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THE official circular from the Mark Grand Lodge, which was published last week, comes in, as it seems to us, very opportunely to demonstrate, if need be, the "bona fides" of that body, and the utter untenableness of the position of the Quebec Grand Chapter. We quite concur with the propositions therein laid down, and the conclusions therein come to. It has been evident to us from the first where "the shoe pinched," and as each successive step was taken by the Quebec Grand Chapter, it was clear to us how badly advised it was, and how it must inevitably "come to grief." And as it has been, so it is. The Quebec Grand Chapter enjoys the unenviable notoriety of being proved to be illegal by the laws of the land, in the express terms of an enactment passed even "ad hoc;" and until it is legalized by the legislature of the land, it is practically an illegal secret society, against which all loyal Freemasons must be warned, and none of whose meetings loyal Freemasons can attend. In the Masonic bodies of the United States it is we note gradually dawning over many clear Masonic minds that they have been in far too great a hurry to recognize the acts and the outcome of the Quebec movement. If there is one "point" to which American Freemasons adhere, it is "legality," which has been the basis of all their own foundation, the unvarying accompaniment of their progress, and their onward growth and enlargement. Without legality the whole American Masonic structure crumbles away. American Freemasonry is not without its opponents, though happily, they are at present alike weak and contemptible, in that their origin is cruel mendacity, and their "output" debased fanaticism; but it would become a serious fact to "score" against the American Freemasons by irreconcilable and watchful foes, if it could be alleged, that they could dispense with legality, and claimed a sort of "dispensing power" over and in respect of the laws of the land. When once the American Masonic bodies realize what this struggle really means, they must, if true to their own principles, admit both the legal position of the English lodges and chapters in Quebec, and the illegal status of the Quebec jurisdiction. That illegality must be "healed" before it can claim, legally or Masonically, jurisdiction over any brother or companion; and our advice to our Quebec brethren will also be endorsed by all American brethren, "Go and get legalized and then come and talk to us." It seems to us that the Mark Grand Lodge has shown a very sound and considerate mind in the matter, by limiting the acceptance by its lodges of the Mark grade of English Freemasons alone, who do not fall into the Quebec or American system of the R.A. especially, and prefer the simpler and to us more reasonable system in use at home. After all, the whole question is a very trumpery one, and never would have become what it is, except for the meddling interference of some irresponsible mischief-makers, who have fanned up a flame of artificial and childish excitement, which we recommend our Quebec brethren to try and put out as soon as possible themselves, in any way which may seem best suited to the circumstances of the case.

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THERE are "Freemasons and Freemasons;" there are, as in the Army, the "go aheads" and the "come alongs;" there are those who trade on Freemasonry, who care nothing for its principles or its practice, except in as far as it benefits them, and who laugh at earnestness, depreciate work, and sneer at enthusiasm. There are those, on the other hand, who really believe in what Freemasonry teaches, and are never so happy or so well pleased as when illustrating its beneficent principles, or taking part in its graceful ceremonies, or aiding its humanizing and civilizing efforts. It seems to us,—we may be wrong,—that we are in great danger just now of forgetting that Freemasonry is not intended to appeal

to us by what it materially is to us, what it gives, what it promises, what it obtains; but that we are ourselves to make its principles beneficial to us in our various walks of life, by realizing and making our own in all their intensity, effect, and value, its kindly and unfailing message of brotherly consideration and goodwill, sympathetic humanity, toleration, mercy, pitifulness, and love of one another. There is just now a tendency to forget all these things in the hardening routine and customs of work and sociality until we come to rest in these things, and only to value our lodges for them, their customary routine, and the like, forgetting that all these things are the veil, the shadow, the type, after all, and that "within" we are meant to seek the higher and elevating lessons of Freemasonry in the intellectuality, the refinement,—those great virtues of morality,—which alone render Freemasonry a living power in the world, and without which its titles and its rank, its decorations and degrees, its posts of honour, and its episodes of splendour are verily to us "Nehushtan," and nothing more.

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IN English Freemasonry we have to record week by week the passing away of some old friend, the loss of some faithful brother. It is very sad often this breaking up of old associations and long lasting ties. The lodge and chapter where we have met so often in health and happiness, in pleasantness and peace, knows us no more, and others take up our work, others fill our places, others hand on to another generation the teachings we clung to and believed in, the sympathies we evoked and cherished. But such is the law of life and nature and the world. Ever living, ever changing, and yet ever moving on. Nature is ceaselessly witnessing to us that we are but creatures of a day, children of the dust, and offering us that best of all lessons to moralize over and call to mind, as the poet has said, and said so beautifully,

"Art is long and time is fleeting,  
And our hearts, though stout and brave,  
Still like muffled drums are beating,  
Funeral marches to the grave."

We have lost recently several worthy brethren, good workers, kind friends; let us not too easily forget them. Week by week we record the passing away of some familiar face, and some valued frater of our Order, and let us never be ashamed to express our brotherly and earnest regrets for the premature loss of a familiar friend, or a much respected companion, whose loss may in some cases be irreparable, humanly speaking. One of the great charms of Freemasonry is the personal and fraternal interest it calls out, and the long fast friendships it cements, and when next we meet in lodge after our summer rest, we may well allow the full feelings of kindest sorrow for the loss of a much missed member to have their fitting effect and full force upon us all. We do not believe in the affected stoicism of some; for we may be well assured that it is almost invariably the outcome of a shallow mind, or a cynical scepticism. In Freemasonry we should always seek to keep our minds and hearts true, sympathetic, and impressed.

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THE members of the Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, celebrated on Wednesday the renovation of their beautiful hall, and had a most successful and happy gathering. Few lodge rooms can compare with that of the Philanthropic Lodge in artistic adornment and Masonic array, and never does it look so well, even in its graceful proportions as when filled with earnest workers and warm hearts. We congratulate the W.M. and brethren on this successful assembly, and trust that as in the past so in the future the pathway of the Philanthropic Lodge will ever be marked by its habitual and zealous adherence to the beneficent tenets and elevating principles of English Freemasonry.

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TO show the great interest which attaches to our Masonic investigations to-day, Bro. GOULD has raised the important and ingenious question whether Bro. WARBURTON, the well-known writer of the "Divine Legation," &c., was not the author of the "Defence of Masonry," and not ANDERSON. If any of our readers has a copy of the original pamphlet, which it is assumed exists, and could produce it, it would help us and all students in a most important discussion.

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WE alluded some time since to two little contemporary Masonic amiabilities, namely using our humble leaderettes as original communications in other journals without acknowledgment, and of crediting us with articles which we never wrote at all. The Philadelphia *Keystone* of September 13th amusingly records a kindly plagiarism on the part of an American journal in the following sly words: "The Teaching of the Craft Touching the Hereafter" looks amazingly well as an original article in the September issue of the *Texas Freemason*, but it isn't, all the same. Verb. sat."

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., in the Literary Institute, Altrincham. It is about 11 years since the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire held its meeting in this town, and it is equally safe to assert that the meeting of Thursday was even still more successful. The inviting lodge, Stamford, No. 1045 (Bro. S. Sturmer, W.M.), had done all in its power to accord a hearty reception to the Prov. Grand Lodge and the visiting brethren. For some time past a Committee of the lodge had been hard at work, and the arrangements were as complete as possible, but for some reason or other there was not the same concerted action on the part of the inhabitants, and therefore there was not the display of bunting which we have seen in some of the towns visited by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire. As it was, however, there was a fair display of flags from the shop windows of the principal tradesmen, and the procession through the streets in the course of the afternoon was witnessed by a large number of people, and the beautiful regalia worn by the brethren was much admired. As the time approached for the Prov. Grand Lodge to be opened, it was evident by the number of brethren who came pouring in that a successful meeting could be anticipated, and the result prove the anticipation correct, as over 400 were present. In consequence of the continued indisposition of the R.W.P.G.M., Lord De Tabley, the meeting was presided over by his Deputy, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, who was supported by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, Past Grand Chap., and a large number of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers.

The Prov. Grand Master was supported by the following brethren :

Bros. Richard Newhouse, P.P.G.A.D.C., 1045; R. Holgate Brown, P.G. Chap., 1408; James M. Lockwood, Prov. P.G. Supt. of Works, 423; Joseph Leech, P.G.T. East Lanc., 300 and 177; John Beresford, P.P.G.S.D., 104; William Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.D., 941; Richard Wood, P.P.G.J.D., 267; Thomas Lockitt, P.P.G.S.D., 295; Llewellyn Makin, P.P.G.J.D., 368; John Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B., 321; Robert Thatcher Bowden, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, 321; Edward Rawson, P.P.G.C., 941; R. Hodgson, P.P.G.C., 1045; Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, P.G. Chap., 321; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec., 293; William Harrison, P.P.G.S.D., 104; John Wakefield, P.G.S., 287; F. G. Skidmore, P.P.G.S.B., 428; J. Newell, P.P.G.S., 428; W. Goodacre, Prov. G. Reg. W. Lanc., 321; W. Greatorex, P.P.G.P., 287; G. T. Joynson, P.P.G.S., 428; Samuel Marsden, P.G.S., 324; William Dyson, P.G.S., 324; William C. Fleming, P.M. 322, 1957, P.G. Tyler; Robert Hunter, P.M. 1088, P.G.S.D.; Edmund Johnson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Wm. Booth, P.G.A.D.C.; Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C.; John Clayton, P.P.G.S.D.; James Andrew, P.G.D.C. W. Lanc.; Eustace G. Parke, P.M. 1565, 1041, and 941, P.P.G.P.; Henry Holbrook, P.M. 605, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Cheshire, D.D.G.M. for British Columbia; Thomas Chesworth, P.P.G.S.D.; Joseph Roberts, P.M., D.C., and Sec. 324, P.G.S.B.; Jas. Salmon, P.M. 425, P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas Wainwright, P.P.G.S.D., 324; R. Baker, P.P.G.D.C., 1045; John Roberts, P.M. 204, P.G.D.C. E. Lanc.; John Siddeley, P.M. 1045, P.P.G.A.D.C.; George Barlow, P.P.G.O., P.M. 533; Thomas Marwood, P.P.G.J.W.; Thomas Bowers, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Buckley Deakin, P.G.J.W.; G. Wagstaff, P.G.S.; Mark Billinge, P.M. and Sec. 1166; John Roberts, W.M. 361; S. W. Wilkinson, P.M. 322, P.P.G.S.D. Cheshire; Thos. Smith, P.M. 1126, P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire; George F. East, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C. E. Lanc.; J. E. Seward, P.M. 336, P.G.J.D.; W. J. Bates, P.G.J.D., 267; Henry Crosby, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1588; John Smith, P.G.W.L.S., P.M. 1088; T. D. Simcock, P.P.G.S.B.; Fredk. W. Stevenson, P.P.G.S., P.M. 537; Samuel Jew, P.P.G. Treas.; Deum Pale, 105 and 1847; C. J. Howard, P.G.J.W.; James Holmes, P.P.G.D. E. Lanc.; F. A. Dickson, P.P.G.J.W.; Emos Andrew, P.G. Org., 324; George Burrows, P.P.G.J.D., 430; H. Longman, P.P.G.W. W. Lanc.; Walter Newton, P.P.G.J.D. E. Lanc.; J. H. Belyse, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), and others.

Soon after 12.30 the Acting R.W. Prov. Grand Master entered, preceded by a long array of brethren wearing the purple, and heralded by the Bros. Thos. and Geo. Batley, who played a fanfare on their silver cornets. After the usual formalities, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the roll of officers and lodges holden in the province called over by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. H. GRIFFITHS. The responses to the latter call showed every lodge represented but one, and 387 brethren present, exclusive of visitors.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Stalybridge were read and confirmed, after which

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER rose and, addressing the brethren, said it now became his duty to lay before them a few facts regarding the progress of Masonry in the province during the last 12 months. They had heard in the report of the last meeting the letter of their revered Prov. Grand Master read, and he knew that he (Lord De Tabley) was animated by the same feelings now of regret that he was unable to be present that day. He was sure they would be glad to hear that, although his physical strength was unequal to the duties of presiding over them that day, he was now in the enjoyment of pretty good health, and he was able to appreciate and take an interest in the work of Masonry just as much as he ever did. (Applause.) Under those circumstances, they would agree with him that it would be of the greatest importance to the brethren from that province that he should give them as long as he could the benefit of his wise and experienced rule. (Applause.) Passing from that, he must now congratulate the brethren upon their attendance that day. Although he believed all the lodges, except one, were represented, yet in the aggregate the number was considerably larger than at Stalybridge last year. (Applause.) And, although fewer lodges had been consecrated in the province during the past year, he thought the attendance there that day showed that the interest in Masonry was as great as it was this time last year, if not greater, and he was glad that some further progress had been made by two lodges in removing their places of meeting from hotels to adjacent premises. (Applause.) That was carrying out a course he suggested last year, and it was desirable wherever possible. In regard to the loss the province had sustained during the past year, he could but refer to the late Dr. Beales, who was well known as an active member of Provincial Grand Lodge, and one who took great interest in its proceedings. They had also to regret the loss of another very earnest and excellent Mason, viz., Bro. Capt. Bennett, who was always most punctual in his attendance, and took the greatest possible interest in Masonry. Beyond that, the Masons of Cheshire had to regret the loss of, he believed, the oldest Mason in England, Bro. Chetham, who died at Stockport, at the great age of 98, and the brethren marked their sense of his worth and character as a Mason by attending his funeral in very large numbers. Masonry had sustained, and they in common with other provinces, a very great loss in the death of one whom all the nation mourned, viz., the Duke of Albany. They, in common with other Masons throughout England, had taken part in moving addresses of condolence on the death of one who showed such great promise and ability, in conjunction with the rest of his brothers in the Royal Family. In regard to the Masonic Charities he was able to give a most satisfactory and flourishing account. (Applause.) The funds raised had been out of all proportion to the increase in their numbers, and as they had not increased in the number of their lodges, this showed increased vitality in their Masonic

work. A few figures in addition to this general statement might be of interest. Cheshire received a sum equivalent to £918, nearly £1000, for the education of six boys, six girls, and the support of seven aged men and four widows, and they had still a balance of votes owing to Cheshire; besides that, in 1883, its children were educated at a cost of £196, and in 1884 six additional children, in all 31, at a cost of £212, and their sum invested had increased to £4695. (Applause.) He believed these charities had been supported generally by the large majority of lodges in the province, and if he was rightly informed there were only six that had made no return. There was one point which not only affected that province, but Masons at large, viz., the attack which had been made upon Masonry in general, which he had no doubt they had seen in the public prints, from a very leading quarter abroad. (Applause.) He did not think it necessary to go into that question at the present time, but merely to allude to the very admirable and conclusive way in which that attack had been answered by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. (Applause.) In this country at least it was entirely unnecessary to mention that Masonry was not opposed to any of the powers that be, either in religion or good moral work, but abroad there might be Masons, wrongly so called, to whom this might not apply. In this country Masons were open to no such imputations as were thrown out about them. (Applause.) Masons, as they all knew, were most loyal to their Queen and country, and to the powers that be in Church and State put over them. He had thought it necessary to make these remarks, although it was not usual generally at a Masonic meeting to refer to public matters or politics outside; but an exception could well be made in the case in question. In conclusion his lordship said he trusted the province might long enjoy the wise rule of their reverend P.G.M., Lord De Tabley. He was sure it would do his heart good to hear of that very successful meeting, and he was likewise sure that it would be a great pleasure for him (Lord Egerton) to report to Lord De Tabley how warmly the mention of his name had been received and how enthusiastic the brethren had been on that occasion. (Applause.)

The P.G. SECRETARY here announced that he had received a few lines from Lord De Tabley which he would read to the brethren, as follows: "Pray say everything for me to the brethren. My heart is willing, as I trust they all know well. I pray that the G.A.O.T.U. may properly direct and guide their conduct."

The P.G. Treasurer, Bro. PETER WADSWORTH, here presented a summary of his accounts. At the commencement of last year the fees to Prov. Grand Lodge amounted to £545 16s. 7d.; Fund of Benevolence, £845 2s. 2d.; and to Cheshire Educational Institution, £15 15s. This last twelve months the amounts were: Fees to Prov. Grand Lodge, £691 7s. 7d.; Fund of Benevolence, £990 7s. 11d.; Educational Institution, £347. Expenditure during the last year had been. On account of Prov. Grand Lodge, £161 12s.; Fund of Benevolence, £295 3s. 9d.; and Cheshire Educational Institution, £27 7s.; leaving a balance in favour of the province: Prov. Grand Lodge, £529 15s. 7d.; Fund of Benevolence, £695 4s. 2d.; and Educational Institution, £7.

The Auditors commented upon the correctness of the P.G. Treasurer's account, and they were duly passed. Bros. Herbert Finch, Platts, and Salmon were appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Bro. SLADE, P.M. 267, seconded by Bro. J. H. BROOKS, P.M. 295, Bro. Peter Wadsworth was re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months.

The appointment and investiture of officers then took place, and resulted as follows:

Bro. T. Marwood, P.M. 537 ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Lieut.-Col. F. B. Staples, P.M. 321 ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., P.M. 1045 ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. Lockwood, M.A., S.W. 758 ...	...	Prov. G.A. Chap.
" Peter Wadsworth, P.M. 249 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Cullimore, P.M. 321 (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. H. Griffiths, P.M. 293 (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. C. Robinson, P.M. 425 ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" John Ambler, P.M. 1045 ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" G. Fearn, W.M. 323 ...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" F. Thompson, P.M. 477 ...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Hamilton, P.M. 1045 ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Herbert Finch, P.M. 104 (re-appointed) ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Wm. Booth, P.M. 104 ...	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.
" W. H. Dutton, P.M. 1166 ...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" E. J. Bradbury, P.M. 1357 ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" R. H. Swindlehurst, P.M. 320 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" F. A. Walker-Jones, I.G. 321 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" A. Griffiths, S.W. 1357 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Thompson, P.M. 1045 ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Thos. Daine, 1045 ...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Allcock, 1045 ...	...	
" J. Sumner, 1045 ...	...	
" David Kinsey, 1045 ...	...	
" J. Drinkwater, 1045 ...	...	
" G. F. Smith, 1045 ...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. C. Fleming, P.M. 322 (re-appointed) ...	...	

The W.M. of the Stamford Lodge, 1045, Bro. STURMER, here rose and, addressing the Acting R.W. Prov. Grand Master, said that, being deeply sensible of the very great honour conferred by the Provincial Grand Lodge in selecting Altrincham as the place of their meeting this year, and being anxious in some manner to testify their acknowledgments of that honour, he had, in the name of the Stamford Lodge, to beg the W. Dep. Prov. G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers to accept two processional Wardens' columns. Long might the brethren assembled in that lodge be enabled to follow in their footsteps. He most sincerely assured the W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master and the Provincial Officers that by their kindly acceptance of that gift—simple though it was, but given with true Masonic feeling—every brother of the Stamford Lodge would feel that they had conferred upon him still another honour, and that they had each incurred another debt of gratitude to them. (Applause.)

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge, thanked Bro. Sturmer and the brethren of the Stamford Lodge for their handsome gift, and said it would be a lasting memorial of the visit of Provincial Grand Lodge to Altrincham, and an inducement to again visit a town where they had been so courteously and gratefully received. He trusted the columns might long be handed down to Provincial Grand Lodge as a mark of the Masonic spirit of the brethren in Altrincham. (Applause.)

The columns were made of ebony, and were much admired. They have

real ivory globes on the top of a silver shield, neatly fixed on each with a suitable inscription. Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, was the manufacturer.

Bro. T. MARWOOD, P.G.S.W., next rose, and in the names of the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers presented Prov. Grand Lodge with a very handsome silver consecration service. In doing so, Bro. Marwood said that the greatest praise was due to Bro. Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C., for his zeal and labour in organising and making this projected presentation "un fait accompli." The want of such a service had long been felt in the province, and, therefore, he (Bro. Marwood) in the name of the Provincial Grand Officers felt additional pleasure in making the presentation. He would just observe that the members of Prov. Grand Chapter had also subscribed towards the cost of the service, which he trusted might be at their disposal when required. Bro. Marwood said it was the fervent wish of all the subscribers that future Prov. Grand Officers might for many generations use the consecration service, and that it might become curious from its very antiquity in promoting the interests of Freemasonry, and he might also add to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. (Applause.)

On the motion of the W.M. of the oldest lodge in the province, Unanimity, No. 89, seconded by the W.M. of the youngest lodge, Grove, No. 1957, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the generous donors.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER also proposed a vote of thanks to the Prov. Grand Officers, and ordered the same to be entered on the minutes.

As it might be interesting to some of our readers to learn a description of the consecration vessels, we herewith append the same:

The service consists of four vessels of sterling silver, for the consecrating elements—corn, wine, oil, and salt. Masonic custom varies as to the use of salt for a consecrating element, but it is not to be wondered at that it obtains in the Province of Cheshire, the county of the *Wyches*, or salt springs, a degree of importance. The style of art is pure Greek, each vessel being supported on a triangular base or plinth, at the several angles of which are the Masonic cherubims with outstretched wings. The cornucopia (conventionally treated) is richly gilt, the corresponding vessel being for salt. The two vases for wine and oil are appropriately engraved with the wine and olive leaf. The art work is of a high-class order of merit, the modelling and chasing of the figures being particularly good. A very handsome crucible and incense boat, in electro-plate, and suitably engraved with Masonic emblems, complete the service.

After a vote of thanks had been proposed by the Rev. C. W. SPENCER-STANHOPE to Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson, for his kindness in granting the use of St. Margaret's Church to the brethren to hold a Masonic service in, and the ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER had announced that, by the wish of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Birkenhead, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form at three o'clock.

A long procession of the brethren, ably marshalled by Bro. Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C., afterwards proceeded to St. Margaret's Church, where a short service was held, and a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Lockwood, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. After the sermon a collection was made on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence and the Altrincham Hospital.

The day's programme concluded with a banquet in the Town Hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

The busy season of the Masonic year is now getting into full swing, and most of the provincial organisations are holding their annual communications. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham met on Monday in the new and commodious building lately erected by the Freemasons in Wellington-street, Stockton-on-Tees, when there was a considerable attendance of brethren from various parts of those two counties. At four o'clock p.m. the Board of General Purposes assembled and transacted the technical business, and at 4.30 the Rev. H. B. Tristram, Canon of Durham, the Prov. G.M.M.M., entered in procession, attended by his officers, and opened his lodge. The chairs were occupied as follows: Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.; R. B. Reed, S.W.; F. Maddison, J.W.; R. A. Luck, M.O.; T. Walton, S.O.; R. L. Armstrong, J.O.; Rev. T. B. Nicholls, Chap.; W. E. Franklin, Treas.; H. Baumann, Reg. of Marks; D. Sinclair, Sec.; T. M. Watson, S.D.; R. G. Salmon, J.D.; A. S. Fowler, D.C.; J. Usher, Inspector of Works; J. F. Seward, Org.; J. C. Martin, Std. Br.; R. Kimmond, Swd. Br.; J. Brown, I.G.; J. Rose and A. Islay, Stwds.

The minutes having been read and the roll called, the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read replies to the addresses of condolence passed on the death of the Duke of Albany, and the report of the General Purposes Board was read. This showed that there were nine Mark lodges in the province, with a total of 291 members. Ten guineas were voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and it was mentioned that this province had given more consistent support to the fund than any other on the roll, and the Provincial Grand Master spoke in warm terms of the scheme adopted of home education as being both cheaper and better than the enlargement of expensive institutions.

The various Masters of lodges made their reports, after which Bro. W. E. Franklin, of Newcastle, was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The officers for the year were then appointed as follows:

Bro. T. Y. Strachan	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" C. S. Lane, 39	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" R. A. Luck, 250	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
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" Rev. E. L. Marrett, 135	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. Thompson, W.M. 192	...	...	Prov. R. of M.
" D. Sinclair, 293	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Robertson, W.M. 135	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. Hunter, 39	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" M. Corbett, W.M. 293	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" A. S. Fowler, 122	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. F. Stewart, 122	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Hudson, 124	...	...	Prov. G. Sd. Br.
" J. S. B. Bell, N. and B.T. 1	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. J. Johnson, 39	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Atkinson, 29	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the officers, pointing out to them the duties expected of them. The elections of Committees having been completed the Prov. Grand Master said that the meeting next year would be held at Alnwick, at the invitation of the Hotspur Lodge.

Provincial Grand Lodge was thereafter closed, and the brethren and their visitors assembled in the Banqueting Hall, where they sat down under the presidency of Canon Tristram to an excellent repast. Amongst the brethren and visitors present were Bros. E. G. Walthew, 262, Canterbury; T. B. Whythead, Prov. G. Sec. of North and East Yorkshire, &c.; and amongst the brethren of the province were Bros. J. C. Moor, 124; J. M. Meek, 250; J. H. Hart, 122; J. G. Smith, 293; M. Frampton, 124; J. T. Harrison, 293; M. Knowles, 122; T. J. Johnson, 39; J. Stonehouse, 39; J. F. Wilson, 39; J. Hunter, 39; W. Brandt, 127; C. D. H. Drury, 250; J. C. Martin, 250; G. Carter, 39; and a large number whose names we were unable to procure.

### TENEBRÆ E TENEBRIS.—No. II.

It is sometimes said by those whose study of the whole question has been limited, and therefore necessarily superficial to some extent, that writers on ritual are inconsistent and uncertain in their opinions on the degrees, and therefore, at the best, unsafe guides to follow or trust in. But those who thus speak have surely never gauged rightly the depth of the matter. Such writers are only hesitating, and reticent, and cautious, because all actual evidence fails them. It is easy to construct a system on our after knowledge, or after supposition of what and how things ought to be, and proclaim all who disagree with us dunces and blockheads; but the difficulty lies in this,—that without evidence at all so far, of any exact tendency, we are seeking in 1884 to say what was in 1720. And here is our Crux. We have no evidence. All ritual evidence is late eighteenth century; and though it is alleged, as I understand his words, by Bro. Robbins that a MS. exists of 1723 in America (unless indeed he is alluding to the "Grand Mystery," &c.), I should like to see it.

All the evidences being late, it would be important if in 1813 we had any evidence of what really took place when the two bodies were happily united, what their divergencies were, what their agreements. But here again we are disappointed. The members of the Lodge of Reconciliation have, we understand, left no traces of their work, like those scrupulous or unscrupulous brethren of old immortalized by Preston. Therefore in this haze and uncertainty it becomes us all to speak with becoming moderation and hesitation. Dogmatism and infallibility can find no "locus standi" here; we can only approach the subject with the modesty of students and the docility of learners.

That in 1720 three degrees like ours existed, is absolutely clear from the very verbiage of Payne's Regulations. That lodges before 1725 were giving the Master's Degree, *with or without dispensation*, is also, I think, as certain. And, if so, such an admission must carry us back before 1717. We may therefore reject at once and for ever the theory that Payne, Desaguliers, and Co. invented the Second and Third Degrees, and we may well believe "per contra" that in 1717 the system adopted by the revived Grand Lodge was an older system,—simple, if you like; limited, if you will; confused and disorganized, may be, and therefore methodized, extended, developed by Payne and others. I think this is shown us, though I have to speak cautiously here, by our present ritual system. It clearly contains an *older* "stone" in a *new* "setting." Since 1717 it has undergone, no doubt, several changes; but many archaisms linger to certify of a period and terminology long, long before 1717.

I must again point out that we arguing mainly as to English Customs from Scottish ones. With the exception of the Charges, no connection that I am aware of has been proved to exist between the Scottish and English lodge system, and as, when Desaguliers went to Edinburgh, he found clearly, as "minuted," an existing system of some kind, the presumption certainly is, that in ritual work the main and essential conditions of agreement existed, which fact, if true, utterly upset the Desaguliers theory of ritual manipulation and formation, of any rate, as far as Scotland is concerned. As it seems to me we are just now falling into the faults of good old Oliver, dogmatizing and laying down the law on imperfect data, and on unaccredited facts, I am glad to be permitted, as a very old Masonic student, here to raise a protest and offer a warning. I might prolong this paper to an almost unlimited extent; but, having some feeling for my readers, I forbear, and still only add a few words.

It would, no doubt, be possible to construct a system, based on our after knowledge both of what has been, and what is now, to represent what was in our idea, of what ought to have and must have been in 1717. But as I for one do not believe in writing Masonic or any other history in that way, I prefer to keep close to the simple results of ascertained facts and lawful induction. And therefore I repeat, it is almost impossible in our present state of knowledge and light; to offer any certain theory of the gradal system in vogue in 1717. It is an arbitrary exercise of judgment which declares either the monograde or bi-gradal theory to be absolutely correct, and by far the safest course and soundest, especially on the legitimate grounds of historical and expert criticism, is not to pronounce decidedly on so vexed a question, but to leave it "open," with the full right and effect of individual opinion thereanent.

It may be that the true explanation of all our seeming difficulties will be eventually found to be this, that the ceremonies in use in 1717 were very short and simple, that by the law of accretion they have been added to almost imperceptibly as time ran on, from contemporaneous forms, and synchronous authorities; and that there has been an almost necessary elaboration of simpler "formulæ," which preserved the essence, the substance, and the germ of what has been gradually developed, carefully methodized, and paraphrastically expanded. My readers will note the difference of the views,—the one tending to existence and development, the other to absolutely new creation, formation, &c. Critically, "though I say it, as ought not," perhaps,—I have no doubt which view experts will eventually adopt.

A. F. A. W.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1884.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The very unfair tone you have chosen to take in reference to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, as shown in your leaderettes of the 21st and 28th of June, can only be excused upon the plea of your being unacquainted with the actual facts of the case; but, however, as long before this reaches you you will be placed in possession of the fullest information with regard to what you term a "factitious movement" proceeding from a "small body of agitators," doubtless you will make the "amende honorable."

Your statement, "on the very best authority" (sic) "that a number averaging about a dozen in each lodge are faithful to the Grand Lodge of England," is absolutely untrue—that is, if being faithful to the Grand Lodge of England means being opposed to the Grand Lodge of Australia. The statement also that a minority in each lodge had declined to join is untrue. Only 14 members altogether of the English Constitution declined to join, and these 14 are from nine lodges. Some of these have since repented, and are now working under the South Australian Constitution.

The Grand Lodge has now been established four months, and all the lodges have met, at least, four times since, convened by summonses under the Grand Lodge of Aus-

tralia, forwarded to every member, and yet no protest or complaint has been made by any member. An attempt was made by two ex-members of one of the city lodges to resuscitate it under the English Constitution; but, although making most strenuous efforts, they failed to gain the assistance of even a third. One of these brothers has since become one of the founders of a new lodge under the South Australian Constitution. If it is possible for any of the English lodges to find a sufficient number of members to continue to hold their meetings, and they are desirous of so doing, there will be no obstacle placed in their way; in fact, a resolution was passed at the first meeting of Grand Lodge to the effect that should any lodges choose to continue to hold under their parent Constitutions, fraternal recognition and acknowledgment should be accorded to them. Having acted throughout all these proceedings in a straightforward, honourable, and Masonic manner, we do feel somewhat aggrieved that you, in your zeal for the cause of English Masonry, should (we trust unwittingly) do the South Australian Masons so much injustice. To call ninety-nine hundredths of a community a factitious and small body of agitators is scarcely worthy of the honourable position you hold as one of the principal leaders of thought and action in the Masonic world; if anything further were required to assure us of the wisdom of claiming for ourselves perfect autonomy it is the persistent manner in which we are misunderstood and misrepresented in the old country. Trusting that you will see your way to do us at least tardy justice—I am, dear sir and brother, fraternally yours,

JAS. H. CUNNINGHAM, Grand Sec.  
Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Adelaide, August 14th.

**HUGHAN'S ORIGIN OF THE ENGLISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At page 112 of this very able and interesting work the author states that the warrant of the Garden of Eden Chapter—which he prints on page 111—is the oldest document of the kind he knows of. Permit me to inform him, as well as his readers, that there are two other warrants now in existence, dated the same day, i.e., 12th May, 1709, viz., the Cana Chapter, Colne, and Nativity Chapter, Burnley. These three Lancashire warrants were evidently issued simultaneously, as they all bear the same signatures.—Yours fraternally,

J. H. SILLITOE,  
P.G.J. East Lancashire.

**THE SURVIVORS OF THE MIGNONETTE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A communication has reached me stating that two of the survivors of the yacht Mignonette are brethren. I have seen and tested one—Stephens—and I find that all are poor and penniless. Cannot we, as a body, succour our afflicted brothers in this time of dire distress? I shall be very pleased to become the medium of such a charity, and trust that through these columns a sufficient amount may be subscribed to once more place our distressed brethren in, at least, the same position as when they left England.—I remain, yours fraternally,

G. T. OLVER, Sec. No. 75.

Falmouth, September 18th.  
[Until the trial has taken place, is not this appeal a little premature?—Ed. F.M.]

**WAS SHAKESPEARE A MASON?**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can you inform me if William Shakespeare was a Mason? I have a very old iron seal with the bust of Shakespeare and Masonic emblems on the reverse. I have thought it might have originally been made for a Shakespeare Lodge, but finding only one, 284, founded in 1702. It could not have belonged to that, as the seal must be more than 50 years older. I send you a rubbing and impression of the seal, and if you can form an idea what the seal was made for you will oblige.—yours fraternally,

Worcester, LAMB SMITH, P.M. 280,  
Sept. 20th, 1884. P.P.G.D.

P.S.—This seal with others should have been in the exhibition, but at first it was my intention only to send 12 articles, until the exhibition began to grow beyond expectation.

**PROPOSED "MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION."**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly allow me to ventilate in your columns a matter which has for some time been in my thoughts?

It has occurred to me that more co-operation in Masonic research would be desirable, in order to save young students like myself the useless labour of travelling over ground already explored by others, and in order to place on record in some convenient and easily accessible form the results already obtained in the various departments of Masonic inquiry.

Almost every other branch of knowledge has its "Association" or "Society," specially intended to promote this object. Has not the time now come, when a keener interest is every day being manifested in Masonic antiquity, for us Masons to form some such body?

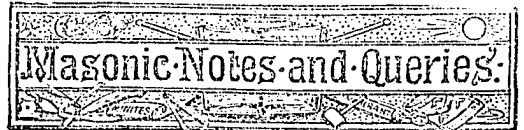
I hope no one will for one moment imagine that I undervalue the precious work already done by that band of devoted inquirers whose names are so familiar to us all, or that I am proposing to interfere with them in the prosecution of their researches. But I do think that there are a number of minor points in the history of Freemasonry which might be elucidated by the combined efforts of a "Masonic Archæological Association," and that its formation would be a great help and encouragement to the younger generation of students.

What I would venture, therefore, to suggest, is that such an association should be formed, to hold meetings twice a year at different places, when papers might be read, discussed, and afterwards printed. By this means each member would be encouraged to undertake the investigation of some point, and by the publication of the proceedings each inquirer might easily ascertain what had been done before to elucidate the particular question which has aroused his interest.

The working expenses of such an association need not be

large; but my object is now to invite expressions of opinion from you, Sir, and from others of similar experience in Masonic inquiry, as to the feasibility of my scheme, rather than to go into its details.—Yours fraternally,

E. L. HAWKINS, P.M. 357 and 478,  
P.P.G. Warden Oxon, Prov. G. Sec. Oxon.



**BISHOP Warburton.**

Can no one give us the information, previously asked for, whether Bishop Warburton, and the Herald Warburton, and the Prov. G.M. of Cheshire, Hugh Warburton, were in any way connected by relationship? DRYASDUST.

**THE CHEVALIER RAMSAY.**

In answer to an appeal made to me in the article of last week on Hughan's "English Rite of Freemasonry," I forward the following extract from the "Catalogue of Oxford Graduates":—"Ramsay (Andrew Michael, Knight of the Order of St. Lazarus), cr. D.C.L. Apr. 10, 1730." A BROTHER AT OXFORD.

**ALMANACH DES FRANCS MASSONS, 1775.**

I find that I have among my foreign Masonic works a little Masonic almanack, printed in 1775, at Amsterdam, by Jean Schreuder, and which is interesting as containing a cabinet order of Frederick the Great, dated July 17, 1774, countersigned by Von Frukenstan and Von Hertzbergs, acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Germany as recognised by the Grand Lodge of London. This little work also contains a list of 53 Dutch Lodges.

A. F. A. W.

**CURIOUS OLD ADVERTISEMENT.**

Perhaps some of our readers may be able to throw some light on the following advertisement, which we chanced upon in the columns of the Daily Advertiser for Saturday, 11th January, 1777:

**UNION GRAND LODGE.**

"The Brethren are requested to attend at Brother Nelson's, the White Hart Tavern, Bishopsgate-street, on Monday next, the (13th) inst., for the Election of Grand and other Officers for the ensuing year.

"J. HILL, Secretary.

"Supper to be on table at Seven o'clock."

**THE DEFENCE OF MASONRY.**

With due submission to our esteemed Bro. R. Gould, if the words by a "Worthy Brother," interpolated in MS., as he tells us, by an unknown writer in the Grand Lodge copy of the "Freemason's Pocket Companion," 1738, were written contemporaneously, it seems to me that the circumstantial evidence in favour of Anderson being the author is materially strengthened. At the same time no one can deny but that the style of the "Defence" is very peculiar. I may add, as Bro. Gould knows, that in Smith's edition of 1736, this "Defence" does not occur, and that the then number of lodges is only 126.

MASONIC STUDENT.

**LE PETIT ALBERT.**

A good deal of controversy has been going on about this little Hermetic work, and some have denied its existence. It is now for some reason or other under the special malediction of the French Roman Catholic clergy, and charged against by bishops, &c. It is said to be full of Manichean heresy, just as an ingenious French or Italian Abbe has found out that Freemasons are Gnostics. The book exists, and has passed through many editions. Mine is 1729, Lyons, and contains a large collection of silly charms and incantations, and certain matters which are out of date, taste, and propriety, as well as some curious illustrations of S. Veronica and the handkerchief, the "Hand of Glory," (which Douterwivel talks of in the "Antiquary,") the Pentalfa, as a form of Hebrew Cabala. Talismans of various kinds, the Hermetic and mystical system of magic teaching, and their cabalistic characters, which the old Hermetic writers gave to the planets, which Barrett reproduces as the magical alphabet, and which curiously enough are reproduced in Mason's marks. The real name of the book is "Secrets Merveilleux," &c., though the book is generally called "Petit Albert."

BOOKWORM.

**ANOTHER "ANCIENTS" ROYAL ARCH MINUTE BOOK.**

In a footnote on page 128 of his "English Masonic Rite," our good friend Bro. W. J. Hughan refers to No. 174, now 130, Southampton, as being, so far as he knew, the only chapter of the "Ancients" that kept separate minutes. The minute book thus referred to was at the recent Worcester Exhibition, and is said in the excellent catalogue, No. 402, to date from 1783. Bro. Hughan will be glad to learn that I have in my possession the separate minute book of another "Ancients" chapter. It is bound in rough calf and lettered on the side "H.R.A. Lodge of Antiquity, No. 196." This lodge was an "Ancients" lodge, warranted 26th June, 1776, and is now No. 146, meeting in Bolton. The first meeting recorded in the Arch minute book was held 22nd November, 1801, and is called "Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Emergency," and the minutes of each meeting recorded are invariably headed "Holy Royal Arch Chapter" or "H.R.A. Chapter." The book also contains cash account and payments of subscriptions by members. The chapter would appear to have worked without a charter until after the Union, when a charter was granted under the name of the "Melchisedek" Chapter attached to the Lodge of Antiquity, now 146. In the earlier days of the chapter, candidates were recommended by the Craft lodge. In my history of the lodge, Bolton, 1882, I give a copy of the form of recommendation. The chapter has unfortunately been dormant for many years, though still retained on the Grand Chapter register.

JAMES NEWTON.

**THE OLD STANDARD BEARER.**

The following brief particulars connected with the Edinburgh Defensive Band Lodge, No. 151 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, are from an old Masonic periodical. We fancy there are not many lodges

either north or south of the Tweed, which can point to so patriotic an origin, or so exceptional a reminiscence.—“At the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Scott Monument on the 15th August, 1840, among the brethren was Bro. R. Stevenson, painter, Advocate's Close, who carried the old standard of the Defensive Band Lodge. Although, as stated by himself at the time, within a few days of completing the 95th year of his age, he bore the flag as manfully and walked as steadily as the youngest or stoutest Standard Bearer in the whole line. Bro. Stevenson was an original member of a volunteer corps, named the Defensive Band, which was enrolled in the year 1779, on the occasion of the redoubted Paul Jones threatening the shores of the Frith of Forth. The flag which he carried to do honour to the memory of Sir Walter Scott was the identical one which was presented at the Cross to this patriotic band, soon after its enrolment, by the magistrates of Edinburgh. In the year 1782, the members of the corps who were Freemasons applied to the Grand Lodge for a charter, and formed themselves into a lodge under the title they still bear. The standard of the volunteers was made over to the lodge, and Bro. Stevenson was elected Standard Bearer, which office he has held ever since. The first R.W.M. of the lodge was Bro. Crosby, the Pleydell of Sir Walter's 'Guy Mannering.'”

#### 412] OLD LODGE PETITION AND WARRANT.

It may be taken for granted that on the occasion of the Lodge Peace and Harmony, No. 60, then No. 72, celebrating the centenary of its existence, which auspicious event occurred on the 3rd May, 1838, Bro. Parry, W.M., the almost, if not absolutely unique character of its petition and warrant was made the subject of special comment. We append them herewith, as republished at the time in the columns of the old “Freemason's Quarterly Review,” for the edification of our friends generally:

“To the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Henry, Marquis of Carnarvon, Grand Master.

“The Worshipful John Ward, Esq., Deputy Grand Master.

“The Right Hon. Lord George Graham, Senior Grand Warden.

“The Worshipful Capt. Robinson, Junior Grand Warden.

“Soliciting to be allowed to meet at the house of Bro. William Overy, of the Angel and Crown, in Crispin-street, Spitalfields, and to be constituted into a regular lodge as soon as convenient, promising obedience, &c.”

To this petition, which was signed by thirteen Free and Accepted Masons, the following satisfactory answer was delivered:

“London, April 28th, 1738.  
I grant the within petition, and do appoint Wednesday, the 3rd May, for the brethren to attend me at seven o'clock in the evening.

(Signed) “CARNARVON, G.M.”  
The meeting was accordingly held, as appointed, on the 3rd May, 1738, at Bro. Overy's, and the brethren were constituted a regular lodge in full form:

“Brother George Garrett, Esq., Master; Brother Timothy Hooke, Senior Warden; Brother William Chornley, Junior Warden.

“Carnarvon, G.M.; J. Ward, D.G.M.; G. Graham, S.G.W.; Andrew Robinson, J.G.W.

“Present twenty-five brethren.” K.C.

#### 413] DR. DESAGULIERS.

As we have never seen any answer to the following query, which was inserted in the “Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror,” January-June, 1863, at page 289, its reproduction in the columns of this journal may possibly be more successful. In the 21 years that have elapsed since its former publication there have been many laborious and capable investigators of our early Masonic history, and we are not detracting from the merits of former Masonic students when we say that the chances in favour of a solution being found to the query are vastly greater than they were then. Here, however, without further preface, is the question as propounded by one who, from the description he gives of himself, must have been personally interested in obtaining a satisfactory answer: “In No. 195 of your esteemed magazine I find a question as to the place of burial of Dr. Desaguliers, which I take the liberty of answering, being the great grand grandson of that talented physician and celebrated Freemason. ‘John Theophilus Desaguliers, LL.D., died on the 29th February, 1744 (1743), at the Bedford Coffee House, Covent Garden, and was buried in the adjacent ground belonging to the Savoy.’ Edward F. Reimbault, in *Illustrated London News*, November 17th, 1853. As I am collecting notes illustrative of the three English generations of the Desaguliers' family, I shall feel obliged for the communication of any data whatever. One question I will now put—What became of the doctor's second son, Jean Theophilus, born 1718, and who, with General Desaguliers, were the only two of the doctor's seven children who survived him?” The querist signs himself “R. J. S., Berne, Switzerland.” K.C.

#### 414] THE SACKVILLE MEDAL.

An illustration of the Sackville medal is found on the “Grundliche Nachricht,” &c., printed by Andrea, Frankfurt a Main, 1738. Let us note the date. This seems to dispose of any theory of later origin at St. Petersburg. The question who Chas. Sackville is remains completely unsolved. So far the probabilities of the case are entirely against the theory that the Chas Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, and Duke of Dorset, whom Horace Walpole records was the hero of this medallion. The head is very like that of an old Roman emperor, but it is not impossible that in 1732 the Duke of Dorset may have attended a lodge at Florence. The silence of Spence is, however, very singular, and the still more singular fact remains that the Duke of Dorset never, as far as we know, claimed a Masonic fellowship in England until the day of his death. If we are to believe Mr. Walpole he was a very vain man, and the fact that a medal had been struck in his honour as a Freemason, would have led him to associate with a body of which his friend the Prince of Wales and many others of his noble acquaintance were members. In the history contained in this work the writer deduces the Italian Freemasons from an Italian society called “La Cucchiara,” which was suppressed by the Inquisition. “Lord Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex,” is said to have founded a lodge at Florence in 1732, and to have had a medal struck in remembrance of the event. The medal no doubt exists in the British Museum and elsewhere, and Mr. Poole says

there is no reason to doubt the correctness of the date, 1732. The writer of this work carries Freemasonry back to Roman guilds or fraternities, partly Trade, Craft, Æsthetic and Symposiac, such as the Fratres Arvales, the Socii Titiani, Augustales, Flaviani, and Antoniani. He also alludes to the “Symposia” and “Syssitia” of the Greeks, the “Compotationes” and “Concenationes” of the Romans, to the “Summus Magister in poculo et pocula” mentioned by Cicero, as all forming part of one recognized system, in the sodalitates, collegia, &c., allowed by the law. Kloss says truly that this is a very interesting work at so early a date. DRYASDUST.



### Craft Masonry.

**CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Present: Bros. David Hughes, W.M.; H. McClelland, S.W.; John Hughes, I.P.M.; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M., Chap.; H. Darcy, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; H. Harbord, S.D.; Dan. Hughes, J.D.; Hood, Org.; Gillard, A.D.C.; R. P. Stevens, I.G.; R. F. Whur, Hodinott, and Haylock, Stwds.; Woodstock, Tyler; Rogers, Fimister, Clarke, W. Venner, Eacey, Vale, E. Venner, Bater, Harden, Brittan, Bisley, Chamberlain, Taylor, Hardwick, Watkins, G. Smith, and Corkhill. Visitor: Bro. Robinson, 781.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings having been confirmed, Bro. Clarke was passed to the Degree of F.C. A ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Mr. G. Follett, proposed by Bro. Vale, seconded by the I.P.M., and he was initiated into our ancient Order in efficient style by the W.M.

The brethren then adjourned to supper, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—This successful lodge celebrated its anniversary festival on the 18th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock by Bro. H. J. Lardner, W.M., Prov. G. Org. Surrey, supported by Bros. G. H. Stephens, S.W., W.M. elect; J. J. Howes, J.W.; J. King, J.D.; E. Mallett, P.M., Sec.; J. Howes, P.M., Chap.; and others.

The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. E. Bradsell being in attendance, he was tested as a candidate for raising, and was entrusted. The W.M. then worked the ceremony of the Third Degree most impressively on behalf of the brother. The ballot was next called into requisition, and proved unanimously in favour of the admission into the Order of the two following gentlemen: Messrs. John L. Jackson and Peter A. Bolander. Bro. J. A. Bridges, late of 898, having sought admission into this lodge, was, on a successful ballot, unanimously admitted a member. The ceremony of initiation was then capitally worked, after which the report of the Auditors—Bros. A. W. Price, W. Sutton, and F. H. Linnett—upon the lodge accounts was submitted by Bro. Price, and the same was unanimously agreed to and adopted. By this time the handsome lodge room was well filled with brethren of the lodge and distinguished visitors to witness the manner in which Bro. Lardner, P.M., would install as his successor Bro. George Harris Stephens, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. Bro. M. Butt, P.M., having presented Bro. Stephens to the Installing Master, and the Secretary having rehearsed the ancient charges, Bro. G. H. Stephens was duly obligated. On the brethren retiring, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. G. H. Stephens was inducted into the chair in ancient form. The brethren were next admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. was saluted in the several degrees.

Bro. G. H. Stephens next appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. J. Howes, S.W.; R. B. Greenwood, J.W. (by proxy); J. Howes, P.M., Chap., as Treas.; E. Mallett, P.M., Sec.; John King, S.D.; R. F. Brickdale, J.D.; W. C. Brasher, I.G. (by proxy); N. Mackay, D.C.; S. Renaut, A.D.C.; H. K. Clisby, W.S.; J. F. Rumball, A.W.S.; and Egbert Roberts, Org. and C.S. These several appointments gave great satisfaction, and Bro. Stephens addressed each very ably upon the duties associated with the office. Bro. W. Smyth, the veteran Tyler, was unanimously re-elected and was also invested. Bro. Gardner next concluded his labours by a capital rendering of the three charges, and resumed his seat amid the congratulations of the brethren. We may add that Bros. J. Howes, P.M., and W. Pennefather acted as Junior and Senior Wardens respectively, and T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acted as D.C. in a very able manner. The W. Master next proceeded to invest the outgoing Master, Bro. Lardner, with a splendid Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, in recognition of the valuable services it had received at the hands of that worthy brother. In the course of his remarks Bro. Stephens, W.M., said never had a mark of esteem and respect been more unanimously awarded by the brethren of any lodge, nor more richly deserved than was that jewel he now had the pleasure of pinning upon the breast of their worthy and esteemed brother, Past Master H. J. Lardner, with the hope that he would be spared for many years to wear it and to continue his career of usefulness to the West Smithfield Lodge.

In response to this, and to a warm vote of thanks to him for his having so very ably installed his successor into the chair, Bro. Lardner made a feeling and appropriate reply, alluding to the peculiar feeling with which he had just worked, as it were, the ceremonies for the last time in the chair which he had just given over to his worthy successor and co-initiate, Bro. Stephens. The fact of his been made a Mason in the West Smithfield Lodge would ever render the possession of the handsome jewel he had received a pleasure to contemplate during the whole of his life, and which he trusted would be passed in close connection with the West Smithfield Lodge. The next business was the truly Masonic work of assisting our noble Charities, and in furthering this good work the worthy brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge unanimously voted a sum of £10 10s. upon the list of their esteemed W.M., Bro. G. H. Stephens, who intends advocating the cause of the Royal Masonic Institution for

Girls at the ensuing Festival, and a like amount on the list of Bro. Egbert Roberts, the talented Organist to the lodge, who will champion the claims of the Aged Freemasons.

It is with much pleasure we note the constant support which the West Smithfield Lodge accords our central Charities. To Bro. Stephens, the present W.M., belongs the honour of thoroughly awakening the brethren to the claims these great Institutions have upon them and the Craft at large, for in connection with the Festival in 1880 he obtained the first donation from the lodge funds, which was placed upon his list as Steward for the Benevolent Institution. Since that beginning West Smithfield Lodge has regularly contributed to the Charities very nobly, under the various Stewardships of Bros. Malthouse, P.M., and Lardner, P.M., and others, and, as we have recorded above, have made a good beginning for the present year. All lodge business being happily concluded, “Hearty good wishes” were offered by the numerous and distinguished guests, and lodge was closed.

The banquet was partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant in the Duke's Saloon, which, three years ago exactly, was first used as a Masonic banqueting saloon by the members of the West Smithfield Lodge. A well-served menu here awaited the brethren, and gave every satisfaction, Bro. Hamp's good offices for the comfort of the brethren being, as is usual, highly successful.

After grace had been said, the usual toast list was honoured, the W.M. giving each with point and brevity, having in mind the rapid flight of time and the galaxy of musical talent which was present to delight the ears of the brethren between the speeches. The toast list was a most unique production, each toast being wedded to a neat and appropriate couplet; that to “H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master”—

“None but himself  
Can be his own parallel.”—Hood.  
and to “The Grand Officers, Present and Past”—

“Names,  
Familiar in their mouths as household words,  
Be in their flowing cups freshly remembered.”  
—Henry V., Act IV., Scene III.

—being good examples.

With the above-mentioned conditions, all conducing to happiness and enjoyment, it is not to be wondered at that the occasion was regarded as one of the most successful gatherings the West Smithfield Lodge had ever celebrated, and augurs well that the kindly wishes for its future welfare will be amply realised.

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Three Nuns Tavern, Aldgate, E.C., on Thursday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. Wm. McDonald, W.M.; Samuel Lewis, I.P.M.; Townsend, P.M.; James A. Robson, S.W.; Frederick Kimbelt, J.W.; Wm. H. Myers, P.M., Treas.; H. Winkley, Sec.; Hy. Seymour Clarke, S.D.; J. Chamberlain, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; G. C. Young, P.M., Org.; W. Toombs, W.S.; and Marsh, Tyler; also Bros. Bailey, Woillaume, Stevenson, Gabriel, Haviland, Bryant, West, Bearcock, Tyson, Hales, Wilkinson, Coates, Toombs, sen., Dominy, and Barnes. Visitors: Bros. W. Cook, 22; C. Robson, 960; Cox, 1766; J. G. Twinn, 1306; A. W. Gayler, 1366; E. Brooks, 766; G. Skeggs, 1441; J. Salmon, 1339; Anderson, 606; R. J. Dunn, 1524; and Morgan, 211.

The lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Jas. A. Robson, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented, and having assented to the ancient charges was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M. in a most effective and efficient manner according to ancient custom. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. McDonald, I.P.M.; F. Kimbelt, S.W.; Henry Seymour Clarke, J.W.; Wm. H. Myers, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Dominy, Sec.; J. Chamberlain, S.D.; H. Winkley, J.D.; G. C. Young, P.M., Org.; Smith, I.G.; William Toombs, W.S.; and Marsh, Tyler. Bro. Wm. McDonald was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the services rendered by him to the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous banquet, which was served by Bro. East in his usual satisfactory manner, was partaken of, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to in a manner known only amongst Masons.

**FELTHAM.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).**—The last meeting of the season of this flourishing lodge was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Railway Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Joseph John Marsh, P.G. Std. Br. Middx., opened the lodge. Letters of apology were received from Bros. Fletcher Knight, S.W., and William Robert Vassila, J.W., excusing and regretting their inability to attend. Their chairs were filled by two P.Ms. of the lodge. There were present Bros. Raymond Henry Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx., P.G.A.D.C., &c.; J. Laurence, S.D.; E. A. Smith, J.D.; C. W. Baker, I.G.; W. Walters, D.C.; J. C. Goslin, A.W.S.; W. H. Walters, C.S.; J. A. Wilson, Stwd.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., Chap.; G. H. Eaton, S. Wheeler, W. J. Babb, F. G. Mitchell, W. White, R. J. Morley, J. Smith, R. Pooley, J. W. Prescott, T. Walters, W. Smith, W. Hayes, A. Lawton, Rambert, A. Babb, Stevens, Alkehurst, Robinson, and others. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Thomas Horton, W.M. 871; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; Frederick Carr, P.M. 1607; John Guest, Org. 1777; R. W. Eagley, I.G. 1446; and others.

The minutes of the meeting of the 16th ult. were read and confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Rev. Reuben Seddon and Mr. Charles Davison. There were, besides the names of the two gentlemen for initiation, Bros. John St. Aubin Paul, Arthur Lawton, and Chas. Augustus Rambert for passing, and Bros. Thomas Mills Prescott, S. Wheeler, and Fredk. W. Broom Smith for raising. Great sympathy was expressed for Bro. J. St. Aubin Paul, in consequence of an accident; all wished him a speedy recovery. Bro. Rambert also not being present, reduced the passings to one—Bro. Arthur Lawton—who was in an admirable manner passed to the Second Degree. But of the three names down for raising only one was an absentee—Bro. F. W. B. Smith, who was out of England. Every

one present was delighted with the admirable working of their W.M., who rendered every portion of the ceremony most impressively. Bro. Raymond Henry Thrupp, D.P. G.M. Middx., P.G.A.D.C., having arrived, he was duly announced, received upstanding, and had the customary salutes given to him. He was offered the gavel, but declined to preside, and paid a well-earned and high compliment to the W.M., whom he was assured well filled the position. The event of the evening was a unanimous vote that a full and undress suit of provincial clothing be presented by the lodge to the W.M., Bro. Joseph J. Marsh, P.G. Std. Br., proposed by the Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., who placed the merits of the W.M. well before the brethren, incidentally mentioning the opinion that was held of him by quoting the words of one of the highest officials who held rank in this Province of Middlesex, who described their W.M. "as one of the most deserving among the Craft for honours in the province;" and after telling the members how he had carefully watched all the working of their W.M., he could bear his testimony that he never saw any brother more faithfully and conscientiously discharge his duties. He was ever to the fore in all cases of charity, devoting a vast amount of his time, and not closing his purse in his indefatigable endeavours to help those who were unable to help themselves.

The motion was seconded by another old Mason and carried "nem. con."

The Worshipful Master returned thanks, and said his feelings were in a measure mixed—it was an agreeable surprise to him this unanimous vote for such handsome presents. He appreciated them much more in consequence of the hearty and cordial manner they had been voted to him. His gratitude was heartfelt and most sincere. He tendered his best thanks to them all for so appropriate a gift.

The votes were unanimous in electing Bro. James Clark Goslin, A.W.S., as Steward for the Boys' Festival in 1885, and Bro. William Robert Vassila, J.W., for the Benevolent Festival in 1885. It is the custom of this lodge to send Stewards to all the Charities every year. In 1885 four Stewards will be sent, namely, two to Benevolent, one Girls', one Boys'. These Stewardships being filled every year is due mainly to the great exertions of the Secretary, Bro. Frederick Walters, who is unceasing in his endeavours to induce brethren to accept that position in the lodge, and as he himself had served 13 Stewardships he could conscientiously recommend to others that which he had done himself.

The lodge was then closed and adjourned, to meet on Saturday, May 16th, 1885. The Secretary claimed the privilege (according to ancient custom) of wishing one and all most heartily and sincerely "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Sympathy was universally felt and expressed for their genial and esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.P.G. Stwd. Middlesex, who was unable to attend through ill-health. All hoped to see him at their next meeting.

Mr. Harris was complimented for his admirable catering. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal toasts were given and responded to.

## INSTRUCTION.

**PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street: Ansbecker, W.M.; W. Walker, S.W. and Hon. Sec.; Valentine, J.W.; Ruse, S.D.; H. Haynes, J.D.; Haller, I.G.; Moss, Preceptor; Daniel, Schadler, Rich, Hawkins, Dyson, Haynes, Harris, Healy, A. Mitchell, Klengenstein, Schweitzer, and Sainte. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sainte candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moss. Bro. Dyson having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree and being entrusted, was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The W.M. having resumed the chair, it was unanimously proposed and seconded that Bro. Healy, 1348, and Bro. A. Mitchell, 65, should be joining members of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was proposed and unanimously seconded that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. Ansbecker, W.M., for the most excellent way in which he fulfilled the duties of W.M. for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry lodge was closed. This being the sixth meeting of the Second Prosperity Charity Association, the Secretary announced there were sufficient funds in hand to take two ballots of ten guineas each, and which proved in favour of Bro. W. Walker, J.W. 65, and Bro. Brown, P.M., P.Z., and Sec. 65. This makes 70 guineas which the Association has sent up to the Charities in six months.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—A meeting was held on the 23rd inst., at Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate. Present: Bros. Dutton, W.M.; Masefield, S.W.; Lovegrove, J.W.; Cottebrunc, P.M.; Bassington, Treas.; Cross, Sec.; Masefield, S.D.; Power, J.D.; Mount, I.G.; Dodd, G. F. Edwards, Dairy, and Harris.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. G. F. Edwards being the candidate. The lodge was opened on the square. Bro. Bassington offered himself as a candidate for the Third Degree, and was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the centre and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. at the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. At the meeting of the Faith Masonic Charities' Association, held afterwards, the ballots were gained by Bros. Green and Bull.

**WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, when there were present Bros. Strachan, W.M.; Wickens, S.W.; Humfress, J.W.; W. T. Allen, Sec. and I.G.; Kershaw, P.M., S.D.; Arrow-smith, J.D.; and Long, P.M., Preceptor. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Kershaw having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted, after which the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kershaw being candi-

date. Lodge was closed in the Third and afterwards in the Second Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on the 22nd inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. M. E. Speigel, P.M. 188, W.M.; J. Laurence, S.W.; W. I. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; F. Chandler, S.D.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, J.D.; C. J. Morse, I.G.; S. Stretch, jun., Stwd.; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; W. A. Vincent, W.M. 1139; W. Craig, P.M. 1425; G. G. Walker, W.M. 1201; C. W. Hunt, W.M. 1425; C. S. Mote, W. Death, R. E. Cursons, C. R. Wickens, J. Stephens, and W. H. Wadham. Visitor: Bro. C. B. Corston, P.M. 865.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Walker, W.M. 1201, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair. Bro. Wickens was examined and entrusted; the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Vincent was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Speigel, and Bro. Corston elected a joining member. Bro. Laurence was elected W.M. for next meeting, and votes of thanks were unanimously voted to Bros. Speigel and Walker for their services during the evening. The Girls' School votes of the lodge were given to Bro. Read. The lodge was closed and adjourned until October 6th, on account of the house changing hands next Monday.

**WANDERER'S LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer-street, Westminster, S.W. Present: Bros. B. Gibson, W.M.; Coughlan, S.W.; Foulson, J.W.; Minns, S.D.; Beasley, J.D.; Foscutt, I.G.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Taylor, P.M. 144; Vincent, P.M. 1624; Brindley, W.M. 1604; Balchin, Smith, Bowen, and Fraser.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Balchin answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Balchin, candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Coughlan, S.W., was elected as W.M. for the ensuing fortnight, and appointed his officers in rotation.

Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony. The ceremony of installation will be worked on the last Wednesday in this month by Bro. Cox, W.M. 144.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Guardsman Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road. Present: Bros. Gibson, S.W. 1604, W.M.; C. White, P.M. 209, S.W.; Wade, P.M. 1604, J.W.; Capt. Butterworth, P.M. 1604, Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Gilbert, S.D.; Foscutt, J.D.; McCullagh, I.G.; and Fraser.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Fraser answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was very ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Coughlan being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M., having risen for the second time, it was proposed, seconded, and carried nem. con. that Bro. White be appointed W.M. on that day fortnight. Bro. White returned thanks. The W.M., having risen for the third time, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried, that circulars be sent to members informing them of the change of meeting place, and that Bro. R. M. Boulton, Preceptor, would take the chair on the first night of meeting. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**RYDE.**—Vectis Rose Croix Chapter.—On Saturday, the 20th inst., the Supreme Council, 33°, paid an official visit to Ryde, in the Isle of Wight, for the purpose of re-opening the above chapter, which had been for some time in abeyance. The prospects of the chapter appear to be very promising, three having been perfected and five joining members admitted at the first meeting. The candidates perfected were: Bros. Rev. James Nelson Palmer, P.M. 10 and 698, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; Charles Carter, S.D. 175; Alfred Dashwood, Sec. 698; as serving brother, Bro. Miah Willis, Tyler 175 and 698; and the joining members admitted were: General the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, 67; Rev. Richard Ussher, 40; Latimer Henry Saunders, 42; Richard Dampier-Child, 41; and A. H. Paley, 30°. A banquet afterwards took place.

## Obituary.

**THE LATE BRO. SIGISMUND ROSENTHAL.**  
The Craft has just sustained another loss through the death, on Tuesday last, the 23rd inst., of Bro. Rosenthal, who for somewhere about a quarter of a century had been connected with Freemasonry, and for a great portion of that time had taken an active part in many of its concerns. Bro. Rosenthal was initiated in the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, on 24th January, 1859, and filled the chair of W.M. in 1865, remaining a member till his death. He was also a member of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, from 1863 to 1869, and other lodges, as well as of the Grove Royal Arch Chapter, No. 410, Ewell, Surrey. He was advanced to the Mark in the Old Kent Lodge on 13th February, 1867, and was installed W.M. in May, 1872. He was also a Grand Steward of the Grand Mark Lodge in 1869, and Grand Director of Ceremonies the year following. He was likewise a Royal and Select Master, a member of the Allied Degrees, a K.T., and Red Cross, and a member of the 30° England and 33° France of the A. and A. Scotch Rite. As a contributor to our Institutions Bro. Rosenthal had done his duty well, being a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, a Vice-President of the Girls' School, and a Life Governor of the Benevolent, and having served some

fourteen Stewardships—six for the Boys, five for the Girls, and three for the Benevolent. In the first named of the three Charities he appears to have taken a great interest, and had served on its House Committee during the years from 1872 to 1881, both inclusive. Our deceased brother was by profession an artist, and has left behind several memorials of his skill with the brush, the portrait of the late Bro. B. B. Cabbal, for many years Treasurer of the Boys' School, which adorns the walls of its dining hall at Wood Green, being one of his most successful efforts. We beg to offer to his family the respectful expression of our sympathy with them in the grievous loss they have just sustained.

## SUMMER OUTING OF THE CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1382.

The first summer outing of the above good old lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., and passed off very successfully. It had been organised to take place on July 31st last; but, owing to the bereavement sustained by the lodge by the loss of its W.M., the late Bro. Stapleton, the postponement was unavoidable. The party on the morning in question assembled at Bro. W. Clark's hostelry, George Hotel, Millwall, and proceeded in two splendidly-horsed brakes to the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne. Unfortunately for the party, the day was stormy and wet, and so considerably marred the enjoyment of the beautiful drive. The brethren, however, rose to the occasion, and we have seldom observed such good spirits maintained under such very trying circumstances. The ladies, too, aided the brethren in their attempts to be cheerful under difficulties, and with complete success. Upon arriving at Bro. Beningfield's charming and hospitable Crown Gardens, all was in readiness, and a well-served and elegant banquet afforded a comforting solatium to the mischances of the morning.

Bro. G. B. Smith, I.P.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. Delves, P.M., as S.W.; W. Millington, P.M., J.W.; G. T. Limnas, I.P.M.; and numerous brethren and visitors.

After the banquet Bro. SMITH in the briefest possible manner gave the usual loyal and Masonic toast, that of "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales" being also given in honour of the occasion, it being a ladies' day.

Bros. CARNABY and LIMN duly responded for "The Past Masters."

Bro. S. G. BONNER, Hon. Sec., responded for "The Stewards," and Bro. W. MILLINGTON, P.M., paid the penalty of being a bachelor by responding for "The Ladies."

The weather having now cleared and the sun having descended to smile upon the occasion, the ladies and brethren dispersed in parties to enjoy the rural pleasures afforded by the vicinity, and which consisted of boating, archery, the beautiful gardens and grounds and shady walks. Upon their return from these pleasurable relaxations a capital dance was organised, and some singing heartily enjoyed, until the stern necessities of the long homeward journey forced the company to prepare to depart. Thanks are specially due to Miss Limn for so kindly and ably presiding at the pianoforte during the singing and dancing, and to Bro. S. G. Bonner, Hon. Sec. to the Board of Stewards, for his unremitting exertions to bring about a successful issue.

Among those present were the following: Bros. G. B. Smith, P.M., and Mrs. Smith, Bro. J. Carnaby, P.M., and Mrs. Neale, Bro. G. T. Limn, P.M., and Miss Lynn, Bro. Delves, P.M., and the Misses Delves, Bro. C. Searell, P.M., and Mrs. Searell, Bro. W. Millington, P.M.; Doring, S.W.; Hill, J.D.; W. Clark (host) and the Misses Clark; Bro. S. G. Bonner, Hon. Sec., and Mrs. Bonner, Bro. Shearman and Mrs. Shearman, Bro. Saunders, Miss Thomas, Bro. Parrett and Mrs. Parrett, Bro. Keable, 174, and Mrs. Keable, Bro. Thomas, 598, and Mrs. Thomas, Bro. Dixon, W.S. 1259; Bro. Brown and Miss Brown, and Bro. G. H. Stevens, S.W. 1623 (*Freemason*). Also as guests Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Mr. Marners, Mr. Collins, Mr. Tuke, Mr. Turton, Mr. Pitt, and others.

The journey home was of the most enjoyable description, a splendid moonlight night making amends for the early morning, and all reached home safely after spending what was universally agreed to be a happy day. Indeed, by mutual consent it was looked upon as a precursor of many similar excursions when the ladies would share the pleasures of the brethren of the Corinthian Lodge.

## LAYING OF A FOUNDATION STONE AT CASTLEFORD, YORKSHIRE.

Those who, in the good company of his Holiness the Pope of Rome, accuse Freemasonry of irreligion, immorality, and impiety, ought to have been present at the gathering of the Craft at Castleford on Wednesday week, and witnessed the assemblage of brethren who had come together to lend their aid for the purposes of religious and moral education. Castleford is an important industrial centre, albeit it is terribly smoky and dismal in aspect, whilst the presence of a large chemical works poisons the air of the town, and causes the once pellucid river to roll down a turbid inky-black flood, and to evolve a stench enough to turn the stomach of a locomotive engine. In the midst of this reeking abomination of filth is to be found a large working population of glassblowers and pottery workers, all living from hand to mouth, and with no means for more than the provision of bread and tea for the swarms of grimy youngsters who carry on their noisy play in the gutters and over the vacant allotments that form the principal features of this most unlovely neighbourhood. The suburb of Whitwood Mere, as it is called, indicating the former existence of a sheet of inland water or swamp, contains a large population of these workers and toilers, and for the spiritual and educational welfare of these poor souls the clergy of Castleford have for years been labouring, and with success. But they found one great drawback. No church exists at Whitwood Mere itself, and the distance from the parish church shuts out the people from the administration of the ordinances. The rector, the Rev. J. J. Needham, M.A., who is the Worshipful Master of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, has been long working for a mission church, and at last achieved a monetary success of £500, leaving £200 to be raised for the completion of the purpose in view.



Aided and abetted by the Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester, M.A., rector of Castleford, who is also a good Mason of the Legiolium Lodge, No. 1542, and the present Provincial Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire, Bro. Needham persuaded our excellent Bro. T. W. Tew, Acting Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to lay the foundation-stone of his new church with Masonic honours, and Bro. Tew, whose Masonic energy is only excelled by his capacity and anxiety for the welfare of the people and the spread of good principles, issued notices to his Provincial Grand Officers to attend at Castleford on the day named and discharge their respective duties.

At one o'clock the Masonic Rooms in Bank-street became a centre of attraction to many brethren, amongst whom were visitors from York, Doncaster, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, and other places, and Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, Bro. J. C. Monckman, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer., soon marshalled his procession preparatory to the march to the site of the church. The line was headed by the Castleford old brass band, after whom came the churchwardens and sidesmen with their wands of office; then the church choir in their surplices; and next the Freemasons in the following order: Two Tylers, with drawn swords; brethren of the St. Oswald's and Legiolium Lodges; Masters and Past Masters of those lodges, bearing cornucopia with corn, and ewers of wine, oil, and salt; banners of those lodges; Past Master with the open Bible; Junior and Senior Wardens with their columns; square, level, and plumb-rule carried by three Past Masters; Prov. Grand Tyler; Prov. Grand Steward; Prov. Grand Assistant Pursuivant, Bro. W. Cockroft; Prov. Grand Pursuivant, Bro. John Seed; Prov. Grand Assistant Secretary, Bro. H. G. E. Green; Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. F. Carr; Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, Bro. A. Austin and F. Carr; Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. C. Phillips; Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Bro. T. Pickles; Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. W. Monckman; Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. T. Winn; Prov. Grand Deacons, Bro. J. Bedford and W. Delaney; Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. H. Smith; Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. C. S. Sunderland; Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. H. Gratton; Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. W. T. M. Sylvester; Prov. Grand Junior Warden, Bro. J. Horne; Prov. Grand Senior Warden, Bro. T. W. Embleton; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, Past Grand Deacon of England; Stewards, and others. Occupying places in the procession were also Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Prov. G.S.W. North and East Yorkshire; C. E. Breen, 306; R. Fisher, 910; W. Warde, 910; W. J. Farr, 910; J. Shackleton, 307; G. P. Martin, 910; W. Brakerridge, 910; W. E. Shirley, 242; T. Poulson, 910; J. Raper, 910; W. Parkinson, 910; J. Deacon, 910; C. England, 910; A. G. Mabin, 1542; T. Consterdine, A. Turvey, W. Breffit, W. T. Carter, J. Ward, F. Dunhill, J. Rickard, C. Peirson, T. B. Wilson, G. H. Schofield, C. A. Phillips, J. Harding, and many other brethren who failed to sign the attendance sheets.

Arriving at the site of the church, the Deputy Prov. and acting Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. W. Tew, ascended the dais, and the choir sang the 100th Psalm, after which the Prov. Grand Chaplain read the passage from the Book of Kings describing the dedication of Solomon's Temple, and offered up a special prayer for the occasion. The Prov. Grand Registrar read a report describing the progress of the work, and the Rev. J. J. Needham then presented to Bro. Tew a silver trowel, with which he proceeded to prepare the bed for the stone. The Prov. Grand Treasurer deposited in the cavity a phial containing coins, &c., and the stone was lowered into its place, and after the usual formalities was declared well and truly laid. The corn, wine, oil, and salt were then successively strewed, and the incense carried round whilst the choir sang the anthem "Hail, Masonry Divine." The architect, Mr. Perkins, of Leeds, submitted the plans, which were approved, and the Masonic work was completed. Mrs. Shaw, of Darrington Hall, who has been a large contributor to the Church Building Fund, was afterwards presented with a mallet and trowel and proceeded to lay a second stone. The collections on the stones amounted to £17.

The procession marched back in reverse order to the Breffit Institute, where Bro. T. W. Tew proceeded to open a bazaar in aid of the new church. In doing so he stated that the population to be benefited numbered about 2000, that the church would seat 250, and that the site had been presented by the late Bro. Alderman Breffit, Sheriff of Middlesex. After the opening ceremony the brethren assembled in the luncheon rooms of the bazaar and duly sacrificed their purses to the ministrations of many fair priestesses, who, urged by mercenary, though not unworthy motives, devoted themselves to paying marked attentions to those who wore the badge of innocence. At four o'clock the procession returned to the Masonic Hall, where the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

## The Craft Abroad.

### GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its regular Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. According to the *Keystone*, there was a large gathering of the brethren, and the chair was occupied by Bro. Conrad B. Day, M.W. Grand Master. The death, on the 27th August last, of Bro. Hon. Henry M. Phillips, Past Grand Master, was announced, and Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, P.G.M., was appointed to prepare a memorial of his Masonic career, and present it to the Grand Lodge in December next. Bro. Phillips appears to have been initiated in Philadelphia Lodge, No. 73, on 10th December, 1847. He became W.M. in 1849, and remained a member till his death. He was G.J.W. in 1853-54; G.S.W. in 1855-56; D.G.M. in 1857, and for a portion of the same year was acting Grand Master—G.M. Bro. Mitchell having died four months after his election—and in 1858-59 Grand Master. Bro. Phillips, at the time of his death, was in the 73rd year of his age.

### GRAND LODGE AND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The Grand Lodge of Canada held its Annual Communication in Toronto on the 9th July last, under the presidency of M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, G.M., whose address, as given in the *Canadian Craftsman*, contains no feature likely to interest brethren outside the jurisdiction of Canada. The Grand Chapter met on the 11th August, in the same city, and in the address of the Grand Z. is a reference to the

difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Mark Grand Lodge of England. A resolution was passed by acclamation to the effect that the Grand Chapter of Quebec should be sustained in its action, and that if the course of the English Mark Grand Lodge were not reversed within six months, "all Masonic intercourse" with it, "with lodges under its sway, or with individuals hailing from that Grand Body, should be suspended." Whatever may be thought of the wisdom of this course, it cannot be said to have been adopted hastily.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

On Saturday, the 2nd August, the first visit of the Natal District Grand Lodge was paid to the Carnarvon Lodge, 1684, at Richmond. In the absence from the colony of the District Grand Master, Bro. R. I. Finnemore, the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Wesley Francis, acted on his behalf, assisted by other officers of the District Grand Lodge. This was also the occasion of the installation of Bro. Cecil Williams as Master of the Carnarvon Lodge for the ensuing year. This ceremony was performed by Bro. Deeves, P.M. The W.M. appointed his officers for the year as follows: Bros. T. Marwick, S.W.; Peter Garson, J.W.; Cooper, Secretary; Hedgcock, Treas.; W. J. R. Harvard, S.D.; W. Comrie, J.D.; and Morrison, I.G. In the evening the Carnarvon Lodge entertained the D.D.G.M. and officers of the D.G.L. and the Installing Officer at a dinner at the Richmond Hotel, which was provided by Bro. Kent, and left little to be desired. The usual toasts were proposed, drunk, and responded to. The Carnarvon Lodge was congratulated on having during the past year completed the new hall, which was not only of so great use and benefit to themselves, but to the village and neighbourhood generally, several concerts and dances having been held in it, and it being also used for the Agricultural Show and dinner. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, several capital songs being sung. The party broke up a little after eleven o'clock.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF QUEENSLAND.

We learn from the proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, held at Brisbane on the 4th June last, that the gathering was a satisfactory one, the District Grand Master, Bro. Hon. A. C. Gregory, C.M.G., presiding in person, and being numerously supported by his District Grand Officers, the brethren of the jurisdiction, and several visitors. In accordance with the revised Book of Constitutions, Bro. Gregory, D.G.M., made the following additional appointments: Bros. George E. Markwell, D.A.G.D.C.; Chas. W. Bromhall, D.G. Swd. Br.; Annesley W. Voysey, and F. H. Smith, D.G. Std. Brs.; J. L. Matthews, D.A.G.P.; and B. E. Emanuel, D.G. Stwd. An address of condolence with the Grand Master on the death of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, was proposed by the District Grand Master, seconded by the Deputy District Grand Master, and carried unanimously. A letter which had appeared in this journal was made the subject of unfavourable comment, shortly after which District Grand Lodge—which was appropriately draped in black out of respect for the late Duke of Albany—was closed.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.

The financial statement of Bro. H. R. King, D.G. Treas., shows a very satisfactory state of things in the District Grand Lodge. There remained, after defraying all expenses, a balance in hand at the close of the past year in respect of the General Fund 509 rupees, and in respect of the Fund of Benevolence 4713 rupees. The general balance-sheet shows a balance to the good of 5210 rupees, as against 4363 rupees at the close of the previous year. The Bombay Masonic Association showed receipts during the year amounting to 2573 rupees, making a total to date of over 18,000 rupees, and the D.G.M., Bro. E. Tyrrell Leith, has expressed a hope that this would speedily be raised to 20,000 rupees. The interest received on investments during the year amounted to close on 578 rupees, the bulk of which had been expended in educating and maintaining "two Masonic orphans." The Masonic Hall joint account shows a credit of 7795 rupees, one-half of which belongs to the Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in India, and the other half to the District Grand Lodge, English Constitution.

### GRAND COMMANDERY (KNIGHTS TEMPLAR) MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Sir Knight Caleb Saunders, G.C., presided at the semi-annual convocation of this Grand Commandery, held in Providence, Rhode Island, on 29th May last. Over 200 Sir Knights, representing 36 commanderies, were present on the occasion. The proceedings were of local interest only.

### EARLY TEMPLAR MASONRY IN CANADA.

The following, in an article on the Knights Templar Order in Canada, is stated to be the earliest record of Templary in British North America, and will doubtless prove of interest to members of the Chivalric Orders of Masonry:

"Halifax, 20th September, 5782.

"At Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held under Warrant No. 211, on the Ancient Grand Registry of England, at the Golden Ball, Present:—

The Right Wor. Br. Kirkham, H.P.  
 " " John Woodin, 1st K.  
 " " Ephian Whitson, 2nd K.  
 " " John Cady, S.  
 " " John Willis.

Applications having been made by Bros. John George Pyke, John Clark, and Joseph Peters, Past Masters of regular Lodges of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, for further Light and Knowledge in the Secret and hidden Mysteries of Free Masonry; and they, on strict trial and due examination, being found worthy, were by us Installed and Instituted into the Sublime Secrets of Royal Arch Masonry. After which, an Assembly or Encampment of Sir Knight Templars being formed, the said Bros. J. G. Pyke, John Clark, and Joseph Peters were Instituted and Dubbed Knights of the Most Noble and Right Worshipful Order of Knight Templars, and the lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony."

### STATISTICS.

It seems that the membership of the lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, according to the latest report, is 1910, or rather less than at the corresponding period of the previous year. Under the Grand Lodge of New York there are 715 lodges, of which 708 have made the customary returns, and 692 were represented

at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in June last. The total membership is 71,388, and the total receipts of Grand Lodge for the year 85,511 dollars.

### GRAND COMMANDERY (KNIGHTS TEMPLAR) NEBRASKA.

To judge from the voluminous report of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, Templary in this jurisdiction must be in a fairly prosperous condition, both numerically and financially. The twelfth annual convocation was held at the new Masonic Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska, in April last, under the presidency of Sir Knight Samuel G. Owen, G.C., 10 out of the 13 chartered commanderies being represented. We gather from the particulars furnished that there are 644 Sir Knights on the roll this year, as against 548 on that of 1883. The statement of account shows 1605 dollars received, as against 873 dollars expended, the balance to the credit of the Grand Commandery being close on 732 dollars. The following are the Grand Officers for the year: Sir Knights Thomas Sewell, G.C.; Allen B. Smith, D.G.C.; Edwin F. Warren, G. Gen.; Charles P. Needham, G. Capt. Gen.; Leroy F. Britt, G. Prelate; John J. Wemple, G.S.W.; H. Gibbons, G.J.W.; James S. France, G. Treas.; W. R. Bowen, G. Rec.; Charles A. Holmes, G. Std. Br.; Alfred W. White, G. Swd. Br.; Edgar C. Salisbury, G. Warder; and Ernest T. Hunger, G. Capt. of Gds. The report on foreign correspondence extends to some 150 pages of closely-printed matter.

### NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY (KNIGHTS TEMPLAR), CANADA.

The annual meeting of this body—the first since its declaration of independence—was held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto. Sir Knight Col. MacLeod Moore, G.P., presided, and there was a large gathering of Sir Knights from all parts of the Dominion. Among the more important references in the Great Prior's allocution must be mentioned that to the accomplishment of the desire expressed by formal resolution at the meeting held last year for absolute and complete independence of Convent General. Sir Knight Moore explained that a petition, in accordance with said resolution, had been forwarded to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Supreme G. Master, requesting, on behalf of the Great Priory of Canada, to be absolved of its fealty to Convent General and the G. Master, and that the Arch Chancellor had written conveying the gracious consent of the Prince of Wales on behalf of Convent General and himself to the petition. The following are the G. Officers for the year: Sir Knights W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Supreme G.M.; James A. Henderson, Q.C., Dep. G.M.; Daniel Spry—on whom the honorary rank of D.G.M. was conferred at the meeting—G. Chancellor; Rev. V. Clementi, B.A., G. Prelate; A. Nellis Pettet, G. Constable; S. Lebourveau, G. Marshal; David McLellan, G. Treas.; J. McLean Stevenson, G. Reg.; N. F. Lyon, G. Vice-Chancellor; Amos Chatfield, G. Sub-Marshal; Joseph Park, G. Almoner; W. J. Field, G. 1st Std. Br.; B. H. Lendis, G. 2nd Std. Br.; Harry Lockwood, G.M.'s Banner Br.; H. Griffith, G. Captain of Guards; Joseph Beck, G. Swd. Br.; F. Bates, G.O.; Will S. Evans, G.P.; and John Ferguson, G. Guard. The honorary rank of Past Supreme G.M. was conferred on H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

A correspondent sends us the following:—

### THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN QUESTION.

A glance at the proceedings referred to by Bro. James H. Cunningham, G. Secretary of the G. Lodge of South Australia, in his letter of 30th July last, must convince every impartial brother that in the steps they have taken to establish their Grand Lodge, our South Australian brethren have acted throughout with the calmest deliberation and in a manner most respectful towards the parent Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom. The first step was taken as far back as July, 1883, when a meeting of influential brethren was held in the Masonic Hall Banqueting Room, Flinders-street, Adelaide. There were present 123 members of the different Constitutions, of whom 108 there and then formed themselves into a Masonic Union pledged "to aid in the formation of a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia," an Executive Committee being appointed to facilitate the objects in view. This Committee commenced their labours by addressing a letter to the D. and P.G. Masters of the several D. and P.G. lodges, requesting a conference for the purpose of discussing the question. The Scotch D.G.M. replied favourably, but the English D.G.M. and the Irish P.G.M. considered that in the positions they occupied it was not competent for them to accede to such a request. A circular letter was next addressed to the Secretaries of all the lodges, inviting them to furnish nominal lists of the members of their respective lodges; to this all replied at once by sending what was asked for, with the solitary exception of the Secretary of an Irish lodge, the Duke of Leinster. A letter was then addressed to each of the 2072 subscribing members of the lodges, a member of the Duke of Leinster having kindly supplied a list of 96 of its members, the result being that 990 out of 1288 E.C., 260 out of 373 I.C., and 314 out of 411 S.C., with 69 members of more than one lodge, replied affirmatively, and expressed their readiness to aid in the formation of an independent Grand Lodge; 241 E.C., 76 I.C., and 75 S.C. did not reply at all; while only 14 English, 18 Irish, and 7 Scotch declined to join. The lodges were then invited to express an opinion, with the result that of the 20 English lodges, 18 agreed to the proposition unanimously, and one with only a single dissident; while as regards the Mount Gambier, No. 1207, no official return was made, but it is said "the majority of the members have joined the Masonic Union, and pledged themselves to aid in the formation of the Grand Lodge." Of the 7 Irish lodges, 4 consented unanimously, one with only two dissentients. The Duke of Leinster, No. 363, made no official return, and Kincaig, No. 457, did not meet in sufficient numbers to hold a lodge, "but nearly every member has joined the Masonic Union." In the case of the 6 Scotch lodges, all of them accepted the proposition unanimously. Thus, as a matter of fact, only one lodge, the Duke of Leinster, No. 363, Irish, has exhibited any real opposition to the movement. It has been seldom my lot to witness so near an approach to unanimity as this in so numerous a constituency, and the brethren here will do well to view this movement in South Australia as being quite of a different character from those which have been attempted and so signally failed in Victoria and New South Wales, where the bulk of the lodges are opposed to any change.



Our same correspondent has also favoured us with the following remarks on the *Canadian Craftsman* :—

"Nothing can well be in stronger contrast than the feelings by which our South Australian brethren appear to have been actuated throughout these proceedings and the miserably-petty spirit which seems to influence the *Canadian Craftsman*. The former have shown throughout the truest respect and reverence not only for the parent Grand Lodges to which they owe their existence as Masonic bodies, but likewise for those grand principles by which all Masons should be influenced towards each other. The latter seems never to be so happy as when indulging in some wretched snarl at the parent Grand Lodge of the whole world and its proceedings. What, for instance, can possibly be in worse taste than the following editorial remarks from the *Craftsman* for last month :—

"The Grand Lodge of Victoria is becoming most bitterly opposed by a certain class of Masons, who, like the members of St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. George, of Montreal, fancy there can be no Masonry unless it exists under the authority of either the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland, or Scotland, and the result is 'spleen,' 'intrigue,' and 'venom' against our younger sister. The rival organisations of the above-named countries in Victoria have even gone so far as to sink their differences and, in order to overwhelm the Grand Lodge of Victoria, have had the millionaire and newly-fledged Master Mason, Sir W. L. Clarke, appointed Provincial, or District, Grand Master (as the case may be) of the three Constitutions, and in order to make his 'inauguration' a success, free railway passes and free tickets to the banquet, and free tickets to the ball, were scattered broadcast. This is all very well, but it is not Masonry, and will not help those who thus seek to injure the Grand Lodge of their own country."

Be it remembered that this so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria is opposed by an overwhelming majority of the lodges warranted in that country by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively. If your Canadian contemporary will kindly turn to Bro. Addison's speech at the preliminary meeting for the formation of a South Australian Grand Lodge he will find at page 9 of the proceedings the following passage: "It would be most prejudicial to the interests of Freemasonry in this province, if a minority, such as obtained in the other colonies"—that is, in Victoria and New South Wales—"were to say—'We are the Grand Lodge of South Australia.' It would bring Masonry in South Australia into disrepute throughout the world. The reason why would be, that the minority would be usurping that authority and honour which should belong to the great majority."

ANTIQUARIAN NOTES.

BY BRO. ROB. MORRIS, PAST G.M. KENTUCKY.

There are no passages in the very interesting correspondence with which your columns are enriched that interest me so much as those which embrace the early history of Masonry. The jurisprudence and ritualisms of the Order in your country are so different from ours, that I lose taste for their study, and feel that we shall never agree upon that field. But the origin of Freemasonry, its introduction into England, and the manner in which it was moulded into shape, are themes of which I never weary. As far back as 1854 I published, at large expense, a fac simile copy of Anderson's Constitutions, even going to the cost of cutting antique type upon the pattern of 1721. I translated (very poorly, I am sure), and published in 1853, the "Articles of Athelstane," and very apocryphal, I am afraid, they are. At my cost Dr. Mackey translated the celebrated Cologne paper, which I published in 1856, and these were the first copies of those three works ever circulated here.

I mention these things as evidences of the interest I have long taken in *Masonic antiquities*. Many of your readers are aware that I visited the Orient upon this search in 1868, sent Bro. John Sheville there in 1873, and Bro. H. R. Coleman upon two successive expeditions to Syria and Egypt. While I live I shall never cease to follow your correspondents in their course, slow, laborious, often discouraging as it is, towards the head-springs of Masonic history.

In our Congregational Library at Washington City, D.C., there is a complete file of a London daily paper—the *Public Advertiser*—commencing about 1695. Those who have turned the pages of any journal of the last century can bear witness how little real news they contain, and it is a task to go through, as I did, a century of them. Yet, among the advertised events, I gleaned sufficient hints of a Masonic character to make up a column or two of readable matter. From 1695 to 1756 I found absolutely nothing, though I ran my finger down every column; but under date of January 1st, 1756, my eye caught this:

"BY ORDER OF THE GRAND PRESIDENT.

"The brethren of the Right Worthy and Amicable Order of ANTIGALLIC MASONS are desired to attend the lodge to-morrow, the 2nd inst., at Brother Hopping's, *The Fox, in Castle-st., Southwark*, at 6 o'clock in the evening, in order to elect a Grand President, and on other specific affairs."

A day later the following paragraph appears:

"TRUE BRITONS.

"The brethren of the Grand Lodge of this Honourable Order, held at the White Tavern, Without Bishopgate, are desired to meet at their lodge this day, being the 2nd of January, at 6 o'clock in the evening, in order from thence to attend the Grand Master and his officers to constitute a lodge at Brother Cooley's, the *Red Lion and Phoenix-st., Spitalfields*. By order of the Grand Master."

During the same week "the brethren of the Laudable and Honourable Association of Loyal Britains" are notified of an approaching meeting; and "the brethren of the Most Antient and Honourable Order of Celtiberians" are summoned. "By order of the Grand." To all these notices initials are signed. The terms "Grand" and "Past Grand," borrowed now a days by the Oddfellows, appear thus early.

But the earliest Masonic notice has date March 6, 1754. It is a summons to the Craft "to attend the corpse of Brother John Newland, late Senior Warden, of No. 14, it being his desire." Bro. Hughan can tell us whether "No. 14" is yet an active lodge and where. The title "Ancient and Honourable Brotherhood of Loyal Georges" appears at this time, also the well-worn expression "without fee or reward."

In April of the same year a theatrical notice catches the eye:

"TO THE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

"The brethren who intend to favour Brother Lander with their company at his benefit on Thursday, the 8th inst. (that is, April 8, 1756), at the New Theatre, in the Hay Market, are desired to meet at Brother Bankins, in Bear-street, Leicester Fields, at 4 o'clock that afternoon. Boxes 5s.; Pit 3s.; Gallery 2s. A Freemason's song to be sung by Brother Lander."

During the same year I see an official notice from Grand Secretary Revis, which is worth reading:

"All former and present Grand Officers, as also the Masters of all regular lodges of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons who have contributed to the General Charity of the said Society within twelve months of the date hereof, are desired to meet in a Committee for the disposal of the said Charity, at the *Anchor and Baptist Head*, in Chancery-lane, to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock; whereof all persons concerned are desired to take notice. By the Grand Master's command. J. REVIS, Secretary."

But now I find a droll advertisement, to which the attention of all your antiquated correspondents is invited. I confess myself "considerably stumped," as my old friend Davy Crockett would have said.

"To the brethren of the Most Antient and Honourable, Free and Accepted Antient York Masons, such as are concerned in E.G., commonly called R.A., at Bro. Sargent's, the *Privee of Wales Head*, in Cople-street, near Well Close-square, this day at six in the evening, to accommodate P.L.R.S. as your forefathers were. By the order of P. F. Z. L. J. A., President. JER. COLEMAN, Secretary."

I should like to see all that unravelled. Had I sent it to my friend, Dr. George Oliver, 25 years since, doubtless he would have taken out the wrinkles. Does R.A. signify "Royal Arch?"

Here is another notice of the same class:

"This is to acquaint all brethren of the Most Honourable, Free and Accepted Masons concerned in A.G. (note, it was 'E.G.' in the other, perhaps the error is typographical), commonly called R.A., that your company is desired to meet at Bro. Watson's, *The Feathers*, in St. Alban-street, next Friday, at the hour of five, to accommodate P.L.R.S. as your forefathers were. By the order of P. T. H. J. L. L., President. JER. COLEMAN, Secretary."

Here is an announcement, genuinely Masonic:

"To the brethren of the Most Antient, Honourable, Free and Accepted Masons. Your company is desired to attend the corpse of Bro. Anson, of No. 30. To meet at the house of Bro. Watson, at *The Feathers*, in St. Alban-street, near Pall Mall, in proper clothing, to-morrow the 22nd inst. (that is, January 22nd, 1756) to attend the corpse to the burial ground."

Besides the pseudo-Masonic societies already named I find advertisements such as these, "The Nobility, Clergy, and Gentlemen disposed to meet the Honourable Society of Antient Britons:" "BELGRADERS. Your FATHER will broach a fresh tun on Friday next and desires your attendance on special affairs. S. P., Inspector." "The brethren of the Antient and Honourable Order of Gregorians belonging to the Rummer Chapter."

"SOL-MON. In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found. But the rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding. The brethren of the Antient, Original, Free and Accepted Sols. are desired to attend the Grand Master and Committee."

In a review of the earlier numbers of the *Public Advertiser* I was more fortunate than at first, and was gratified to see this advertisement of the Antient Constitutions under date March 13th, 1730:

"Just published.—Dedicated to the Right Honorable the Lord Kingston,

"THE ANTIENT CONSTITUTIONS OF FREEMASONS.

Containing the rise, progress, patronage and interest of the science of Masonry, with the solemn Charges and Orders; also the usual Songs all curiously engraved on copper, to which is added a speech delivered at the Grand Lodge in York; and a speech delivered to a lodge in London, setting forth the utility and excellency of the Craft, with Instructions for the improvement of the Society in general; likewise the prologue and epilogue spoken by a Mason and a Mason's wife at the Theatre in Drury Lane. Printed for and sold by B. Creak, at the Red Bible, in Ave Mary Lane, in Ludgate-street, and at his house at the Bible, in Jermyn-street, St. James's, &c. Price three shillings bound."

It is assuming too much for an American to remark in an English journal that this year—1730—on the 15th September, the first Grand Master, Anthony Sayer (elected 1716), was sternly reprimanded before Grand Lodge, and came nigh being expelled from the Order, on account of his liberality to those portions of the Craft not in harmony with his own Grand Lodge, then composed probably of members of "the Grand Lodge of All England" so-called, established at York in 1725. A secession also occurred in London this very year—1730—and, as Bro. Hughan has shown, before the close of the eighteenth century there were four Grand Lodges in active operation in your "right little, tight little, island." Lord Kingston, to whom the volume above-named was dedicated, was Grand Master in 1728, and was succeeded the next year by the Duke of Norfolk—1729-30. John Revis, whose name appears in one of the advertisements, was Grand Secretary, 1734 to 1756—some 23 years.

After my hasty notes above I am reminded, somewhat tardily, that I have my good Bro. Hughan's "Memoirs" as No. 101 of my Masonic collections. Looking at page 11 I see no reference to the edition of 1730. How is that? Is there no copy extant? He names no edition between 1723 and 1738.

Lieut.-Colonel and Sheriff Cowan presided at a public meeting held at Barnes on Thursday evening to protest against a proposed scheme of the Richmond authorities to establish sewage works in Barnes, and bring thereto the sewage of four other parishes. The Sheriff, who was heartily received, pointed out that there were features peculiar to Barnes which made it an unfit place for the deposit of its own sewage, and that it was only divided by the Thames from the densely populated district of Hammersmith. A resolution indicating the objections to the scheme, and pledging to opposition, was unanimously carried, also a vote of thanks to the chairman.



We have the best authority for mentioning that Bro. Alfred Bishop will go to the Novelty Theatre on its reopening with a new comic opera next month, in which Miss Lillian Russell will be the principal lady artiste.

For the present Mr. Hollingshead contents himself with dishing up a former Gaiety burlesque—"Camalazaman;" by Mr. Burnand, in which the old company—Mr. Elton, Bro. Royce, Miss Farren, and Miss Gilchrist—distinguish themselves. But we are promised a succession of new burlesque dramas, the next being a parody on "Called Back," a burlesque, by Messrs. Fauton and Burnand, on "Kenilworth," and "Robinson Crusoe," so that the "sacred lamp" is not going to be extinguished in its own home, as has been rumoured; nor will the company be disbanded. We believe Bro. Edward Terry will rejoice at Christmas.

Miss Mary Anderson has re-opened the Lyceum; and the same amount of success is with her as in her last season, despite what one or two even of the highest critics have said about her formalism. In "Pygmalion and Galatea," opinions may differ as to her acting, but the character, we think, requires some formalism, but in "Comedy and Tragedy" she displays marvellous talents as an actress, quite apart from her beauty and classical features. "Clarice" is a character which only few could play with any amount of success. We can imagine Sarah Bernhardt or Modjeska doing it justice, but we cannot call to mind many English ladies who would make their reputation in it. Her delivery of the fine speech of the strolling player in "Comedy and Tragedy," is a thing to be remembered. As Galatea she is thought by some to be soulless and without heart, but when we remember that the character is that of a lovely marble statue, which by the aid of the gods receives life, it does not seem so extraordinary to represent it as Miss Anderson does, different from a human being brought into the world by birth. There is no denying the fact that Miss Anderson has been and is the hit of the theatrical season of 1884. Mr. Terriss now plays Mr. Barnes' part of Pygmalion, and it goes without saying that he does full justice to it. Miss Myra Holme—who by the way has not been seen on the stage since her marriage with Mr. Pinero, and whom we welcome back—is the "Cynisca," and displays no little ability in her rendering. Mr. Kemble is very droll as "Chrysolos," as is also Miss Sophie Larkin as "Daphne," but we have not attempted to pit the present cast against the former one. Sufficient to say that for highly intellectual and amusing plays the Lyceum presents a full programme. Mr. Abud has charge of the management of the front of the house, and in his hands everything is done that can be done.

After the lamented death of the late Charles Read it was pointed out how several of the most important legal reforms of the day had been hastened by the influence of his dramas. When deep-rooted evils should be exposed, when wrongs require righting, when public feeling is to be roused, no medium is more powerful than the stage. At the present moment there is a call for the reform of the Lunacy Laws. Several recent cases have demonstrated the mischief attending a system which leaves it possible for an individual to be imprisoned as insane at the desire of an interested party, and upon most unconvincing evidence; but until the people can clearly understand the injustice which is too frequently perpetrated in the name of the law, so that they shall rise in a body and clamour for a reform, they must have their emotions excited by a case brought clearly before them. Such a case they will find in "The World," the drama now being played at Drury Lane Theatre. The incident of Sir Clement Huntingford's incarceration in a private lunatic asylum is founded on fact; and any one acquainted with the question will testify that such cases continually occur. An audience following with attention the fortunes of the hero cannot fail to be moved with indignation when they see him the victim of a vile conspiracy, especially when they know that his misfortune may be next day the experience of any individual amongst them. By reviving "The World," Bro. Augustus Harris hopes to keep public attention directed to this blot upon our legal escutcheon, until, at the bidding of the public voice, our lawmakers erase it for ever. "The World" was originally produced at Drury Lane on July 31st, 1880. It was the first of that class of spectacular melodramas which have since become popular at several theatres. At the time it was a distinct departure. It ran 120 nights, only being withdrawn on the production of the Christmas pantomime, "Mother Goose." After the pantomime it was revived on March 14th, 1881, for a limited number of nights, as Bro. Harris had previously arranged with Mr. John McCullough, the distinguished American tragedian, for a season of "legitimate drama," commencing on April 25th. On the present occasion Bro. Harris has reproduced all the great spectacular effects which formerly evoked such enthusiasm, and the piece has been mounted with the most elaborate care. The best artists have bestowed their thought and labour upon scenery, costumes, and accessories, and a company of popular favourites are engaged for the representation.

No one would be heartless enough to laugh at those sad vicissitudes of fortune which compel brethren once of good standing in the Craft to seek, either for themselves or their children, the benefits of our Charitable Institutions. But one may be forgiven for smiling at the manner in which the woes of others are occasionally described. Thus we have heard of a brother in whose behalf, or rather in behalf of whose widow or child, it was pleaded that "within a few months softening of the brain set in, and the complete destruction of his valuable furniture necessitated his removal to an asylum." In another case we heard of a brother who was initiated in a certain lodge and certain day, and having remained a contributing member for twenty years, "in consequence of reduced circumstances he withdrew, a widower dependent on his children and the benevolence of friends, having dislocated one of his shoulders and the failure of his eyesight."



The Prince of Wales has graciously consented to become patron of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., of Bartholomew-close, gave 250 guineas for Oakapple at the sale of the Belhus Hunters recently.

Bro. Alderman Nottage and Mrs. Nottage, with their niece (Miss Florence Allen), have just returned from a tour to Russia.

A new lodge, named the St. Osyth, has been founded by Bro. Foxcroft. Ex-Sheriff Sir J. H. Johnson, of St. Osyth's Priory, Colchester, will be the first W.M.

We are requested to state that the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction will not meet until 6th October, in consequence of their meeting place, Fountains Abbey Hotel, changing hands.

Under the provisions of the scheme in accordance with the Endowed Schools Act, the Lord Mayor was entrusted with the appointment of a governor for the administration of the St. Olave Grammar School, Southwark, and his lordship has appointed Bro. Alderman Savory.

A letter was read by the Clerk from Bro. A. B. Hudson, surveyor of the parish of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, enclosing drawings of proposed alterations to the wall and railings separating St. Botolph and Christ Church burial grounds, and stating that it was proposed to construct a gateway in the wall so that a short flight of steps could be erected on the Christ Church side to allow of passing from one ground to the other. The letter was referred to the Parish Committee.

**WORTH KNOWING.**—An essential of the dinner table is a good potato, but, unfortunately, the local greengrocer is not always in a position to supply this vegetable of a quality to command the respect of the housewife. When this is the case, we hold it is always best to buy of the wholesale dealer, and as it is a wrinkle worth knowing where such a dealer is to be found who will supply householders with such quantities as they are likely to have room to store, we recommend them to try Mr. Kenny, of Portugal-street, W.C., who, we know, will give them good value for their money.

**THE LONDON AND SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.**—Travellers do not need to be reminded of the enterprise shown at all seasons of the year, but especially when the summer holidays are in progress, by the directorate of the London and South-Western Railway Company. This line is in direct communication with very many of our most popular resorts, such as Exeter, Plymouth, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, in Devonshire; Portsmouth, Southampton, Isle of Wight, &c., and the facilities which are offered to the tourist and excursionist are of a most liberal character, both as regards the time over which tickets may be extended and the rates of charge. The fullest particulars can be obtained at the company's chief terminus at Waterloo Station and other principal stations on the line, as well as in the metropolis, where also they may be had at the various railway booking offices; or, in most cases, a reference to the London and South-Western time tables will give all the information that is required. At all events, we can safely venture to recommend the places we have named above as being among our most attractive holiday resorts, and the London and South-Western Railway as affording every facility as regards time and cost for reaching and returning from them.

We occasionally read of the mystic influence which Freemasonry is credited with exercising all the world over. In a narrative, describing his experiences of "Continental Freemasonry," which appeared in the "Freemasons' Magazine," during the time of the Crimean War, Bro. Rev. J. G. Wood, M.A., P.P.G.J.D. Oxfordshire, visited Paris in company with a friend, who was also a brother Mason, and the two took their clothing with them, resolved on giving their trip as much of a Masonic character as possible. They had hardly left the steamer that landed them at Calais, when they found the advantage of this course. "My Masonic companion," writes Bro. Wood, "carried with him a large carpet bag, which was instantly seized upon by the searchers at the Custom House, and its contents reduced to a state of direful confusion in an instant. My big box, however, was not destined to suffer quite such rough handling, for the chief douanier happened to be a brother Mason, and, being struck with a very decidedly Masonic jewel lying at the top of my box, he made a few rapid inquiries, and, having ascertained our rank, welcomed us to France, much to the surprise of a lad who was with me, and who, not being a Mason, was quite astonished at the excellent terms on which we were then with the officials, and all without having spoken a word." On reaching Amiens, the two travellers put up at the Hotel de Londres et du Nord, where an amusing incident occurred. Bro. Wood, wanting change for a note, rang for the waiter; but in his stead there appeared the chambermaid, and his Masonic paraphernalia—which lay on the table—at once attracted her attention. But let our worthy brother recount the story in his own fashion: "Not satisfied with a mere examination, she insisted on putting everything on; but was delayed by a slight check caused by a wicked scheme of my companion, who deluded her into the idea that the apron was to be worn after the fashion of a modern coat-tail. However, our irrepresible merriment soon undeceived her, and after another trifling delay, occasioned by fastening the apron round her neck, she succeeded in arranging everything in its right place, and, having indulged in a quaint dance before a large mirror, exclaimed, 'A present, je vais les monter à Madame. Voyons!' Off she went accordingly, and in a few minutes a shriek, followed by uproarious merriment, told us that she had seen 'Madame.'" It was not till the evening, however, that the regalia were returned, Marie Blan—as the chambermaid was called—only surrendering them one by one, and with the utmost regret, the Knights Templar star, in particular, causing her a severe pang to part with. Here, again, though of a different kind, we see the mystic influence exercised by the emblems of our ancient Craft.

The Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts left London on Saturday on a short visit to Ireland.

Bro. G. Vickery, of 18, Addele-street, is the architect for the warehouses to be erected on the Sion College Estate, Aldermanbury-avenue.

**CHRIST CHURCH, NEWGATE-STREET.**—A vestry meeting of the inhabitants of this parish was held in the vestry room on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the Rev. T. D. C. Morse, the vicar, presiding.

The Ubique Lodge of Instruction on and after the 26th inst. will hold its meetings at the Crown van Anchor, 79, Fbury-street, Pimlico, instead of as formerly at the Guardsman Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will be held on October 6th at the Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Prov. Grand Master. It is expected that the Lord Mayor of London will be present.

At the Mansion House on Tuesday, William Filley, 18, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for stealing from a van in Brabant-court, Philpot-lane, a case containing 12 bottles of Riga, the property of Bro. G. Phillips, distiller, 69, High Holborn.

The meetings of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction are now resumed at the Clarence Hotel, nearly opposite Aldersgate Station of the Metropolitan Railway. Brethren are cordially invited on Monday evening at seven o'clock, Bro. W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623, Preceptor.

It will be as well to state, for the benefit of those among our readers who have votes to spare for the election next month, that the name of the boy Leo Kretschman, standing No. 55 on the list of candidates, has been withdrawn. Any interest, therefore, that may be exerted on his behalf will be thrown away.

The *City Press* of Wednesday contains the first of a series of illustrated articles dealing with the various trades and industries carried on in the Old London Street, under the auspices of the City companies. Numerous sketches of the workmen, the quaint signs, and the shields of arms of the City companies appear in these articles.

The old Eddystone Lighthouse, the materials of which were presented by the Trinity Corporation to Plymouth for re-erection on the Hoe as a memorial to Smeaton, was formally dedicated on Wednesday. In the evening, at a banquet given in honour of the occasion, the Earl of Morley, Under Secretary for War, replied to the toast of "The Army."

The Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, it is expected will be consecrated in November. The consecration has been postponed in consequence of the alterations at the Brixton Hall not being yet completed. The intention of the petitioning companions is that the chapter shall, if possible, be consecrated by the same Grand Officers as consecrated the lodge in August, 1881.

Mr. Sheriff Clarence Smith, in placing the memorial-stone of new Wesleyan vestries at Teddington recently, was presented with a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, and in his address referred to the fact that he was circuit steward when the foundation-stone of the chapel was laid eight years previously. The sum of five guineas was contributed by the Sheriff towards the building fund.

The directors of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway have intimated to the Corporation of Brighton, through Mr. J. P. Knight, general manager, that the arrangements with regard to the time of return tickets between London and Brighton being available were determined upon after careful consideration, and the Board are not in a position to comply with the request for an extension of time.

An interesting discovery of particular value in the engineering world is just announced in the form of a new motive power. The discovery is due to the inventive genius of Mr. Edwin Sturge, who has patented its mode of application. It is claimed that for all purposes of light locomotion, or for driving light machinery, it will eventually displace steam. Private experiments of Sturge's new motive power have proved very satisfactory, and arrangements are being made to give it a public trial.

Once upon a time, which, in this particular instance, means about half-a-century since, there was a certain Gravesend steam packet named the Comet, in one of the cabins of which a certain waggish barber had established his quarters, where, according to the notice posted on his cabin door, his services were always at the command of the passengers. So said the notice, at least, in the following quaint terms: "George Winsor, late barber-surgeon to the Man in the Moon, but now chin-operator to the gentlemen on the Comet. Keen razors, warm water, sweet-scented Windsor soap, and lily-white linen always ready."

**DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.**—Owing either to fault of the writer of the copy or to the compositor, an error crept into our report of the installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall last week. Bro. J. W. Smith is mentioned as the incoming Master, whereas it should be our well known Bro. J. W. Dewsnap. In a paragraph further down is given the toast of the new W.M. The I.P.M. is mentioned as calling upon the brethren to drink Bro. Dewsnap's health, therefore it would appear to those who read the report carefully that the Senior Warden, Bro. Dewsnap, was spoken of in error as Bro. Smith in the installation ceremony. We beg the W.M.'s sincere pardon and wish him a happy year of office, which his popularity we know justly deserves.

**£50 to £500.**—Tobacconists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4—1/1, 14 stamps. [Adv.]

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A new lodge, called the Kendrick Lodge, will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Thursday next. Bro. W. G. Flanagan is the W.M. designate.

The labours of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will be resumed on Tuesday, the 14th October next, at the White Hart, Cannon-street, E.C.

Bro. W. Gray will be installed W.M. of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Balls Pond-road, on Friday, the 3rd prox.

Portrait models of the Hoxton burglars, Wright and Wheatley, also the Dalston murderer, Orrock, are now added to Mdme. Tussaud's Exhibition.

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.J. East Lancashire, installed Comps. C. Furness, Z.; R. Ruston, H.; and R. Anderton, J. of the Equality Chapter, 1145, at Accrington, on Saturday last.

The Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, No. 749, resumed their weekly meetings at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate-street, (opposite Metropolitan Railway Station), on Thursday, the 25th inst.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at seven o'clock p.m., at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, S.W.

Bro. Bedford Lemere, of 147, Strand, is one of the Directors of "Caygill's Tours Company," Limited, which has been formed to take over the well-known Tourist Agency and business carried on by Messrs. O. H. Caygill and Co.

Amongst the most recent applications of the Æolus Waterspray system of cooling, ventilating, and warming, are those which are being made to St. Mary's Church, Tenby; the University of North Wales at Bangor; Mr. Findlay's house, Edinburgh; and the Clerks' Café, Liverpool.

Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, afterwards King of Hanover, was initiated into Freemasonry on the 11th May, 1796, at the house of Lord Moira, Acting Grand Master. He was present at the Grand Feast the evening of the same day, and presented with the insignia, and assigned the rank of a Past Grand Master.

Bro. Edmund Gowers, S.W. 1024, P.P.G. Org. Essex, has been presented with a Past Prov. Grand Organist's jewel, in recognition of his services as Secretary to the Local Reception Committee in connection with the recent visit of the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge to Maldon. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**THE ACCIDENT TO LORD ROSEBERY.**—The medical report as to the Earl of Rosebery's condition on Wednesday night was that he was suffering considerable pain. The shoulders were much swollen, and his lordship is very severely bruised. It is now believed that there are no other injuries than those which are external, and that complete rest will restore his lordship to health.

At the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, Bro. G. H. Stephens was installed W.M. on the 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lardner, P.M., received a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and £10 10s. was voted from the lodge funds upon the list of Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M., for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and upon that of Bro. Egbert Roberts, Organist, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

We obtain a slight and satisfactory insight into the condition of our Girls' School towards the close of last century from an advertisement which appeared in the *Star* newspaper of the 11th August, 1798, and from which it seems that at the Quarterly Meeting of Governors and Subscribers, held on the previous 12th July, Bro. W. Forssteen in the chair, a resolution was passed to the effect that a Special General Meeting should be held on the 16th August, for the purpose of electing three additional children, and thereby increasing the number received into the Girls' School—which had only been in existence ten years—to 48. We learn also, from the same source, that on the 31st May preceding a benefit in aid of the funds of the Institution had been given at the Royal Circus, by Messrs. James and George Jones, to whom, of course, a hearty vote of thanks was passed unanimously, and that the offices of Treasurer and Secretary were held by "Adam Gordon, Esq.," and C. Cuppage respectively. The above announcement shows that the funds of the School must have been in a very prosperous state, or such an addition would have been impossible.

Our old friend Midshipman Easy would have ascribed the following to an excess of zeal on the part of the official who figures in it so prominently. To us, though amusing enough in its way, it seems very much a case of zeal run mad. But here it is described in the old Masonic journal from which we have clipped it: "A lodge in the south of Scotland had for a Tyler a tall, strapping, fiery-headed Gael, whose hatred of all non-Masons was only equalled by his love for the Ferintosh. One evening, a brother brought with him to the lodge a member of a sister lodge named Cowan. The brethren were quietly chatting round the fire, before the sounding of the gavel of the R.W.M., when one of the number, characterised by few of the Masonic virtues, and a huge love of practical joking, which he cultivated at the expense of the Tyler, went out to Donald and accosted him thus: 'Do you know there is a stranger in the lodge?' 'Yes.' 'Do you know he is a Cowan?' Donald's brow grew dark, and, with a warlike howl, he instantly sprang into the centre of the group at the fire, seized the unconscious stranger by the throat, and dragged him to the door, exclaiming: 'Ye tanned Sassenach, had she her dirk, she would sheath it in her duty wyme.' Consternation fell upon the brethren; but, at length recovering, they got the brother from out of the hands of the irate Gael, and demanded the cause of such an attack. 'Fat,' cried Donald, 'she's a Cowan.' The R.W.M. smelt the rat, and told Donald that the stranger was a brother, although his name was Cowan. Donald scratched his head, exclaiming, as he left the lodge, 'Fat for has she such a tanned dirty name? Hielan' shentlemens dinna ken sich vermin.'"

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