excommunicated by the Father of the Faithful. As we are promised another article on the subject, we stop here to-day, leaving our Masonic commentary on this article and others like to

it as exhibitory of the modern Masonic view until a later occasion. To us as Freemasons such allegations and such asseverations seem "idler than the wind," to be hardly deserving of discussion, and certainly not to call for annoyance or retort. We have simply laid the matter before our readers, without heat or anger, if with deep sorrow, for such unchanged intolerance, such unreasoning animosity on the part of the Roman Catholic Church and its members. There are two questions we should like to ask the reviewer of the Papal Bull blunder. As he condemns Freemasonry on the ground of its being a secret society, has he ever heard of the Jesuits? Is that not a secret society of secret societies? What can he tell us of the Fourth Grade, with its mysteries, probationary trials, and its secret vow? If Freemasonry is to be condemned for being secret, why is the Jesuit Society not in the same category? We have never yet seen a Roman Catholic reply to this query. What does the writer think of a condemnation "en bloc," without citation, hearing, judgment, or sentence? The Roman Catholic Canon Law professes that these four points are necessary to any valid sentence. Even the Inquisition in its palmiest days professed to have a form of trial. Heaven save the mark! But here we have Vicars Apostolic, Monsignores, Bishops in partibus, Archbishops, and lastly the Supreme Pontiff, excommunicating Freemasons and even by a very specious use of words extending the anathema "urbi et orbe," and declaring all Freemasons everywhere enemies to God and man, and therefore accursed. Does not the writer, do not pious and cultured Roman Catholics realize the fact, that all such ridiculous decrees only serve to expose the hopelessness of impotent wrath, and express the indecency of childish malice; that they are needless, senseless, utterly alien to the spirit of our age, which detests intolerance and "cursing" of all kinds; and so evidently unreasoning, unfounded, and unjust, that while they only create laughter and ridicule among the throng, they grate very harshly indeed on the kindlier sentiments of Roman Catholics themselves, we are happy to think and to say?



358] SCOTS MASONS.

I think I have found an explanation of these words, which have puzzled Bro. Hughan, Bro. Gould, and myself much. It seems from some correspondence of Bro. Van Lennep, of Amsterdam, with Bro. Walker Arnott, which has recently fallen into my hands, that there was in the last century in Scotland a particular term of High-Gradism, termed "Scotch Masonry." This was composed of 12 Grades. Both Van Lennep and Arnott talk of the 12 Grades which follow, as "Scotch Masonry so called." It seems, however, to have been unknown to Bro. Arnott until Van Lennep called his attention to it. 1. Apprentice; 2. Fellow Craft; 3. Master; 4. Elect; 5. High Elect; 6. Elect of the Temple; 7. Perfect Master; 8. Master Elect; 9. Architect; 10. Perfect Architect; 11. Elect Architect; 12. Kt. of the Orient. It is stated that a Bro. L. Heartfield, Bond-street, London, had the papers, and a Scottish brother named Dundas, took it to the Cape. Are these the "High Gradians" of the Swallow Lodge? Are these the "Scots Masons" of many of the London and Provincial lodges of the last century? A. F. A. W.

359] LODGE CERTIFICATES.

To show how late-ending, and as I believe early-commencing, was the system of Lodge Certificates, I have before me to-day five from 1797 down to 1819. 1. The St. Nicholas Lodge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in 1797, on parchment, no number, but "holden of the Grand Lodge of England," grants a certificate to James Richardson of having been initiated, passed, and raised, November 1, 1797, apparently signed in lodge that day. It is but fair to observe that No. 2 is a certificate granted by the Mariners Lodge, No. 362, Liverpool, 7th December, 1809. There are two passages in the certificate I do not quite understand, "Duly Constituted by H.R.H. P.G.W., G.M., of Antient Masons in England." We do affectionately recommend him to all Antient Masons round the Globe." The Atholl Lodge, No. 131, holding of the Grand Lodge of England, and which gave a M.M. certificate September 18th, 1813, to Herman Koppen. The fourth is a certificate, with the seal attached, of a M.M., granted to "Robert Cant" by the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge, No. 26, February 14th, 1815. The fifth is a certificate, with seal, March 1st, 1810, that "Henry Clayton has given a donation to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lodge, No. 26, which entitles him to any Right and Privilege for Life that an ordinary Member of the Lodge can enjoy." None of these certificates are in any way endorsed by a Grand Secretary. The Atholl Lodge seems to have issued 293 certificates, at any rate.

MASONIC STUDENT.

360] GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

I am glad to note the friendly tone of the Editor of the Freemason respecting the recognition of the new "Grand Lodge of South Australia," for it is entitled to our hearty support, because, so far as I can judge, legally constituted. Out of some 33 lodges, all but one, so we are told, have joined the new organization, and thus on the ground of the affirmative votes of the majority of lodges and members, the Grand Lodge has been duly launched. I entirely deny the right of three lodges to meet and form themselves into a Grand Lodge, notwithstanding a large majority of the lodges object to such action; but when such a number join in the movement, as in South Australia, let us hold out the right hand of fellowship, and express the hope that ere long the single lodge left out in the cold will co-operate with the others in establishing a firm and prosperous Grand Lodge. Should it still elect to remain "outside" the new Grand Lodge it has a perfect right so to do, though one cannot help doubting the wisdom of such a step. As to Colonial Grand Lodges being a great source of income to our Grand Lodge, a greater mistake was never made, for they pay us no annual subscription, and the fees on initiation are merely nominal. W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was one of the best attended meetings that has occurred for some time past. Bro. T. Hutton, P.M., Treas., presided, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Smith, the W.M., from temporary indisposition. Among the other brethren present were Bros. T. Hosegood, I.P.M.; W. P. Appleby, P.M.; R. Hodgkisson, P.M.; G. W. Reed, P.M.; H. Syer, P.M.; G. Masters, S.W.; W. Akers, J.W.; N. Brown, P.M., Sec.; A. Cleal, S.D.; J. Mcburne, J.D.; A. R. Britten, W.M. elect, 829; T. Graham, 700; W. Pinkney, 913; E. M. Brewer, 1536; J. Staple, 1536; J. W. Wheeler, 1536; J. B. Williams, J.D. 147; G. F. Taylor, 700; J. Swanson, 700; and C. Jolly, J.W. 1472 (*Freemason*.) Bros. Brooks, Collum, Anson, and Peaker were passed. Bro. Masters was unanimously elected W.M.; T. Hutton, Treas.; and J. Lackland, Tyler, for the ensuing 12 months. Five guineas were voted to Bro. T. Butt's list for the Boys' School. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren passed a social hour in good fellowship.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—A meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, when there were present Bros. John C. Moor, W.M.; Chas. McNamara, Prov. G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; J. R. Pattison, S.W.; R. Singleton, J.W.; H. Tonkinson, P.M., Treas.; G. C. Watson, P.M., Prov. G.J.D., Sec.; H. H. Pinkney, acting S.D.; H. Simpson, acting J.D.; John Geo. Nasbet, I.G.; John J. Clay, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., D.C.; J. Hudson, acting Org.; Wm. A. O. Sutcliffe, Stwd.; W. Birch, Auditor; and J. W. Brown, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B. Eng., &c.; F. Maddison, P.P.G.D. Durham; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; M. Frampton, Prov. G.S.B.; J. E. Nelson, W.M. So; J. G. Kirtley, W.M. 949; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D., P.M. 949; R. W. Halfknight, P.P. G.D.; and J. Deans, J.W. So.

The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Moor, after which the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Robert Coxon Thompson was passed to the degree of a F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being given by Bro. Pattison, S.W. Bro. Thomas Campbell, who had been passed to the Second Degree at the previous meeting, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Chas. McNamara, I.P.M. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Truth Lodge (No. 521).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Matthewman, who was supported by the following Past Masters: Bros. Allen, Jackson, P.P.G.D.; Joseph Varley, Henry Shaw, and W. H. Jessop, of 521; Dore, 275; Shaw and Thornhill, 1514. The minutes having been read and confirmed the ballot was taken for a candidate, which proving favourable, the ceremony of initiation was very effectively rendered by the W.M. Bro. Abur Armitage presented the working tools.

Bros. Wood and Butterworth were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Joseph Varley, P.M., in a very impressive manner; Bro. Varley also presented the working tools and gave the traditional history. Bro. J. W. Turner, S.W. (on behalf of the Secretary, who was absent through illness), read the replies received by command from her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Duchess of Albany to the address of condolence sent by the five Huddersfield lodges on the occasion of the lamented death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, copies of the replies being unanimously ordered to be entered on the lodge minutes. The W.M. and his Wardens were instructed to select the place and make the necessary arrangements for holding the annual picnic, which will take place during the present month. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper. On account of the serious illness of Bro. Joe Wood, an old and respected P.M., formerly of this lodge, the toasts were proposed and responded to without musical honours. We regret to say Bro. Wood expired on Saturday last. He was well-known throughout the Province of West Yorkshire, and his death will be lamented by a large circle of friends.

CHORLEY.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 730).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. R. Irving, W.M.; Jos. Barnes, S.W.; Wm. Dornan, J.W.; P. Yates, I.P.M.; J. M. Kerr, P.G.S., P.M., Treas.; T. Forrester, P.P.G.D., P.M.; James Lawrence, P.M. 730 and 1032; John Heald, P.M. 730 and 1032; A. Hall, P.M. 1032; Wm. Blackledge, P.M. 286; J. Bradshaw, Sec.; L. Eccles, J.D.; G. Tootell, I.G.; T. Sharples, T. F. Jackson, B. P. France, J. Willis, Charles A. Richmond, Geo. Yates, J. Scott, Dr. S. Farmer. Visitors: Bros. W. C. P. Grimshaw, 1032, as Org.; W. T. Ball and J. Iddon, 986.

The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed, the election of W.M. and officers took place, when Bro. Joseph Barnes, S.W., was elected the W.M. for the next 12 months; Bro. J. M. Kerr was re-elected Treas. (third time), and the other business being disposed of, Mr. John Henderson was admitted and initiated in the First Degree by the W.M., Bro. R. Irving. Bro. James Corbitt, P.M. 1032, was unanimously elected an honorary member. The lodge was closed with the customary formalities, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.—Croxth United Service Lodge (No. 786).—The annual festival meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when Bro. W. H. Tyerman was

installed W.M., and the following were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Townshend, S.W.; G. Sherwood, J.W.; F. J. Bailey, P.P.G. S.D., M.C.; C. Wise, Treas.; J. Gibbs, Sec.; J. T. Bolton, S.D.; T. Snowden, J.D.; C. Forwood, I.G.; W. W. Jones, S.S.; and W. Ireland, J.S.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—Townley Parker Lodge (No. 1032).—The last monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge room, Howard Arms Hotel, Whittle-le-Springs, on Thursday, the 5th inst., the brethren present being Bros. J. B. Cardwell, W.M.; R. Irving, I.P.M.; A. G. Leigh, S.W.; John Heald, P.M. 730 and 1032, Treas.; J. M. Kerr, P.G.S., as J.W.; A. G. Bird, S.D.; A. Hall, P.M.; J. Atherton, P.M.; T. Whalley, and others.

The lodge was duly opened in the usual form, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken, and Bro. Arthur George Leigh was declared elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and after the other business of the lodge was disposed of, the lodge was closed in ancient form by Bro. Irving, I.P.M., and the brethren adjourned for supper.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales (No. 1035).—The annual installation assembly of the brethren connected with this popular lodge was held at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, on Thursday afternoon, the 12th inst. There was a very large muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. Lewis Peake, the outgoing W.M., and amongst others present belonging to the lodge were Bros. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., I.P.M.; R. R. Forshaw, P.M.; T. Fozzard, P.M.; J. J. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; J. L. Tunstall, J.W.; A. Willis, P.M., Treas.; George Mitchell, Sec.; Wm. Addison, S.D.; Charles Burchall, J.D.; S. E. Davies, Org.; J. Macreavy, I.G.; J. Hill, Stwd.; E. Watson, Tyler. The list of visitors comprised the names of Bros. C. Bargery, W.M. 1756; E. George, W.M. 1356; H. Jones, P.M. 1620; Henry A. Pitts, P.M. 1620; J. A. Atherton, J.W. 1032; W. Wilkinson, W.M. 1086; H. H. Smythe, W.M. 98; A. S. Ramage, 667; James Hilton, P.M. 203; Thomas Hatton, P.M. 303; Morris Davies, W.M. 249; Walter Burnet, 1393; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724, P.P.G.P.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M. 1609, P.G.S.D.; D. Cumming, 1609; D. Keith, 203; J. Croyston, Treas. 1756; W. Savage, I.P.M. 1609; F. Thornton, 864; H. Danger, 823; and J. Sharples, 724.

The ceremony of installing Bro. J. J. Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year was very efficiently performed by Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., and the following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. Lewis Peake, I.P.M.; John Tunstall, S.W.; George Mitchell, J.W.; A. Willis, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the fourth time); W. Addison, Sec.; C. Burchall, S.D.; T. Macreavy, J.D.; S. E. Davies, I.G.; M. Solomon, S.S.; J. Brown, J.S.; E. Gregory, A.S.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O., M.C.; and W. Watson was unanimously re-elected Tyler.

An excellent dinner was subsequently served by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., of the Canton Hotel, and during the evening an attractive musical programme was given by a number of brethren, amongst those announced as contributors to the harmony being Bros. A. Child, D. J. Davies, W. Lewis, W. H. Quayle, T. Foulkes, D. Keith, J. A. Muir, R. N. Hobart, and Walter Burnet (who had charge of the arrangements).

In connection with the meeting, the valuable services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Lewis Peake during his years' occupancy of the chair were cordially recognised by the presentation to him of a very chaste and valuable P.M.'s jewel.

DEAL.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Lodge Room, St. George's Hall. Present: Bros. H. Chambers, W.M.; J. W. Court, S.W.; B. M. Beer, J.W.; J. B. Harrison, P.M., Chap.; Geo. Band, P.M., Treas.; T. J. Usher, P.M., Sec.; J. Shepherd, S.D.; R. Duval, J.D.; Geo. Beale, H. Jones, and W. Bowles, Stwds.; S. Holgate, Tyler; S. Willey, J. S. Huntly, A. Banger, H. G. Frost, H. Spurrier, and J. W. Doell. Visitor: Bro. G. Read.

The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Doell was duly and regularly passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft by the W.M. in his usual eloquent style, the charge being delivered by Bro. J. W. Court, S.W., in a very impressive manner. The W.M. announced that Lord Holmesdale had accepted the lodge's invitation to hold Provincial Grand Lodge at Deal, and had appointed 2nd July for holding it. A Committee was appointed to make all arrangements for the occasion. Nothing further being offered, the lodge was closed in due form.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when the chair was occupied by Bro. H. T. Byrom, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. D. Murray, I.P.M.; T. Wilson, P.M.; A. H. Crossley, S.W.; W. Johnson, J.W.; W. Wall, S.D.; J. Marsden, J.D.; J. Brown, I.G.; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks, Org.; H. Riddlesworth, as Sec.; Miles Williams, N. C. Couch, and W. Wright.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the chair was taken by Bro. J. D. Murray, who discharged the duties of W.M., and raised Bro. M. Williams to the degree of M.M., for which ceremony he was complimented by the brethren. Letters of apology from members unable to be present having been read, the name of a candidate proposed and seconded, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The second regular meeting of the session of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 14th inst., and was well attended, there being present Bros. Geo. L. Wingate, W.M.; E. T. Henman, I.P.M.; Geo. S. Elliott, P.M., S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.M., Prov. G.P. Middx., Treas.; E. W. Devereux, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Matthews, S.D.; Dr. W. Faulkner, J.D.; W. Beaton, I.G.; Dr. Beresford Ryley, P.M.; J. Faulkner, P.M.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Prov. G.S.B. Middx.; W. A. Sims, J. Fixter, H. B. Hassel, J. Block, W. Lovelock, C. Neison, and A. Carter. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Long, P.M. 569; C. Cutler, P.M. 212; P. Jablockhoff, S.G.I.G. 33, France; and G. Rotulo, 18, France.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, excepting some portions, which were suspended until the next regular meeting. The notice of motion given at the last meeting by Bro. G. S. Elliott, P.M., S.W., viz.: "That the bye-laws be revised," was duly seconded and carried. At the request of the W.M., the I.P.M., Bro. Henman, passed Bros. Lovelock and Neison, and raised Bros. Hassel and Carter. The working of these degrees by the I.P.M. received high praise from the brethren. The Worshipful Master again occupied the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Edward W. Devereux, P.M., in accordance with a resolution of the last lodge meeting, reported as to the votes held by the lodge in Royal Masonic Institutions, with their qualifications. Letters expressing inability to attend were received from Bros. R.W. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Frederick P. Jenkins, J.W.; and A. A. Sims.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. In returning thanks for the visitors Bro. Jablockhoff, who spoke in French, said he thanked the brethren for the very kind reception, and Bro. Thiellay for the introduction. He was pleased to observe that the excellent workings he had the pleasure of witnessing in the lodge was essentially the same as carried in the "Rite Ecossais," in France, to which he had the honour of belonging, and pleasantly remarked that he was often praised for his system of electric light which was now illuminating the Health Exhibition and other Metropolitan places, but that he was bound to acknowledge that electricity was discovered long ago, and he could not help thinking that Hiram must have had notions of electricity when he placed those gilded spikes on the roof of King Solomon's Temple. He reminded the brethren that he would be happy to extend to them the same fraternal greetings when ever they came to Paris.

Bro. Rotulo echoed the sentiments of his good friend, and dwelt on the good fortune English Masons possessed in having the first Prince of the land at their head, so earnestly and actively discharging the Masonic duties attached to his exalted rank. May long live her Majesty and H.R.H. in that love and happiness so characteristic of England's Royal Family. Bros. Long and Cutler, the other visitors, also made very happy replies, and so ended a very enjoyable evening.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at the Albany Hotel, on the 11th inst., the following members among others were present: Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; the Rev. S. H. Saunders, S.W.; Briggs, J.W.; W. Taylor, P.M. acting Secretary; T. R. Richnell, S.D.; Gurney, J.D.; Jenkins, I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the sum of five guineas was voted to Bro. T. R. Richnell, as a Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Previously to the lodge being closed a letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M. and Treasurer, whose wife was dangerously ill. We regret to announce that the unfortunate lady has since died. The lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—At a regular monthly meeting of the above lodge, held at the Lord Raglan, on Friday, the 13th inst., Bro. G. Kennedy, W.M., in the chair, Bro. R. M. Laird, 811 (I.C.), was accepted as a joining member, and Bro. Chinn, 1789, was passed to the Second Degree. The election of W.M., Treas., and Tyler for the ensuing year then took place, and Bro. A. Saunders, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Gee, Treas.; and Bro. Lackland, Tyler. Bro. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent, was re-elected Charity representative for the province, and then the lodge was closed in due form. Among the brethren present were Bros. T. Holleyman, I.P.M.; G. Spinks, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; Capt. W. Richey, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. Moulds, J.W.; J. W. Gee, Treas.; T. Cooper, Sec.; A. Rowley, S.D.; J. Purnell, J.D.; R. Gooding, D.C.; J. Preece, Org.; J. Bilton, V.S.; J. H. Roberts, W.M. 700; G. Gould, P.M., P.G. Chaplain, South Africa; J. Holt, 780; P. Lane, 811; W. Osborne, 1789; G. B. Robertson, 1967; J. Horne, 13; F. Wagg, 13; G. West, 700; J. Sanderson, 700; and C. Jolly, 913, &c. (*Freemason*.) The rest of the evening was spent in harmony.

GREAT STANMORE.—Sub-Urban Lodge (No. 1702).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, and was one of the most successful the lodge has held. Present: Bros. J. F. Hepburn, W.M.; C. S. Buck, S.W., W.M. elect; G. H. Carter, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; J. Hill, Sec.; W. R. Strutt, S.D.; C. Winstanley, J.D.; E. C. Kilsby, D.C.; R. Watson, I.G.; J. N. Draper, Stwd.; J. Very, Tyler; A. F. Roberts, P.M.; W. T. Buck, P.M.; R. Coffee, R. W. Bilby, T. J. Tyler, A. J. H. Goldney, G. Robinson, J. Davenport, E. H. Southgate, H. S. Benison, and W. Urry. Visitors: Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G.R. Middx.; G. S. Graham, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; A. Buck, P.P.G.S.W. Essex; E. Bennett, 22; E. S. Hopper, 22; G. W. Strawson, 36; A. G. Beale, 59; J. Roberts, P.M. 65; H. W. Ruff, P.M. 95; Howard Ruff, P.M. 95; J. L. Anderson, 206; E. J. Jeffs, 435; W. Holloway, P.M. 453; P. Turner, 534; T. W. Greenwood, P.M. 749; C. B. Cheese, P.M. 869; P. Sharpe, 869; J. J. Bell, P.M. 1178; H. Ashwell, W.M. 1305; J. Maryon, 1585; and J. Best, 1663.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting and report of the Audit Committee confirmed. Bro. J. Tickle, P.M., at the desire of the W.M., then took the Master's chair and proceeded to install Bro. Charles S. Buck, W.M. elect, as W.M. for the present year, which ceremony was rendered by him in a most impressive manner to the close of the address to the Master, the addresses to the Wardens and the lodge being given by Bros. W. P. Buck, P.M., and J. F. Hepburn, I.P.M., respectively. Bro. C. S. Buck, the newly installed W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. H. Carter, S.W.; W. R. Strutt, J.W.; C. Winstanley, S.D.; R. Watson, J.D.; W. P. Buck, P.M., D.C.; E. C. Kilsby, I.G.; F. J. Taylor, Asst. D.C.; J. W. Draper, A. J. H. Goldney, and A. J. Oliver, Stwds.; and J. Very, Tyler. During the ceremony Sir Francis Burdett, Past P.G.M. Middx., honoured the lodge with his presence, and

was received with full Masonic honours by the brethren present.

Nothing further offering the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent banquet provided by Bro. Veal. The usual toasts were given and responded to in the usual hearty manner, the I.P.M. when his health was given being presented with a handsome jewel as a mark of esteem from his brethren. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Graham, P.P.G.O. Middx., and added much to the enjoyment of those present.

ADDINGTON.—Addington Lodge (No. 1937).—The proceedings at this lodge on Thursday evening, the 27th March, at the installation of Bro. J. B. Cottam as W.M., were of the most pleasant and satisfactory character. There were 47 brethren present, and amongst them as many as 13 Past Masters, such a distinguished assembly being an unusual circumstance, and showing in what great esteem Bro. Cottam is held. Addington Lodge has, since its charter was granted about three years ago, passed through very troubled and trying times, but has lately been under careful management, and is now gaining stability and soundness. It holds an important position as being so close to the port that passing brethren from over seas naturally look to it for friendship and help when needed. At the banquet which closed the evening's proceedings 41 sat down, and the harmonious spirit displayed augured well for the future of the lodge, which it is proved has the sympathy of other brethren. The following are the officers invested: Bros. J. Hulston, S.W.; J. J. Leclercq, J.W.; H. E. Royal, S.D.; G. E. Attwood, Treas.; E. R. E. Pay, Sec.; G. Taylor, D.C.; and W. Hodge, Tyler.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. There were present Bros. Dutton, W.M.; March, S.W.; Tonkin, J.W.; Mount, S.D.; Brindley, J.D.; Sheppard, I.G.; Cottebrune, Preceptor, Bassington, Treas.; Cross, Sec.; Bull, Hunt, Arliss, Baker, McMullen, Harris, Power, Collens, Rogers, Dairy, C. Taylor, and Cox.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in an unusually perfect manner, Bro. Mount being candidate. Bro. Rogers answered the questions for the Second Degree, and then retired. Bro. Cox offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened on the square and the ceremony of raising most creditably rehearsed. Bro. Arliss answered the questions for the Third Degree and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened on the centre and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a most able manner. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. T. V. Rogers was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

After the lodge a meeting of the Faith Lodge of Instruction Masonic Charities Association was held, and Bro. Cox, jun., gained the ballot.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, when there were present Bros. F. T. C. Keeble, W.M. 1426, W.M.; E. F. Ferris, S.W.; C. H. Wood, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. J. Mason, S.D.; S. Stretch, jun., J.D.; A. Hardy, I.G.; W. Death, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, I.P.M. 1425; G. Festa, P.M. 1900; also Bros. D. Stroud, F. Chandler, C. J. Morse, J. Lichtenfield, S. Funkenstein, J. Cruttenden, M. J. Green, J. Stephens, Major Ferris, A. Chapman, R. E. Cursons, H. Layton. Visitors: Bros. A. E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; and E. Bessell, 172.

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. Morse candidate. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the First Section was worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to First Degree. Bro. M. J. Green was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bros. Gladwell and Bessell were unanimously elected joining members. The annual supper will take place on Monday, the 23rd inst.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the usual weekly meeting held at The Cranbourne, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., on the 5th inst., there was present Bros. G. H. Reynolds, W.M.; Read, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Frank Gulliford, S.D.; Graham, J.D.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; E. W. Smith, I.G.; O'Bryan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. O'Bryan offering himself as a candidate for passing he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. Lodge called off and resumed. Bro. Read was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge to Bro. Graham, P.M. 975, for his kindness in acting as Preceptor, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. H. Richardson, through illness. Seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form with peace and harmony.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, when there were present Bros. Eidmans, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; Sims, S.W.; Spencer, J.W.; Paton, Sec.; Sutton, Runacres, Gardner, Bigg, Finch, G. H. Evans, C. Rice, Landfield, Herbage, and Forster. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Preceptor worked the Second Section of Lecture, and the W.M. the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Rice acting as candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time: Bros. W. Herbage, W.M. 2005 and P.M. 177; G. H. Finch, S.D. 2005 and 1586; and H. S. Bigg, 1329, were elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. Sims was elected W.M. for

ensuing meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed according to ancient custom. The brethren then discussed the formation of a charitable institution, and it being decided to commence operations at once, the officers for the year were appointed, and the by-laws passed, after which a ballot took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. G. Treacher.

At a meeting held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., there were present Bros. S. Wood, W.M.; Johnson, Preceptor; Spencer, S.W.; C. Evans, J.W.; Paton, Sec.; Parkhouse, Eidmans, Treacher, Mattock, Sutton, Baker, Youens, Forster, G. Evans, Beale, and Sims. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous lodge were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Preceptor worked the First Section of the lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the questions answered by Bro. Sutton. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed; Bro. Sutton acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Johnson, Preceptor, worked the Second and Third Sections of the lecture. The W.M. rose for the first and second times. Bro. Spencer was elected W.M. for Wednesday, the 2nd proximo. The W.M. rose for the third time. Bro. Johnson, Preceptor, proposed, and Bro. Spencer, S.W., seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded the W.M. for the able manner in which he had filled the chair for the first time in that lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Roe Buck Tavern, High-road, Chiswick. Present: Bros. A. H. Strong, Sec., W.M.; R. H. Wimpey, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; Rixon, S.D.; Wing, J.D.; H. Furze, I.G.; G. Gardener, Treas.; E. Ayling, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor; Pidcock, Causton, and C. F. Hughes.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. then for the first time rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Pidcock being the candidate. The W.M. on rising for the second time drew the attention of the brethren to the consecration, which is to take place at the Chiswick Hall, on Saturday next. It was announced by the Sub-Committee that all preliminaries were arranged, and that they expected a large gathering of the Craft. The Preceptor then complimented the W.M. upon the able manner in which he had discharged his duties. We may add that the musical arrangements for the above ceremony will be under the direction of Bro. Pinkey, and the supper provided by Bro. Rixon. The lodge was then closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

WEST KENT CHAPTER (No. 1297).—A meeting of the above chapter was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Saturday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. W. Lake, M.E.Z.; B. Fullwood, H.; T. Perrin, J.; R. H. Crowden, P.Z., Treas.; J. C. Woodrow, Scribe E.; Watson Osman, Scribe N.; Jas. Crowden, P.S.; Dr. Basley, Org.; Finch, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Fox, Collins, Cox, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, including the resolution relative to the change in the months of meeting, which will now be the second Saturdays in October, December, February, and May. The candidate for exaltation not being in attendance, there was no further business, and the chapter was duly closed. The companions afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).—The installation meeting of this young but flourishing chapter was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, the companions present were Comps. Frederick Brasted, Z.; Henry F. Bing, H.; Adolphus Clark, J.; Neville Green, P.Z., S.E.; J. L. Payne, P. Soj.; M. A. Levey, 2nd Asst. Soj.; R. A. Steel, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.Z.; W. Simpson, T. Clark, L. V. Walker, S. Smither, A. J. Berry, Horton, Adkins, and W. R. Shaw. Visitors: Comps. E. East, H. 495; C. P. Gillard, H. 19; J. M. Levey, 1, New York; R. J. Alberty, 658; and Burcham Cooper.

The minutes of the previous meeting (April 9th) having been confirmed the installations of the Principals were then proceeded with by Comp. W. H. Lee, P.Z., who assumed the chair of First Principal for that purpose, and whose rendering of the three difficult ceremonies was excellent. The following are the new officers: Comps. Henry F. Bing, Z.; A. Clark, H.; M. L. Levey, J.; N. Green, P.Z., S.E.; J. L. Payne, S.N.; and R. A. Steel, Treas. Comp. J. Funston, P.S. elect, being unavoidably absent could not be invested or appoint his assistants, it was therefore postponed till the next meeting. Ballot having been taken for Bros. Horton, Adkins, P.M. 1261, and M. R. Shaw, 1441, and it being unanimous they were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being excellently done by the I.P.Z., Comp. Brasted, who was as excellently supported by the other officers. A very favourable report was then presented by the Audit Committee showing that the chapter was steadily progressing.

After receiving some propositions for the next meeting, and there being no further business the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to a very excellent dinner, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured. The M.E.Z. in responding to the toast of his health took the opportunity of proposing that of "The I.P.Z., Comp. Brasted," and presented him in the name of the chapter with a P.Z.'s jewel to mark their appreciation of his services. The companions shortly afterwards separated after one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings the chapter has had since its consecration.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—An emergency meeting of the above chapter was held on Friday, the 13th inst. In the absence of Comp. E. Clarke, M.E.Z., Comp. George Dalrymple, P.Z., P.P.G. Swd. Br., presided, there being also present Comps. F. Hodgson, Prov. G. Stwd., H.; J. Barr, P.Z., Prov. G.H., as J.; J. T. Ray, S.E.; J. C. Thompson, S.N.; W. Sandwith, P.Z., Prov. G.J., P.S.; W. C. Johns, Asst. Soj.; John Casson, Janitor; E. Tyson, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.G.

Asst. Soj.; J. Woods, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Eden, and J. Rothery.

The chapter having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bros. John Paterson and P. Podmore, of 962, which proved unanimous, and they were exalted to the Supreme Degree, and the chapter was closed in due form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—The installation meeting of this prosperous conclave was held on the 16th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. Among those present were Sir Knts. E. H. Thiellay, M.P.S.; Shirley, V.E., M.P.S. elect; T. C. Walls, S.G.; Dr. Mickley, J.G.; Dawes, H.P.; Pridmore, Prefect; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., Treas.; J. Mason, G.C., Reg.; Macartney, M.P., P.M. P.S.; Marsh, P.M.P.S.; and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Sir Knt. Shirley was installed as M.P.S. by Sir Knt. Thiellay, and Sir Knt. Walls as V.E. by Sir Knt. Shirley. The officers appointed for the year ensuing are Sir Knts. Mickley, S.G.; Dawes, J.G.; Cubitt, Treas.; Mason, Reg.; Pridmore, H.P.; H. J. Lardner, Prefect; W. Lake, S.B.; and Gilbert, Sentinel. Sir Knt. Thiellay having been presented with a jewel in recognition of his services as M.P.S., a notice of motion was given—"That in future the conclave meet on the first Monday in October, instead of the first Monday preceding the September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge (Craft)." Several communications having been read the conclave was closed, and the members adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. The usual toasts followed.

Scotland.

We have much pleasure in observing that the distinguished New Zealand Craftsman, Bro. William Caldwell, Grand Steward of Scotland, is in Scotland on a visit after many years' absence. Bro. Caldwell has long occupied a prominent and influential position at Dunedin, New Zealand, and may be said to be the father of the Scotch Constitution there. He has taken an active part in the formation of nearly all the Scotch lodges in New Zealand, and has held the Master's chair in several of them. He has also long occupied a leading position in the District Grand Lodge of Scotland in the colony. On the formation of the Supreme Council of New Zealand, he was elected its Sovereign Commander and head, and he is now a 33° of the Supreme Council of Scotland, and has repeatedly received publicly the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for his invaluable services to the Craft, and particularly to his mother Grand Lodge. Some years ago, as an acknowledgment of such services, he was created by Grand Lodge one of its Grand Stewards, an office which he still holds. It is no uncommon event for Bro. Caldwell to travel hundreds of miles to act as the Installing Officer at the formation and consecration of lodges holding of Scotland in the colony. We hope he may enjoy his holiday in the land of his fathers, and be long spared to enjoy the good health and the well merited and universal respect of his numerous friends in the land of his adoption. Before leaving Scotland, Bro. Caldwell occupied the position of R.W.M. of the Lodge St. Andrew, 126, Kilmarnock; and at a special meeting of that lodge, held on the 11th inst., Bro. Caldwell supported the R.W.M. on the dais, and in a few choice sentences, presented the lodge, through the chair, with a very handsome gold Master's jewel, as a memento of his visit to his mother lodge after an absence of 22 years in the antipodes. Bro. Caldwell is a native of "Auld Killie," and is now located in Dunedin, where he occupies an important position in the Customs. About a quarter of a century ago, when St. Andrew's was in anything but a flourishing condition, Bro. Caldwell became its R.W.M., and by his zeal, enthusiasm, and indefatigable energy raised it to a state of prosperity. Since going to Dunedin, Bro. Caldwell has been instrumental in instituting several lodges, one of which has been named after his mother lodge, St. Andrew's; and, when arrayed in his Masonic regalia, he wears many souvenirs of the high estimation in which he is held by the brethren in Dunedin. The R.W.M. thanked Bro. Caldwell, in the name of the brethren of St. Andrew's, for his very handsome gift. The lodge was afterwards closed in due and ancient form.—*Kilmarnock Herald.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

Favoured with delightful weather, the members of the province of Berks and Bucks assembled at High Wycombe on Monday for the purpose of holding the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, which was opened at about half-past one o'clock, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., who was supported by a goodly number of present and past Prov. Grand Officers and members of the various lodges which are carried on in the two counties. The fact of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey being held on the same day, and the place of meeting being less convenient than on some occasions, somewhat affected the attendance, but all who were present apparently enjoyed their visit, particularly those who, at the conclusion of their Masonic enjoyments, repaired to Hughenden, and inspected the Church and Manor House, containing the interesting memorials of Lord Beaconsfield. Among those who filled offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge were Bros. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Deputy Grand Master; R. G. Barton, Senior Grand Warden; the Rev. F. G. Kiddle, Grand Junior Chap.; C. Stephens, Grand Treas. (High Sheriff of Berks); Major Cooper King, Grand Reg.; Robert Bradley, Grand Sec.; Francis J. Ferguson, Senior Grand Deacon; Richard Downsett; Junior Grand Deacon; A. J. Coales, Grand Supt. of Wks.; S. G. Hunt, Grand Dir. of Cers.; E. C. Knight, Grand Purst., &c. The remainder of the brethren (many of whom were also wearers of the purple) included Bros. L. Poulton, J. Goddard, W. Morris, Rev. J. Atkins, W. E. Beal, C. Terry, B. Challenor, jun., J. Tomkins, Dick Radclyffe, J. Andrews, S. Wheeler, jun., D. Stevenson, W. W. Ridley, H. Jowett, G. W. Dixon, F. Weedon, J. Christmas, E. E. Hawkins, H. Martin, G. J. Cosburn, S. Knight, W. T. Toms, W. Graham, C. Hume, Whitehouse, Cantell, J. O. Carter, C. W. Cox (Mayor of Maidenhead), R. Nicholson, B. Wilford, C. A. Vardy, W.

Blowfield, J. W. Dover, W. Summers, T. B. Linscote, Doran Webb, Christmas, Volckman, W. Humphreys, H. H. Hodges, M. Wheeler, Belcher, A. C. Hewett, W. Hemmings, J. Watts, and others.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER first called upon the P.G. Secretary, who read the list of the lodges in the province, upwards of 20 in number, and it appeared that, with the exception of the Watling-street and Vale of White Horse Lodges, all were represented. The Prov. Grand Secretary said he had received letters from General Brownrigg, Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., regretting their inability to attend. The Prov. Grand Secretary next read over the roll of Prov. Grand Officers, after which it was agreed, on the motion of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, that as the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Windsor last year had been printed and circulated they should be taken as read.

The financial statement of the Prov. Grand Treasurer was then presented, showing a balance in hand of £130 8s. 10d. The report of the Charity Committee was also read. The receipts had amounted to £176 7s., and after making the usual grants to various lodges for charitable purposes, there remained a balance in hand of £66 2s.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read an interesting report as to the condition of the different lodges in the province, giving details as to the number of meetings; initiations, votes for charitable purposes, &c. The present membership numbered 815.

Sir DANIEL GOOCH, addressing the brethren, referred to the report just read by Bro. Bradley as a very satisfactory one, showing, as it did, that the lodges generally were in a good condition, and that Masonry in the province was prospering. (Hear, hear.) During the past year, as Bro. Bradley had informed them, the brethren of the Alma Mater Lodge—most of whom were members of Cambridge University—had petitioned to have their lodge removed to Cambridge, and therefore the Alma Mater Lodge had ceased to belong to this province. Sir Daniel said he could not conclude the few remarks he had to make without alluding to the great loss Masonry had sustained by the lamented decease of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who was not only a very excellent Mason, but who also distinguished himself in every position of life, and there could be no doubt that his untimely death was a great and severe loss not only to Masonry, but to the country generally. (Hear, hear.)

It was then proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER, and carried unanimously, that the sum of 25 guineas be voted out of the Provincial Fund to the Charity Fund, and also that certain sums, which were agreed upon, should be granted to various lodges in the province towards the support of the Charitable Institutions of the Order.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER said it afforded him much pleasure to propose that Bro. Charles Stephens be re-elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The PROV. G.S.W. seconded the motion, which was supported by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who said he felt sure the brethren could not do better than re-appoint Bro. Stephens to the office, as he had for some years looked after their funds in a most satisfactory manner. (Hear, hear.)

The motion having been put and carried unanimously, Bro. STEPHENS returned thanks for the honour that had been done him, remarking that he should feel much pleasure in again accepting office. (Applause.)

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest the following brethren with the Provincial Charity jewel: Bros. Walter T. Toms, P.M. 574; H. D. Marshall, 771; Richard Puttick, 1501; and S. G. Kirchoffer, P.M. 1899.

The brethren appointed by the Prov. Grand Master to fill the various offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge during the ensuing year were then invested with their insignia of office, as follows:

Bro. C. Terry, 1410	...	...	Prov. G.S.W. }
W. Morris, 1566	...	...	Prov. G.J.W. }
Rev. F. G. Kiddle, 1787	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps. }
Rev. J. Atkins, 574	...	...	Prov. G. Treas. }
Chas. Stephens, 414	...	...	Prov. G. Reg. }
B. Challenger, 945	...	...	Prov. G. Sec. }
R. Bradley, 414	...	...	Prov. G.S.D. }
J. Andrews, 209	...	...	Prov. G.J.D. }
J. Goddard, 771	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W. }
S. Wheeler, jun., 414	...	...	Prov. G.D.C. }
D. Stevenson, 840	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C. }
W. W. Ridley, 401	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br. }
H. Jovett, 591	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs. }
C. H. Hunt, 1501	...	...	Prov. G. Org. }
Capt. Golding, 1899	...	...	Prov. G. Asst. Sec. }
H. L. Harris, 948	...	...	Prov. G. Purst. }
G. W. Dixon, 209	...	...	Prov. G. Purst. }
F. Weedon, 1887	...	...	Prov. G. Purst. }
Bros. J. Christmas, 1787; H. Martin, 591; M. J. Withers, 414; Vowles, 1101; D. H. Witherington, 414; and T. Linscote, 795	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds. }
Bro. W. Hemmings	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler. }

The newly-appointed Prov. Grand Officers having been conducted to their respective places, were saluted with the usual honours, and the lodge was then closed in due form, the PROV. GRAND MASTER stating that, in accordance with the arrangements made some time since that the lodge should be held alternately at Windsor, Wycombe, Reading, and Aylesbury, the next Provincial Grand Lodge would take place at Reading.

At three o'clock the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, Bro. Puttick catering in his best style, to the entire satisfaction of the company. The menu was most complete, and the wines of the best quality. Through the kindness of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, of the well-known firm of florists in High Holborn, the tables were adorned with a beautiful collection of flowers, arranged with much taste. The pleasure of the party was also enhanced by the admirable vocal performances of Bros. W. F. Summers and T. Smith, and Messrs. Gawthrop and Shepley.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER successively proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers of England Past and Present," associating with the latter the name of the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Past Grand Chap.

In responding, Bro. BROWNRIFF referred to the labours of Grand Lodge in connection with the new Book of Con-

stitutions, observing that in the discussions which had taken place the provinces had fairly held their own, and he hoped that the new Book of Constitutions would be generally approved. He went on to say that the honour now devolved upon him of proposing what he felt sure they would all regard as the toast of the evening, namely "The Health of their much esteemed Prov. Grand Master." (Cheers.) Nothing new was to be said in reference to this toast, and nothing new was needed, because they all knew Sir Daniel to be a most excellent Prov. Grand Master, always ready to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and preside over their Provincial Grand Lodge in an able and genial manner. (Cheers.)

Sir DANIEL GOOCH, in reply, thanked the Deputy P.G.M. for the kind words he had given utterance to, and he also thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health. It was always a pleasant and agreeable duty to attend Provincial Grand Lodge and spend a few hours with his Masonic brethren in Berks and Bucks. In conclusion, Sir Daniel proposed "The Health of the V.W. the Deputy P.G.M., the Past D.P.G.M., and Past Grand Officers of the Province," for which the PROV. GRAND TREASURER suitably responded.

Sir DANIEL GOOCH next proposed "The Visiting Brethren from the surrounding Provinces."

Bro. E. L. HAWKINS, Prov. Grand Sec., Oxon, in reply, acknowledged the kind assistance he had received from Bro. Bradley in carrying out the duties of P.G. Sec. in Oxfordshire, where Masonic matters had been somewhat neglected. He also expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing the admirable manner in which the affairs of the Berks and Bucks province were conducted.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was then proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who said he felt very pleased they had with them that day Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, an admirable Charity for which Bro. Terry laboured to the best of his ability. (Hear, hear.) The Masonic Charities were well supported but considering what a large and influential body the Masons were, they ought not to feel satisfied with what they accomplished already, as there was in his opinion plenty of room for extension as regards supporting those Charities. A vast deal of money was expended in less satisfactory ways, and he sincerely hoped, that, although the help given to the great Masonic Institutions at the present time was creditable to the Masons as a body, those Charities might be supported to a still greater extent. (Cheers.)

Bro. TERRY, in reply, said that in this province it was almost unnecessary to advocate the cause of the Masonic Charities, inasmuch as they were supported by the Berks and Bucks Freemasons in a very systematic and business, like way. It was very kind of Sir Daniel to suggest that the brethren might accomplish still more than they had done for the Charities, and he ventured to hope, that those lodges which had not already decided to send up Stewards to the Festivals would take the hint. The amounts subscribed for the Charities during 1883 exceeded the most sanguine expectations, and the total amount brought in had been greater than any previous year. The amount given for the Benevolent Institution was about £13,000, while £10,000 had been subscribed for the Girls' School, and £23,000 for the Boys' School, which was certainly a most noble response to the appeals made in behalf of those Charities. It was impossible for them to make an appeal outside their own limited circle, and none but members of the Craft were solicited; therefore it seemed almost as if a special Providence over-ruled the Masonic Institutions, inasmuch as, while many other institutions depending upon voluntary support were lacking pecuniary funds, the Masonic Institutions had been so worthily assisted that they had been enabled to open their borders and admit an increased number of children to the School, and also provide for a larger number of annuitants. He went on to point out, that if every Mason under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England would give but five shillings annually to each of the three great Masonic Institutions, and if each lodge would contribute one guinea to the same, they would have an income of £70,000 or £80,000 a year, and be in a position to provide for all deserving candidates without delay, trouble, and expense of contested elections. The Benevolent Institution Festival held some 14 or 15 years since was presided over by Sir Daniel Gooch, and he (Bro. Terry) was looking forward hopefully to the time when Sir Daniel would again occupy that position, and he trusted that when the occasion arrived the brethren of Berks and Bucks would heartily support their Prov. Grand Master, and send up a sum of not less than £1000. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Terry concluded by an earnest appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities, urging what he considered the prior claims of the Benevolent Institution, which looked after the welfare of needy Freemasons and their widows in advanced years. He heartily thanked the brethren present for the liberality with which they had supported the Charities. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Officers of Wycombe Lodge," thanking them for the cordial reception they had given to the Provincial Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. HUNT, I.P.M., returned thanks.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Secretary." Sir Daniel Gooch acknowledged the valuable services of Bro. Stephens, and also bore his personal testimony to the zeal and ability of the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Bradley, observing that no province could be better served as regards the office of Prov. Grand Secretary than that of Berks and Bucks. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. BRADLEY returned thanks in appropriate terms, assuring the brethren that anything he did in the cause of Freemasonry was a labour of love. (Cheers.)

"The Healths of the Provincial Grand Stewards" was then proposed, and Bro. MARTIN having responded, the Tyler's toast was given and the company rose.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington has just made an abatement of 10 per cent. to the tenants on his Hardwicke estate.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the Presidency of the Executive Committee of the Frere Memorial Fund. The Rt. Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., and the Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, Bart, M.P., have also joined this Committee, whose office is at 11 Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey took place on June 16th, at the Albany Hall, Kingston-on-Thames. The R.W. Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master, presided, and was supported by his Deputy, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, and a very large gathering of present and past Prov. Grand Officers and members of the province, with visitors from metropolitan and many of the neighbouring districts. The reception and entertainment of the Prov. Grand Lodge had been entrusted to the members of the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, and the way in which the arrangements were carried out gave the most unqualified satisfaction to the large body of Craftsmen who took part in the proceedings of the day.

After Prov. Grand Lodge had been duly opened, the roll of lodges was called over, and with but one exception all were represented. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee showed a very satisfactory balance to the credit of Prov. Grand Lodge, and the several recommendations for grants to the Charities, viz., £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, were cordially assented to. A further sum of £10 10s. was voted in aid of the fund for the restoration of the Parish Church at Kingston, a work that is now being vigorously pushed forward. Bro. George Price was then re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge tendered him for past services.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER before formally investing his officers, alluded in graceful terms to the hearty co-operation and assistance he received from the Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Arnold was invariably so attentive to the business of the province, and, moreover, so universally appreciated and esteemed by the brethren, that he felt assured he could not do better than ask him to continue his services as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. General Brownrigg then stated that it had been his intention to confer the collar of Senior Grand Warden on Lord Onslow, but this brother was unable to be present that day, and as he made it a rule only to give the collars to those who were in attendance, he must pass Lord Onslow over for this year. The following brethren were then formally invested as officers for the next twelve months:—

Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C.	D.P.G.M.
Henry C. Lee Bennett, 139	Prov. G.S.W.
Stainslaus Makooski, 416	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. G. P. Merrick, 1826	Prov. G. Chap.
Hugh J. Day, 1556	Prov. G. Reg.
C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.	Prov. G. Sec.
Abel Laurence, 1638	Prov. G.S.D.
Cuthbert C. Gibbs, 1872	Prov. G.J.D.
Frederick Flood, 1149	Prov. G.S. of W.
Thomas Pulley, 1714	Prov. G. D. of C.
John Mew, 1362	Prov. G.A. D. C.
Alfred Nuthall, W.M. 889	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
S. P. Catterson, 1981	Prov. G. Std. Br.
Frederick Cambridge, 463	Prov. G. Org.
W. R. Church, 1347	Prov. G. Purst.
C. E. Oldridge, 1638	Prov. G.A.P.
C. T. Speight	Prov. G. Tyler.
Bros. H. Saxelby, 463, J. H. Jarvis, 889, S. Parsons-Smith, M.D., 1556, E. Nicholls, 1714, John Youlden, 1981, A. Steele, 1982	Prov. G. Stwds.

General BROWNRIFF, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the loss the nation, and especially the Craft, had sustained by the death of the Duke of Albany. At the time when this sad loss was fresh in the minds of all, he had had it in contemplation, in accordance with what was being done elsewhere, to summon a meeting of the members of the province. Grand Lodge, however, took the matter up, and he thought their action might be accepted as embodying the views of the entire Masonic body. He should not, therefore, suggest that any special letter of condolence, either to the Queen, the Duchess of Albany, or to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, be entertained. He desired, however, that the sad event should be recorded on their minutes of proceedings, and that an expression of the sentiments of Prov. Grand Lodge might be recorded thereon. Reference was next made by General Brownrigg to the progress Freemasonry was making in Surrey. When he succeeded to the Provincial Grand Mastership, there were but nine lodges, now they had twenty-six. For his own part he did not desire to see a further increase in their number. He preferred that those already in existence should be solidified and strengthened. A feature he desired to see universally carried out he would now allude to. Some of the Secretaries throughout the province were in the habit of occasionally sending him their summonses; he wished they would invariably do so. He sometimes had a few spare hours, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than now and again to pay a flying visit. By this means he could get an accurate idea of how the work of the several lodges was being conducted. He thanked the brethren for the way in which they had supported him on the present occasion, and said he looked forward to another pleasant meeting on the 9th of July, at Redhill, when the Most Worshipful the Grand Master had it in contemplation to lay the foundation stone of the chapel of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Schools. Owing to the Prince of Wales's absence from England the arrangements hitherto had not been matured, but notice would be given, and he trusted he might be well supported by the members of the province. The P.G. Master then formally proposed that Prov. G. Lodge vote a sum of twenty guineas in furtherance of the objects of the St. Anne's Schools. This proposition, as well as the one in regard to the record on the minutes, referred to above, was seconded by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and carried *nem. con.* Amongst other matters to which reference was made, was a proposition to the effect that the yearly returns from the several lodges should be made up to a fixed date, say to the end of April. This elicited several expressions of opinion, but in the end the suggestion was adopted. The practice of the members of the province, with regard to the utilisation of its voting powers, was next reviewed. Bro. Arnold explained the steps hitherto adopted by those who desired a concentration of the strength of the province in this direction. He urged on those who had the privilege of votes to place them in the hands of the Prov. Grand Secretary, in order that they might be made available for the candidate or candi-

dates to whom the province had promised its support. This again brought out several suggestions. It appears that hitherto the Charity representatives of the province have been in the habit of meeting at 33, Golden-square, in the afternoon of the day on which the respective Quarterly Communications of United Grand Lodge are held, but in the opinion of some of those who took part in the discussion the sphere of operations might be considerably extended, and it was suggested that a representative should be in attendance from each lodge with power to act in its corporate capacity. The practice of, and advantages connected with, the lending of votes received full consideration, and he felt assured the brethren would eventually advantage themselves by carrying out some of the suggestions made. This completing the work set down for Prov. Grand Lodge, General Brownrigg reminded the brethren that the Prov. Grand Chaplain had arranged to preach a sermon at All Saints' Church; he therefore desired they should attend him there. Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The banquet took place at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, where upwards of a hundred guests assembled to do justice to the repast provided by Bro. Bond, whose exertions received, as they merited, the highest approval. On the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were given in terms that received a cordial reception. In speaking of the Grand Officers, General Brownrigg expressed the gratification he felt at knowing that the Province of Surrey stood so well in that regard. Three years back they had three representatives—Bro. Lord Onslow, Bro. Charles Greenwood, and Bro. Magnus Ohren. They were fortunate this year in again having the province represented by Bro. Lott, who had received the appointment of Grand Organist; with his name he would couple the toast. After a reply from Bro. Lott, the health of the Provincial Grand Master was proposed by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, who spoke of the deep interest taken by General Brownrigg in the welfare of the province, and of the many qualities he displayed. This having been suitably acknowledged, the several other toasts received attention. Bro. Binckes replied for the Masonic Institutions, and expressed his acknowledgments for the great service rendered by the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey when he presided, last year, at the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He (Bro. Binckes) trusted so esteemed a ruler as General Brownrigg might at an early date be induced to place himself at the disposal of the Institution with which he was more closely associated, when, doubtless, the members of his province would as loyally assist him as they did on the occasion to which he had just alluded. The Worshipful Master of the Brownrigg Lodge, Bro. Abel Laurence, acknowledged the compliment paid the lodge over which he presided, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded his brother members to enact the part of hosts to Provincial Grand Lodge. The musical brethren were thanked for their services, and the press representatives were complimented. The Tyler was then summoned, and the parting toast was given. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. F. J. Hunt, R.C.M.L., who was assisted by Bros. Kenningham, Hanson, Stanley, Smith, and J. Hodges.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

A Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on the 13th inst., for the installation of M.E. Comp. J. Neal, York, D.P.G.M. Cambs., whom H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (the First Grand Principal), had honoured by appointing to the office of Grand Superintendent, vacant by the death of M.E. Comp. J. Deighton. The ceremony was performed by M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S.E., acting as the deputy of his Royal Highness. There was a large attendance of R.A. Masons from the various chapters in the province and immediate district, the companions including Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.S.N.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Grand Supt. of Suffolk; Lieut.-Col. R. T. Caldwell, P.G.T.; B. Chennell, P.G.R.; T. F. Lucia, A. H. Moyes, F. C. Wace, Oscar Browning, T. Hunnybun, E. Hills, A. Thompson, W.M. 88; E. H. Jennings, W.M. 441; B. Anningson, F. Bailey, Trevor Jones, T. Nichols, W. H. Jarrold, S. Youngman, J. Vail, W. Purchas, F. Piggott, W. P. Spalding, R. Hills, G. Cole, and others. Comp. W. I. Pushler, was D.C.

Col. SHADWELL CLERKE said the occasion of their meeting was of a mixed character, being one of sorrow and of joy. In the death of their late companion J. Deighton they had lost a brother who was held in high esteem, but they rejoiced that in Comp. J. Neal, York, they had found a worthy successor in the office of Grand Superintendent of that province. The patent having been tendered and examined, a deputation of four First Principals (Comps. F. C. Wace, R. T. Caldwell, G. Wilderspin, and B. Chennell) introduced the Grand Superintendent designate, who was then duly invested and installed by Col. Shadwell Clerke.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT afterwards appointed his officers as follows:—

- Comp. F. C. Wace, 859 Prov. G. H.
- " B. Chennell, 88 Prov. G. J.
- " W. H. Jarrold, 88 Prov. G.S.E.
- " Stacey Youngman, 441 Prov. G.S.N.
- " Bottomley (Wisbech) Prov. G. Pr. Soj.
- " F. Bailey, 88 Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- " Trevor Jones, 859 Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
- " T. Nichols, 88 Prov. G. Treas.
- " E. Hills, 88 Prov. G. Reg.
- " Armitage, 859 Prov. G. Swd. Br.
- " Pattrick (Wisbech) Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " J. Vail, 441 Prov. G.D.C.
- " J. Bonnett, 859 Prov. G. Org.

The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Col. Shadwell Clerke and his colleagues, who had travelled considerable distances, for their presence and assistance. Col. Clerke in reply said they were very pleased to come to Cambridge to renew some old acquaintances.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will preside at the Ninth Triennial Festival of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society, which will take place at Willis's Rooms on the 5th prox. This most deserving institution has now been in existence nearly 35 years, and has disbursed to members and widows and orphans during that time no less a sum than £85,000. We trust the coming festival will add largely to its funds.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

FOUNDATION-STONE CEREMONY.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, the 10th inst., the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall for South Shields was laid by the Mayor of the borough, Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. The new building is now in course of erection as a more convenient substitute for the old hall in Fowler-street. It is to be in the classic style of architecture, and is being built on a corner site, having Ingham-street and Wesley-street for its north and east façades. The principal entrance, which is in Ingham-street, admits through a porch or lobby to a spacious hall with a grand staircase. On the ground floor is a billiard room, 47 feet by 18 feet, for two tables, and lighted by eight windows; a reading or club room, 33 feet by 25 feet, which is entered both from the staircase hall and the billiard room. The club room will also be occasionally used as a banqueting hall, and has a separate entrance from a lobby communicating with the kitchen, which will be fitted up with every convenience for dining a large company. There are also cellars, pantries, lavatories, and other conveniences on this floor. Ascending by the grand staircase, we come to a landing planned in the centre of the building, from which doors communicate with all the principal rooms. The hall or lodge room is of noble proportions, being 52 feet by 25 feet, and 23 feet in height to the ceiling. There will be a raised platform all round, with seats for the brethren, and a dais on a higher level at the east end for the accommodation of the Master, Past Masters, and other officers. The room will be lighted by six windows at each end. The ornamentation of the walls and ceiling is in the Ionic style, and is to be executed entirely in plaster work. Twenty-four fluted pilasters, with richly ornamented caps, support an entablature with a deep overhanging cornice. The central portion of the ceiling is flat, and is divided into 21 panels. A large cove, about six feet in depth, running all round the room, supports the ceiling, and is divided in elevation into 20 semi-circular arches, forming deep recesses, the faces of the walls, soffits, and spandrels being richly panelled and moulded. On this floor there is also an ante-room 22 feet by 18 feet, a candidate's room, and rooms for the caretaker, the latter being approached by a separate staircase. The whole of the rooms will be warmed with large ventilating fire places, and will be ventilated by means of ventilators for the admission of fresh air in the walls, and by ventilating flues in the chimneys and roof, for the extraction of the vitiated air on a new principle. The building is being erected by Bro. Robert Atkin, at a cost of £2147, from the designs and under the superintendence of Bro. J. H. Morton, P.M., the architect, and is to be completed in November next. The clerk of the works is Bro. W. Lindsay.

A special lodge was held at the Wesleyan Sunday Schoolroom, Chapter-row, at half-past two o'clock, when there was a large attendance of brethren from the district. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Thomas Binks, W.M. 240, who was supported on the right by Bros. J. Roddam, P.M. who, on the occasion acted as I.P.M.; Mabane, P.M.; W. Wright, P.M.; J. S. Wilson, P.M.; J. T. Wilson, P.M.; and on the left by Bros. J. Hinde, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Shotton, P.M.; W. Davidson, W.M. 1970; J. Robertson, P.M.; T. Potter, P.M.; J. J. Athey, P.M.; G. Lawson, P.M.; and Rev. W. C. Harris, Prov. G. Chap. Among the Provincial Officers and lodge officers present were Bros. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Secretary, Durham; Thos. Coulson, P.M. 24, P.P.G.D.; J. Roddam, P.P.G.D.; T. G. Mabane, 240, P.P.G.S.D. Durham; T. Y. Strachan, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; John J. Clay, P.M. 97, P.P.G.S. of W.; M. Frampton, P.M. 94, P.G.S.B.; M. Douglass, P.M. 80, P.P.G.J.D.; Jas. Wat., P.P.G.O.; George Hardy, P.G.A.D. of C.; W. M. Bell, P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland; J. McCulloch, P.P.G.J.W.; John Tillman, P.G.S. of W.; Joseph Robertson, P.M. 991, P.P.G.P.; J. G. Tulloch, P.P.G.S. of W. Northumberland; W. J. Ward, P.M. 431, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; John Harcuss, P.P.G.J.D. Northumberland; Thomas Haswell, P.P.G.O. Northumberland; J. H. Thompson, I.P.M. 240; Thomas Potter, P.M.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; George Robson, G.W.; A. E. Cowling, J.W.; J. Hine, P.M., Treas.; F. L. Pearson, Sec.; J. A. Hall, S.D.; George Wilson, I.G.; Robert Purvis, S.S.; H. Hinde, J.S.; John Brown, Tyler 240; J. G. Kirtley, W.M. 949; and others.

The SECRETARY having read the circular calling the special lodge, and the dispensation granted by the Prov. G.M., the Marquis of Londonderry, for holding the same, which had been received from Bro. Hudson, Prov. Grand Sec., the lodge was adjourned, in order that the brethren might proceed in procession to the site of the new Masonic Hall in Ingham-street.

The procession was taken part in by 250 gentlemen. This, we understand, is the largest Masonic procession that has taken place in South Shields. At the site of the new hall there were congregated several hundred persons, the attendance of ladies, for whom special accommodation was made, being very large. On the arrival of the procession at Wesley-street, the brethren assembled round the stone on a dais erected for the purpose, the Mayor being preceded by the Sword Bearer, Bro. M. Frampton, and followed by the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren. Two verses of the "Old Hundredth" having been sung, the ritual used on such occasions was performed by the Mayor; and the Chaplain, the Rev. W. C. Harris, having offered up prayer, delivered an address. Bro. Binks, W.M. of St. Hilda's Lodge, then presented to the Mayor a beautiful silver trowel, on which was inscribed: "Presented to Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Mayor of South Shields, by the brethren of St. Hilda's Lodge, 240, on the occasion of his laying the foundation-stone of the Freemasons' Hall, June 10th, 1884." The upper stone having been raised and the lower one adjusted, Bro. F. L. Pearson, Sec., then read the inscription on the lower stone, which was as follows: "St. Hilda's Lodge, 240. The foundation-stone of the building was laid with Masonic ceremony by his Worship the Mayor, Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., June 10th, 1884. Thomas Binks, W. Master; Joseph H. Morton, P.M., Architect." The Treasurer, Bro. J. Hinde, deposited the phial containing the various coins of the present reign in the cavity of the lower stone, after which the Secretary placed the plate on the lower stone. The Mayor was presented by the contractor, Mr. R. Atkin, with a splendid plumb and level, on which was engraved on a silver plate the following inscription: "Presented to T. G. Mabane, Esq., Mayor, by R. Atkin, on laying the foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall,

South Shields, 10th June, 1884." The hymn "O praise our God to-day" having been sung, the Mayor, according to Masonic rite, proved the stone properly adjusted, and declared it truly laid. Bro. J. J. Athey, P.M., presented the cornucopia with corn, Bro. Potter, P.M., the ewer with wine, and Bro. Wilson, P.M., the ewer with oil. On behalf of the architect, the mallet was presented to the Mayor by Bro. Webster, and he also presented the plans for the inspection of the Mayor. His Worship having approved of them, delivered them back for the guidance of the architect, and desired that he should "proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work." The Chaplain having offered up prayer, the National Anthem was played by the band, after which the large gathering was photographed by Bro. Burrows, and the procession was then re-formed.

On returning to the lodge, the W.M. said it was their duty to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. Mabane (the Mayor) for the efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of the day—a day which would stand prominently forward in the history of Freemasonry in South Shields. Their worthy brother and Mayor had been chosen to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of their new Masonic Hall because he had proved himself a good and true Freemason. (Hear, hear.) He had therefore very great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Mabane. (Applause.)

Bro. W. DAVIDSON, W.M. Hadrian Lodge, seconded the proposition, and bore testimony to the many excellent qualities of Bro. Mabane. (Hear, hear.) The day would be one noted in the history of Masonry in South Shields, and he had no doubt would be long remembered by Past Master Mabane and the brethren.

The proposition was carried unanimously, and Bro. Mabane was duly saluted.

Bro. MABANE (the Mayor), on rising to respond, was received with applause. He said that he felt himself entirely at a loss to find words in which to thank them for the great honour they had conferred upon him that day. He little thought when he accepted the office of Mayor of that borough that such a ceremony as had been gone through should take place during his year of office. He could only say this was the proudest day of his life, in being so honoured as to be selected to perform the ceremony; and he had to thank them very sincerely for the handsome articles they had presented him with that day. He would always look upon them with pleasure, and when he was called away he would hand them down as heirlooms to his children, who, he had no doubt, would look upon them with pride and satisfaction. (Hear, hear.) He had to thank the brethren of the Hadrian and other lodges for the hearty manner in which they had come forward that day to support him in laying the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall. With regard to the office of Mayor, which he held, he assured them that he would endeavour to fulfil the various duties connected therewith with satisfaction and credit, and at the expiration of his term of office he would look upon that day's proceedings, which would be counted by him as one of the proudest during his mayoralty, and it would, he assured them, live long in his memory. His Worship then resumed his seat amid applause.

The lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by Bro. T. Binks, W.M., St. Hilda's Lodge, who was supported by upwards of 150 brethren, including many Prov. Grand Officers and Past Masters. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. RODDAM responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Master the Marquis of Londonderry, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bros. T. G. STRACHAN and HARCUS also responded. "The Health of the Mayor" was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. HUDSON, Prov. G.S., and

His WORSHIP, on rising to respond, was received with loud applause. He said there was an old saying "It was better to be born lucky than rich," and this saying he had often thought during the past six months applied to him, for he had had honours conferred upon him which he really did not expect. His Worship, after referring to the time when he was initiated into Masonry, said that since he had become connected with the Order he had taken the greatest possible interest in it. (Hear, hear.) He had to thank them for the honour they had done him that day in selecting him to lay the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall. In connection with the day's proceedings he might remark that he had made it a point in having his eldest son present, and he hoped that, when he arrived at the proper age, he would become a member of St. Hilda's Lodge—(Hear, hear)—and prove himself a true and honourable member of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) So far as he had been enabled he had endeavoured to inculcate into him the same principles which had guided him during his life, and he trusted he would become a good Freemason. (Hear, hear.) After again thanking them for the kindness manifested towards him the Mayor, gave "The Visiting Lodges," associating therewith the names of Bro. Pillman, of Sunderland, and Bro. Moffett, of Gateshead.

Bros. TILLMAN and MOFFETT responded. Bro. ATHEY gave "The Health of Bro. Binks, the Worshipful Master of St. Hilda's Lodge."

The toast was received with honours. Bro. T. BINKS, in responding, said he felt it a very high honour that he should be W.M. of St. Hilda's Lodge at the time the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid, and he believed the proceedings of that day would do good not only to St. Hilda's Lodge, but also to the Hadrian Lodge. (Hear, hear.) He hoped a like ceremony that had been performed that day would not again be performed—so far as St. Hilda's Lodge was concerned—in the life of any one present, for in the plans that had been prepared for the new building ample accommodation had been provided for some time to come. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that the Hadrian Lodge would never leave St. Hilda Lodge, but that the brethren of both lodges would remain together and work harmoniously in the new hall, the foundation-stone of which had been laid that day. (Hear, hear.) He believed that in the erection of the new hall they had provided accommodation sufficient for the Freemasons of South Shields for a considerable time. (Hear, hear.) Since he had become connected with Freemasonry there had been no lack of interest on his part, and he could assure them that the interesting proceedings of that day would stimulate him to greater exertions on behalf of Freemasonry. (Applause.) The W.M. concluded by giving "Our Absent Brethren," wherever they might be. The toast having been drunk with musical honours, the interesting proceedings concluded.

THE VATICAN AND ENGLISH FREE-MASONRY.

The *Moniteur de Rome* publishes a leading article entitled "Leo XIII. and the English Freemasons," in which, under the pretence of answering Lord Carnarvon's dignified protest against the Pope's Encyclical, it reaffirms all those accusations which his lordship rebutted. It says:—

"The Grand Lodge of England must not forget that it was from Great Britain that Freemasonry spread over the Continent, in France, in Italy, and in other countries. The Radical doctrines of the most advanced lodges are nothing more than the logical and natural development of the general ideas which inspired the English secret societies of the last century."

Ignoring altogether what Lord Carnarvon said in affirmation of the belief of English Freemasons in the immortality of the soul, and the existence of a Supreme God, of the part they took in laying the corner-stone of the tower of Peterborough Cathedral, and of the fact that the Vatican, if it knows anything about English Freemasons, cannot be ignorant of—that many distinguished ecclesiastics have been Chaplains of Masonic lodges, the *Moniteur* persists in asserting that:—

"Although the Grand Lodge of England repudiates the sectarian fanaticism of certain other secret societies and its consequences, it (the Grand Lodge) is none the less founded on the general idea of Naturalism, or, in other words, the negation of Christianity and of all religion."

Passing over in like manner what Lord Carnarvon said regarding the resolution taken without one dissentient voice, without one hand held up against it, to break off, and painful as it might be, all communion with a large portion of the French lodges, the *Moniteur* asks why, if the English Grand Lodge disapproves the tendencies of such lodges, it does not separate from them? Now, whether this distinct re-affirmation of the Pope's sweeping charges, and this flat, though indirect, contradiction of Lord Carnarvon's words, form an example of that bad faith of which the Roman Catholic authorities are so often accused, or are simply the result of inexcusable ignorance on the part of the Pope's organ of the subject upon which it was treating, I cannot pretend to say.

A few days ago the *Moniteur*, as I telegraphed, republished the complimentary remarks which Lord Carnarvon made with reference to Leo XIII. at the beginning of his protest, and the text of the resolution voted at its conclusion, but omitted to give that which was most essential—namely, the language of the protest itself. The Pope's organ may have thought it fit to suppress that part, in order to be better able to reply as it has. Or the report it received may have been mutilated by the excision of Lord Carnarvon's protest. But, putting the most favourable interpretation upon it, it cannot be gainsaid that, inasmuch as the *Moniteur de Rome* begins this article with the statement that "the Grand Lodge of England has protested, by the voice of its Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, against the Encyclical of Leo XIII.," it was the manifest duty of that newspaper to have ascertained what that voice had said before making Lord Carnarvon's protest the pretext for reiterating the false charges brought by the Pope's Encyclical against the English Freemasons.—*Times*.



The next change at the Alhambra will be a production of Mr. Burnand's "Black Eyed Susan," for which Miss Lillian Russell has been engaged to play the title rôle.

To-morrow night (Saturday) a change occurs at the Avenue. Mr. Mortimer's comedy, "Gammon," and his new burlesque on "The Rivals" at the Haymarket, called "The Ar-rivals," are to be produced, with Bro. E. Righton, Miss Edith Bruce, and Miss L. Cowell as some of the artistes.

On Monday Mr. Wyndham brings out a new piece, entitled "Featherbrain," dramatised from the French by Mr. Albery. As a first piece, "Somebody Else," by the late M. Planché, is now being played by Mr. Giddens, Mr. Draycoll, Miss Kate Rorke, and Miss Norreys, and in their hands causes overflowing amusement. One often hears complaints that managers put nothing as the playing-in piece to attract their audience. This cannot be said at present, if ever, at the Criterion. It is capitally and briskly played, and well constructed, though it might become very dull unless the representatives of the characters infused much life into it, as is the case with Miss Rorke and Mr. Giddens. Every one will feel rewarded who goes in time to see the first piece at the Criterion.

Whilst "Confusion" still runs on, like the brook, for ever, Mr. Thorne has, like Mr. Wyndham, made an alteration in his first play, and brought out a new comedy-etta by Mr. Howard Paul. "The Man Opposite," with three parts only in it, is now in the place of "The Old Master," and has won good opinions, it proving very amusing and causing frequent laughter, all good preliminaries to the after piece, "Confusion," at which no one can keep grave.

This month's "Theatre," which completes the third volume under Mr. Clement Scott's editorship, is in no way inferior to its predecessors. There is an interesting article by Mr. Austin Brereton on the "First Cast of the Rivals," very seasonable with its revival at the Haymarket. Mr. Davenport Adams gives us an epitome of what is going on in the provinces, headed "Thespis en Route." The review of the month's doings at theatres, such as "The Canterbury Pilgrims" opera, at Drury Lane; "The Rivals," at the Haymarket; "Devotion," at the Court; and "Nitouche," at the Opera Comique, form other attractions. The photographic portraits are those of Miss Lucy Buckstone (Mrs. Smithes) and Mr. Fred Leslie, of the Alhambra, whom, we believe, we can claim as "one of us." The magazine has now we hope taken a firm footing, and we may look to many more such volumes.



Bro. John D. Allcroft has given £1,500 towards the opening of the new wing of St. Mary's Hospital. This is part of a charitable bequest left at his disposal by the late Mr. W. Yarworth Jones.

On Saturday Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., entertained at luncheon at the Mansion House two Malay princes, the Rajah Dris and the Rajah Mansur, now on a visit to this country. They were accompanied by Mr. Dennison and Mr. John Furley.

One of the greatest dangers with which we may have to contend in the near future proceeds from the inordinate greed for office and high sounding titles.—*Chronicle*, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. A. Larking, assistant-secretary Early Closing Association, addressed a drawing-room meeting on Saturday afternoon at the residence of Signor Pagliardini, Upper Berkeley-street, and presided at a meeting of delegates at Upper Norwood on Tuesday evening last in furtherance of the movement in the Crystal Palace district.

Lady Brassey has issued invitations to a drawing-room, to be held at 24, Park Lane, to-day (Friday), in support of the work of the Popular Ballad Concert Committee. Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey will preside, and Lord Reay, Sir A. Clark, Mr. S. Morley, M.P., Mr. Hodgson Pratt, Mr. R. E. Farrant, and Mrs. Ernest Hart are expected to address the meeting.

We have heard that the following are about the quantities of the 1883 Champagnes bottled this spring by the leading houses:—Moët & Chandon, 4,500,000; G. H. Mumm & Co., 3,000,000; Perrier Joliet & Co., 2,000,000; Pommery, 2,000,000; Heidsieck, 1,500,000; Roederer, 1,000,000; and Clicquot, 600,000.—*Wine Trade Review*.

The meetings of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction will terminate for this season on Monday evening, 30th June, when Bro. McDonald, the Deputy Preceptor, will rehearse the installation ceremony. The brethren will re-assemble for instruction on Monday evening, 22nd September, 1884.

The summer number of the *Illustrated London News*, just issued, is a marvellous production even in these days of high art and popular literature. Forty pages of letterpress crowded with illustrations and a large oleograph, worthy of preservation among the best of its class, is a shilling's worth which has never been equalled by the most enterprising publishers of this class of literature.

The second great Fête of the Church of England Temperance Society is arranged to be held at the National Health Exhibition and Albert Hall, on Saturday, July 19, 1884, and promises to be one of the principal events of the season. In addition to two grand concerts by 1000 singers each, a great evening mass meeting will be held in the Albert Hall. A special conference will also be arranged for during the day, and there will be extra and special attractions for all-comers. Admission to the Exhibition, Albert Hall, and Grounds, will be one shilling.

The Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will assemble at the Masonic Hall, Barrack-road, Aldershot, at two o'clock p.m., on Friday, the 27th inst. A banquet will take place at four o'clock, and in order to ensure the comfort of every one who attends, the W.Ms. of lodges are earnestly requested to send to the Prov. Grand Secretary, High-st., Southampton, the names of all who desire to remain at the banquet, not later than the 23rd inst.

The Chapter of Temperance in the East, No. 899, attached to the lodge of that name was consecrated at Poplar, on Friday, the 15th inst. E. Comp. James Terry, Prov. G. J. Herts, performed the ceremony in his usual able manner. He was assisted by E. Comps. Edgar Bowyer, as H.; Wm. Clarke, P.G.D. of C. Suffolk, as J.; and J. L. Mather, P.Z. 174, as D. of C. The following were afterwards installed by Comp. Terry as Principals: Comps. G. Graveley, M.E.Z.; B. Carter, H.; and Waller, J.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Col. C. C. Teesdale, C.B., Equerry-in-Waiting, Mr. Francis Knollys, C.B., and Col. Cunliffe Owen, visited Messrs. Welford and Sons' model dairy, at the International Health Exhibition, on Monday, when his Royal Highness inspected the process of separating milk from cream, butter-making by machinery, and the analysing and testing of milk and butter. Those of the Craft who know Bro. John Welford, P.M. (and these are many), will be pleased to hear that his Royal Highness expressed great admiration with all he saw, more especially the testing of the milk, which, when practised, insures the supply of none but pure fresh milk.

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

Every Freemason should carry the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Pocket Book," which gives full particulars of the English, Scotch, and Irish Constitutions, and every grand Masonic body in the world. Price 2s., limp roan. George Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and Securely.—When the severities of winter have given place to more genial weather, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanatory actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the failing nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.—[ADVT.]

There are 356 lodges in Germany with a membership of 41,200.

Bro. W. Clifford was installed W.M. of the Parthenon Lodge, No. 1826, at Croydon, on Saturday last.

The annual visit of the Board of Stewards to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, took place on Thursday, the 12th inst.

The *Canadian Craftsman* says that Col. Nathan Huntoon, of Unity, N.H., is the oldest Mason in the world. He was initiated in 1803.

The *City Press* says: "It is gratifying to know that, as far as can be seen at present, the Hospital Sunday Fund collection this year will be larger than any previous one."

Bro. David Evans, principal in the firm of Richard Evans & Co., is a candidate for the Aldermanic Gown, vacant by the resignation of Bro. Alderman Hadley.

Vide the Morning Post: "Ten dozen of port for sale, the property of a widow, full-bodied and seven years in cellar."

The funeral of Bro. R. Pearcy, P.M. 228, and a well-known Preceptor in the North of London, took place at Highgate Cemetery on Saturday last.

To show the extraordinary prices buyers are willing to give for champagne it may be stated that at the Earl of Clarendon's sale on Monday, the 2nd inst., Pommery '74 realized from 140s. to 148s., and at a sale at Christie's, on the 9th inst., the same wine was sold for 150s. per dozen.

There are 5413 Royal Arch Masons in Iowa. Pennsylvania has 10,000, and Ohio 10,085.

The restoration of the Salutation, in Newgate-street, is now completed, and Bro. Liebmann is ready to entertain lodges and chapters.

The costly and massive furniture and appointments manufactured by Bro. George Kenning for the new Masonic Hall, Sydney, New South Wales, are now on view at his show rooms, 1, 2, 3, 4, Little Britain, 195, 196, and 197, Aldersgate-street, City.

The will of the late General Sir George Buller, G.C.B., Col.-Commandant of the Rifle Brigade, has been proved by Lord Poltimore, Sir Evelyn Baring, K.C.S.I., and Henry Paulson Bowling, the executors, the value of the personal estate exceeding £81,000.

Welbeck Abbey, the seat of Bro. the Duke of Portland, is described in an article on "Forestry" which appeared in a recent number of *Public Opinion*, as "the chef d'œuvre of human eccentricity, a palace as labyrinthine as Mount Ida, a gorgeous specimen of perverted ingenuity as perplexing as it is astonishing."

Mons Trewey, the celebrated Jongleur Equilibriste, who has been performing with great success in Paris and throughout the continent, being about to visit London, has been specially engaged by the directors of the Alhambra Theatre for a short season, and will make his first appearance at this theatre, to-morrow (Saturday).

The Grand Master of Georgia recently decided that "it is exceedingly improper and un-Masonic in a subordinate lodge to have or suffer to be had among its refreshments any kind of intoxicating drinks, malt or spirituous."

The Grand Master of Maryland is opposed to mixed funerals, and gives it as his opinion that it is simply nauseating to see the ceremonies of three or four different societies over one grave. He thinks one is enough to bury a man.

Circulars have been sent out from the office of Grand Mark Lodge inviting subscriptions to the fund being raised for the widow and family of the late Bro. Dewar, Asst. G. Sec. Grand Mark Lodge has voted £50 to the fund, and some other sums have also been subscribed. The subscriptions are not to exceed a guinea each; and it is hoped that in this way some £800 will be raised.

On the 1st August, Mr. F. Pitman, of 20 and 21, Paternoster-row, E.C., will publish a new work entitled "The Musical Artists' (Literary and Musical), Lecturers' and Entertainers' Guide, and Entrepreneurs' Directory," under the patronage of Sir G. A. Macfarren. This Directory will be of the greatest value to artists, concert parties, musical societies, institutes and concert givers, as it will contain more general information than any other work yet published.

The Grand Complimentary Benefit announced for Bro. Charles Du Val, on the 19th inst., will be postponed to the 4th and 5th July, when it will take the form of a morning and evening Musical and Dramatic Fête at St. George's Hall. Bro. Du Val brought his present season at St. James's Hall to a close last week, after a series of close on 450 representations. Bro. Du Val, acting on the advice of Dr. Morell Mackenzie will take a rest before commencing his autumn season.

The readers of the *Freemason* requiring Carriages, Broughams, Landaus, Stanhope Phaetons, Wagonettes, or Dogcarts, may with prudence and advantage inspect the ample variety exhibited in the Show Rooms of Mr. Hart, 79, New Bond-street, W. This well-known firm aims at the production of carriages that run lightly, with luxurious seats for resting ladies and invalids, and may specially be recommended as builders of carriages, &c., for ladies' use. These features are well exhibited in their Stanhope Phaetons, or Wagonettes, so suitable for Summer Country Drives. The Patent Thama Stanhope Phaeton is so designed that ladies gain access without danger or derangement of dress. Ascent and descent are easy and comfortable, and the carriage is convertible at will into a phaeton or a wagonette. The materials and workmanship may be relied upon. It is in this combination of novelty, comfort, elegance, soundness, and construction that this firm has made such rapid strides in the public favour, and we have pleasure in directing the attention of the readers of the *Freemason* to the possible advantages of a visit to 79, New Bond-st. We may add that the various designs and carriages of the firm are well-known in the upper circles of Colonial life, and are especially recognised by the nobility and ambassadors at home.