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A VERY curious question has been recently raised in America, where a ballot was taken, and none of the members present voted, except two, in the affirmative. This ballot was objected to, and voted to be informal, because, as was stated, the law required that every member present *must* vote. Some of us may remember that an almost similar question, if in a different form, came before our Grand Lodge on appeal, some time back, when Bro. MCINTYRE, our then Grand Registrar, stated with his usual lucidity that there was no law in English Freemasonry compelling any one to vote. In the American case we read the following difference: "In the first place, section 55 of the statutes declares that 'Every member of a lodge present at any balloting therein, for initiation, advancement, or affiliation, *must* vote.' There is therefore no power in the Master or the lodge to excuse any one from voting." It would almost seem as if in America there is a rule, that on been advanced to the Second Degree, a fresh ballot may be demanded, as it was on a ballot for the Second Degree that this dilemma arose. No doubt the "dictum" of our esteemed and able confrère, Bro. J. SIMONS, is good, according to American law, though we are slightly astonished that the right of private judgment and liberty of action is *not* upheld in the American lodges; but we are glad to think that in England no such arbitrary law prevails, but that in all ballots members are free to vote or abstain from voting, as it shall seem to them best. To compel every brother to vote on a ballot, whether he wishes it or not, is an element of Masonic despotism which we trust never to live to see introduced into our English lodges, as not only does such a provision make the ballot a mockery, but it is a deliberate invasion of the absolute right of free voting. The object of the ballot is to prevent unfitting persons being introduced into Freemasonry, to enter if need be a solemn but marked protest against the possible tyranny of a majority or a minority, to put a stop to the pernicious influence of a cabal or clique, or in the euphonious vernacular of the day a "caucus" or a "ring." It is in fact a defensive precaution against those who would seek Freemasonry from unworthy motives, and would prostitute a noble Order to the more degrading aims of personal gain or social advantage. The ballot is the safeguard of our lodges, and is the "salt" which would purify us from the contagion of a "concatenation of atoms," or the corruption of the tone and temper of contemporary society. It is said that we all can learn something from others as we march on through life, and especially is this true in Freemasonry. Good as we deem our practice and outcome to be, well as we speak of ourselves often, there are others who are going on along with us, by parallel roads it is true, from whom we should not decline to obtain a "wrinkle," with whom we should not be above interchanging thought, or taking counsel. We think this position is remarkably true as regards American Freemasonry. We do not agree with all we read of the dicta and doings of that great Order in a great land. We think we see great weakness in their system, and open joints in their armour. The decisions of their GRAND MASTERS are contradictory, fragmentary, and to us apparently unsound and arbitrary, as founded on no known principle of Masonic law and precedent. Indeed, until our American brethren make up their minds to have a Supreme Court of Masonic Judicial Appeal, this must be so inevitably. The GRAND MASTER of New York will not agree with the GRAND MASTER of Pennsylvania, nor the GRAND MASTER of Pennsylvania with the GRAND MASTERS of Ohio and Missouri. But so far any attempts to have a Grand Lodge for America have signally failed, and we doubt the feasibility of the idea. But a Supreme Court of all the Grand Masters, meeting annually or biennially, and settling by an absolute majority or two-thirds all disputed decisions on appeal, would give prestige and dignity to American Freemasonry, would strengthen its present position, and control for good its future course.

WE call attention elsewhere to a short account of "An American Masonic Birthday. There is in it a tone of homeliness and honesty of purpose which will gratify our readers, while the thoroughly fraternal spirit evinced, and the kindly sentiments deduced from this most genial act of brotherly good will, reflects not only the greatest credit on all concerned, but illustrates one of the many good and sterling qualities of American Freemasonry.

THE question of Masonic mendicancy is before us, and has latterly assumed a very serious form of unpleasantness and actuality. Thanks to several worthy brethren, impostors have been "posted," and imposition rendered more difficult. But still Masonic mendicants exist, and it is truly hard that the charity of the generous should be abused or misused, the humble measure of fraternal relief, given in a thorough good spirit, *spent at the neighbouring public house*. Can nothing be done to put a stop to this trickery of mendicants, this game of the profligate, the manœuvres of those who live on, trade on, and habitually deceive Freemasons? We shall be pleased to publish Bro. JAMES STEVENS'S "panacea" for this great and growing evil, and would even venture to throw out this further hint. Can nothing be devised whether under official recognition or not, by which all such applicants should be referred to a central office, where, as in Lancashire and elsewhere, their claims can be considered and their credentials scanned? Might not even a voluntary association be formed out of the Metropolitan lodges, where temporary relief might be given to the truly deserving, and where the vagabond, the impostor, the tramp, might be civilly but resolutely dismissed, his cunning baffled, and his roguery unachieved?

OUR lodges are beginning to open again, and brethren to reassemble from all quarters of the globe. Though it is true that we shall miss many old friends, and many a genial presence, and some good lodge will mourn some ancient and valued confrère, whose memory conjures up many long years of happy work and unchanging friendship, when we do meet, such is the warm-hearted tendency of English Freemasonry, we shall most gladly hail long tried comrades and younger associates. There is something homely, and yet sentimental, in the constitution and normal life of our English lodges and chapters. It is a most happy ingredient of our English Freemasonry that we all know each other well, and are not favourable to overgrown lodges. The charm of our Masonic sociality consists in its intimacy, and nothing should be so much deprecated as any attempt sometimes made to render our social circles open to chance visitors and unknown brethren. We rightly demand a voucher for all who claim admission to our lodges, and a personal introduction above all to our private social assemblies, otherwise our gatherings would be unbearable and unendurable, and soon forfeit altogether their thorough claim for Masonic sympathy with, and Masonic interest in, each other. Hospitality is a great virtue and duty, and the hospitality of our English lodges is alike remarkable and hearty. But as there is a tendency to abuse all good things here, so that very hospitality should not be too easy or too profuse, and thus abused. If our social gatherings cease to be the reality of perfect confidence and intimate friendship, if for any cause whatever we were to relax our very wise precautions of voucher and personal recommendation, we should soon find that even open-hearted and open-handed hospitality may have its "seamy side," and our pleasant meetings would lose their meaning, their effect, and their perfection. We shall all recall with a sigh many a pleasant summons in days of old to mingle with kind faces no more amongst us, to listen to the pleasant voice of the effective orator, the mellifluous and marvellous teacher, some Doctor in our Masonic Israel, the intensity of friendship, and the full flow of affectionate interest. The words of many of us to-day will be still "adveniant utinam sic mihi scæpe dies."

THE consecration of the new lodge La France took place last Monday with the wonted ceremonial and with great effect. Our esteemed Bro. AMBROSE HALL, P.G.C.'s, oration was well received, and the speeches of Bro. PHILBRICK and the GRAND SECRETARY were, as usual, very effective.

WE beg to inform our readers that the subscription list towards the "HUGHAN Testimonial Fund" will be closed at some date to be announced later during the month of December, and that arrangements are in progress for the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. HUGHAN in London in the same month. We most gladly announce further that the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire has voted the sum of £10 10s. to the Fund, and we trust that between now and the close of the list the aggregate will be raised to such an amount as will be worthy alike of the distinguished recipient and the Craft he has laboured so earnestly to assist.

It is not often that our District Grand Lodges have the honour of receiving one of our Royal brethren, the duties of the latter being so onerous as to preclude the possibility of their devoting much time to the calls of mere pleasure. However, on Thursday, the 25th ult., the District Grand Lodge of Bengal held a communication at Mussoorie, which will be memorable hereafter as having afforded H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, P.G.S.W. of England, the opportunity of showing his regard for Freemasonry generally, and its representative lodges in Bengal particularly, by visiting the District Grand Lodge and afterwards banqueting with the brethren. R.W. Bro. PRINSEP, D.G.M., occupied the chair, and everything passed off most enjoyably and to the credit of the Craft, so that we may legitimately congratulate our Bengal friends on the success of the day's proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire was held at the Town Hall Chorley, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, Past Grand M.M.M., presided, and was supported by the following :

Bro. Capt. Hargreaves, acting D.P.G.M.M.; J. Lawrence, P.G.S.W.; G. T. Hardman, P.G.J.W.; W. Dean, P.G.S.O.; R. T. B. Spencer, P.G.A. Chap.; P. G. Whitehead, P.G. Treas.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; J. E. Bannah, P.G.I. of Wks.; Jos. Gartside, P.G.D. of C.; J. Hargreaves, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. T. Lord, P.G. Std. Br.; J. B. Jackson, P.G.M.O.; J. R. Raydell, P.G.P.; J. W. Mycock, P.G.J.O.; P. M. Hunter, P.G.S.; Wm. Davis, P.G.S.; J. H. Lawson, P.P.G.S.B. 246; Walter Newton, P.P.G.J.D., 141; J. J. Roberts, P.P.G.S.O., 268; J. H. Bailey, P.P.G.D. of C., 159; R. Rushton, P.P.G.J.O., 159; C. D. Mortimer, P.P.G.O., 158; John Davidson, P.P.G.J.D., 142; W. W. Cottham, P.P.G.S.B., 142; Jacob Stanley, P.P.G.J.W.; J. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br.; J. F. Tweedale, P.G.S.O., P.P.G.R.; J. C. Lunt, P.P.G.S.O., 161; W. Walker, P.G.D., P.P.G.S.W., 123; John Wray, P.M. 206, P.P.J.D.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; J. T. Newbold, 123, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.S.O.; G. Galloway, P.P.G.J.W.; H. C. Miller, P.P.G.S.D.; Hugh Williams, P.M. 11, P.P.G.J.D. Cheshire; John Hayes, P.M. 65, P.P.G.S.D.; John Williams, P.M. 65, P.P.G.J.O.; Jos. Jenaway, W.M. 65; D. Davies, J.W. 65; John Pye, S.O. 65; E. Griffiths, 65; Robt. Owens, 65; E. Sandiford, 65; John Molloy, 65; D. C. Davidson, 65; J. H. Lawson, S.W. 246; W. Edwards, P.M. 171; W. Davies, P.M. 20; J. Hall, 113; J. Browne, J.O. 150; B. Whittaker, 189; J. Kenyon, St. John's, T.I.; J. B. Taylor, W.M. St. John's, T.I.; R. Ray, 142; J. Hunter, W.M. 36; W. W. Elton, S.W. 143; A. Stanley, J.W. 148; J. W. Smith, 158; T. P. Simpson, T. Milne, W.M. 158; G. Slater, W.M. 56; E. Griffiths, 65; J. G. Christian, J.D. 143; J. Sutcliffe, 186; Jas. Hall, 113; T. E. Pearson, 143; H. G. Bell, W.M. 143; A. Hall, M.O. 186; J. Parker, W.M. 24; and J. C. Robinson, 65 (*Freemason*).

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the R.W.P.G.M. proceeded to consecrate the Lawrence Mark Lodge, No. 313, which was conducted with due solemnity. The Rev. T. B. Spencer (owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.G. Chap.) was unexpectedly called upon to act as Grand Chaplain, and after the first part of the processional anthem he delivered an oration. In the course of an earnest address he rejoiced in the spread of Mark Masonry, and said he believed that in a proper observance of Masonic principles would be found the best means of maintaining its success and vitality. The anthem was then concluded, and the consecration prayer followed, the P.G.M. subsequently pouring out the emblems according to the ancient Masonic ritual, and dedicating and constituting the lodge.

The following were appointed the first officers of the new lodge : Bros. J. Lawrence, W.M.; J. Corbitt, S.W.; J. M. Kerr, J.W.; J. Heald, M.O.; R. Irving, S.O.; A. Hall, J.O.; T. F. Jackson, S.D.; J. Bradshaw, J.D.; L. Eccles, Sec.; J. Hopkinson, I.G.; and J. B. Withnell, Tyler. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with.

The roll of lodges having been called, it was found that five were unrepresented. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year :

Bro. J. T. Milnes, 123	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" P. M. Hunter, 268	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" J. E. Hannah, 146	...	...	...	Prov. G. M.O.
" Joseph Jenaway, 65	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" Warwick Wood, 136	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" The Rev. T. B. Spencer, 143	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. B. Cardwell, 313	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. B. Ragdale, 142	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick, 156	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. C. Hunter, 36	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" James Hall, 113	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" T. Milner, 158	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. W. Cottam, 143	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" James Corbitt, 313	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. C.
" James Sutcliffe, 189	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd.Br.
" John Boland, 189	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. G. Leigh, 313	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Edwards, 171	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Bradshaw, Bro. Thomas Sharples, and Bro. T. J. Jackson, 313	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" James Sly	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

It was proposed and resolved that the following sums be granted : £10 10s. to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; £10 10s. East Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Institution; and £5 5s. to the "Dewar" Fund.

Bro. H. G. BELL, W.M., said he was authorised, on behalf of Lodge 143, to extend to the Provincial Grand Lodge a cordial invitation to visit Preston next year.

Bro. A. BEATTIE, in supporting, assured the Provincial Grand Master that if Preston was chosen a warm welcome would be extended. The decision rests with Lord Lathom, and will not be made known for some months.

Earl Lathom having been thanked for consecrating the Lawrence Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, after the Provincial Grand Master had stated that, acting on the advice of his physician, he should be compelled to return home before evening, and therefore must deprive himself of the pleasure of dining with the brethren.

The banquet was well served to about 70 brethren at Stansfield's Hotel, the chair being occupied by Bro. Hargreaves, of Accrington, Acting D.P.G.M.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

A special meeting of the above was held at Liverpool on the 16th inst. A Craft lodge was opened by Bros. S. M. Harrison, W.M. 52, acting W.M.; G. M. Ashurst, W.M. 178, acting S.W.; E. Cattrall, W.M. 203, acting J.W.; and was very largely attended by the brethren. When the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, Bro. G. H. Evans, P.G.W., in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M., presided, supported by Bros. Ackerley, acting P.G. S.W.; P. Murray Hunter, acting P.G.J.W.; W. S. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Barrow, P.G.S.; J. Dow, P.G.J.D.; W. Longbottom, P.G.A.P.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D.; John Duncan, P.P.G.D.C., P.P.G.S. of W.; F. A. Pentin, P.G.A.D.C.; R. Cain, P.G.S.; J. Toure, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Brown, P.P.G.T.; W. H. Bucknell, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Buxton, P.P. G.R.; J. Beesley, P.G.S.; H. Garviere, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Whalley, P.P. G.A.D.C.; and others.

With few exceptions, all the lodges were represented, Nos. 281, 986, 1140, 1225, 1299, 1384, 1476, 1561, and 1715 being without sponsors. The business was confined to the consideration of the amended bye-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence and Charity Fund, which, with few exceptions, were agreed to. The principal change was, upon the motion of Bro. ANDREWS, P.P.G.A.D.C., in the election of Auditors, by making it the prerogative of the Prov. Grand Lodge to elect annually five W.M.'s or P.M.'s to that office. After considerable discussion, the amended bye-laws were passed, on the motion of Bro. R. MARTIN, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday afternoon, the 16th inst., the annual convocation of Royal Arch Freemasons in the Province of West Lancashire was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, and, notwithstanding the counter-attractions of the moment, was fully attended. A chapter was opened by Comps. John Lunt, M.E.Z. 1086, acting Z.; H. A. Tobias, P.Z. 1502, acting H.; and D. Jackson, P.Z. 673, acting J.; J. Wells, P.Z. 1086, P.G. D.C., acting S.N. It had been announced that the R.W.P.G. Superintendent, Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, would preside over the Provincial meeting; but, after some little delay, the companions were given to understand that he would be prevented from attending. Provincial Grand Chapter was accordingly formed, and received with the usual honours, Comps. Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.G.J., acting as P.G. 1st Principal; R. Wylie, P.P.G.H., acting as H.; and W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.J., acting as J.

Among those present were Comps. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.H.; Thos. Salter, P.G.S.N.; Jos. L. Roberts, P.P.G.R.; Thos. Buxton, P.P.G. A.S.; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.A.S.; W. J. Thomson, P.G.P.S.; W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.S.N.; H. Garown, P.G.R.; Jno. Case, P.P.G.J.; Jas. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; P. B. Gee, P.G.S.; Jas. Jackson, P.G.S.B.; J. G. Edleston, P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Wray, P.P.G.A.S.; Ed. Barber, P.G.A.S.; S. Wylde, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Macmildrow, P.P.G.S.N.; Maurice Hart, P.G. Std. Br.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.J.; J. Sumner, P.P.G.S.; James Platt, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Whiteside, P.P.G.S.B. and others.

On taking his seat the Acting R.W.P.G. SUPERINTENDENT stated that he had received a telegram from the Earl of Lathom, expressing his regret that he was prevented by illness from attending. A letter of apology was also read from Comp. the Hon. Col. F. A. Stanley, P.G.H., excusing his absence through domestic affliction.

The minutes of the last annual convocation at Preston were read and confirmed, and the accounts, from which it appeared that the finances were in a sound state, were passed.

Comp. R. MARTIN, the retiring P.G.T., proposed Comp. Geo. Broadbridge, P.Z. 680, as P.G.T., and he was unanimously elected.

The following officers were then appointed by the wish of the R.W.P.G. SUPERINTENDENT :

Comp. Col. Stanley ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" James Poole	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Goodacre	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Geo. Broadbridge	...	...	...	Prov. G.T.
" Geo. Morgan	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Robt. Davies	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Maurice Hart	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Dr. D. Costine	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Dr. T. W. Serjeant	...	...	...	Prov. G.R.
" John Lunt	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Harrison	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" John Wells (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. P. Bryan	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Gregory	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.
" P. Ball	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. GEORGE BROADBRIDGE, seconded by Comp. R. WYLIE, 25 guineas were voted to the West Lancashire Educational Institution.

Comp. CALLOW proposed that 25 guineas should be given to the Hamer Benevolent Institution, which was unanimously carried.

Before the chapter closed, Comp. WYLIE referred in feeling and sympathetic terms to the great loss Prov. Grand Chapter had sustained since its last meeting in the death of the P.G.S.E., Comp. H. S. Alpass, and, on his motion, a vote of condolence with Mrs. Alpass was carried without dissent.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, presided. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.R., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice-President's chair, and Bro. J. H. Matthews, G. Std. Br., acted as Junior Vice-President. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Bros. A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, and Neville Green represented the Grand Secretary's department. The other brethren who attended were—

Bros. G. P. Britten; F. R. Spaul; Henry Garrod, G.A.P.; C. Dairy, P.M. 141; E. F. Storr, P.M., Treas. 22; H. McPherson, P.M. 890; J. Noble, P.M. 975; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; W. P. Browne, P.M. 90; G. Hale,

P.M. 902; B. Taylor, P.M. 935; T. J. Hooper, P.M. 1633; T. C. Corpe, P.M. 1339; W. Clarke, W.M. 141; H. Ruding, W.M. 140; W. Beavis, W.M. 879; J. O. Carter, P.M. 1871; W. Jarvis, W.M. 14; A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; L. C. Haslip, P.M. 813; J. R. Foulger, P.M. 177; F. Nash, P.M. 1067; H. Cox, W.M. 1471; J. Waters, P.M. 211; T. C. Walls, W.M. 1503; G. F. Smith, jun., P.M. 1706; H. John, P.M. 1679; J. Painter, P.M. 749; R. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcester; G. W. Peters, P.M. 507; G. Bean, W.M. 188; G. G. Walker, W.M. 1208; G. Powell, W.M. 1185; C. T. Lewis, 1472; H. Stevenson, W.M. 192; J. Wilson, P.M. 209; T. W. Ockenden, W.M. 1768; E. C. Cooper, P.M. 484; F. McCarthy, P.M. 9; F. W. Koch, P.M. 820; G. Motion, P.M. 453; W. Lake, P.M. 131; W. P. Webb, P.M. 1381; S. Hill, W.M. 21; J. L. Thorpe, W.M. 219; J. G. Horsey, W.M. 186; and H. Sadler, G.T.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master made at the September meeting to the amount of £235. The new list contained the names of no less than forty petitioners. The localities from whence they came were Barton-on-Humber, West Hartlepool, Jersey, Warrington, Mottran, Worcester, Grantham, Gateshead, Sutton, Coldfield, Constantinople, Dunstable, Poonah, Salford, Todmorden, Aldershot, Ilminster, Guernsey, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Newnham, Newark, Calcutta, Windsor, Falmouth, Exeter, and London. Five of the cases were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1160. This was composed of four grants of £100 each, one of £75, six of £50 each, four of £30 each, eight of £20 each, ten of £10 each, and one of £5. The Board of Benevolence then closed.

SOME ANCIENT YORK MASONS AND THEIR EARLY HAUNTS.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

I am afraid that our earliest Speculative brethren would by no means have approved of the formation of those teetotal lodges which seem now to be in fashion in some quarters. Almost without exception they met in houses of public entertainment, and the tone of their songs which have come down to us through the intervening years goes to show that they took their liquor "both stout and strong." Truth is, they lived in an age when ale, wine, and brandy were universal beverages, and when adulteration was comparatively in its infancy. Hence it came about that they and their contemporaries could comfortably consume much larger amounts of stimulants than their degenerate sons, and that without fear of "sorrow and soda water the day after." In addition to these wines were much cheaper in their day, even allowing for the difference in the value of money. In the diary of one of my ancestors, who was rector of Bolton, in Cumberland, in 1712, I find an entry of the purchase of a gallon of "red port wine" at 5s. 6d., and a few years later two quarts of "white wine" 2s. 9d.; a gallon of claret was 4s.; and in 1719 a gallon of brandy cost him 5s.

Nothing strikes one more forcibly in looking through the older York minutes than the changes that have taken place both in the old city and in the ways and customs of its inhabitants, and perhaps if I transcribe some of my notes on these subjects and investigate the history of some of the early Freemasons of York the subject may prove of some little interest. At this date it is extremely difficult to obtain accurate information as to old localities, whose names have been perhaps changed and uses altered, and the identification of some hostelrys where earlier meetings were held is almost if not quite impossible, for of course the memory of no living man is available for such a purpose.

The first names of York brethren of whom we have any record are those which occur upon the old mahogany gauge, once the property of the Grand Lodge at York, and now in the collection of the York Lodge. I give them in facsimile as traced from a rubbing taken from the original gauge, which was exhibited at the York and Worcester Exhibitions:

WILLIAM ☆:BARON 1663
of York

JOHN DRAKE:

JOHN ☆BARON

A certain William Baron was a Sheriff of the City in 1677, and I have no doubt was the same man whose name appears, obviously as Master, in 1663, for right through last century we see by the records that a large proportion of the Masons of York were Lord Mayors, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, and even down to our own day it has been the same. At the present moment the Lord Mayor of York is a Mason; out of 12 Aldermen 7 are Masons; out of 36 Councillors 17 are Masons, and the Town Clerk is also a member of the eternal Brotherhood. Most likely John Baron was a brother of the Master. About the name John Drake there hangs a good deal of interest. Francis Drake, the York historian, and Grand Master in York in 1761-2, was born in 1695, and was the son of the Rev. F. Drake, vicar of Pontefract. Whether his father had a brother John living in York or not, I am unable to say. Perhaps some reader may have the means of ascertaining this. It would be curious to know if Drake's interest in the Craft had been a family inheritance.

The first existing minute of a Masonic meeting is a roll of parchment, and dates in 1712; but later minutes give evidence that as late as 1779 there was "a narrow folio manuscript book beginning 7th March, 1705-6, containing sundry accounts and minutes relative to the Grand Lodge." It is from information gathered from this book that some of the names of the earlier Grand Masters have been derived. It seems somewhat strange that minutes should have been kept in a book in 1705, and that in 1712 the brethren should have reverted to the system of keeping their lodge minutes on strips of parchment; but Bro. J. Todd, Treasurer of the York Lodge, has suggested that probably the narrow folio book was more of a Treasurer's account book than a record of minutes, and that the minutes themselves were engrossed on parchment as being of more importance, and with a view to their preservation; and I am inclined to think this theory correct.

According to this missing record the Grand Master, or rather the "President," as he was called in 1705, was Sir George Tempest. Sir George was the second Baronet of his family and resided at Tong-Hall, near Bradford, keeping however a town house in York, where he stayed

during the season. He built Tong Hall in 1702. His wife was a daughter Edward Frank, of Campsal, near Doncaster. He did not forget the Masonic teaching in his daily life, for the celebrated York glass-painter, Henry Giles, who in his later days suffered great poverty, in writing to Thoresby, the Leeds historian in 1707, says that Sir George Tempest and his brother had been contributing to his relief.

The Right Hon. Robert Benson, who was Lord Mayor of York the year of his Masonic Presidency (1707) was member for York, and was created Baron Bingley in 1713. His daughter and heiress married Geo. Lane Fox, M.P., in 1731. Lord Bingley died in 1762 and the barony expired, but was revived in favour of the son-in-law. The second Lord Bingley had only one son, whose first wife was the only daughter of John Bouchier, who built and lived in the large house facing Holy Trinity Church, Micklegate, York, now the property of the Crompton family, and also owned the estate of Beningbrough, now the seat of the Hon. Payan Dawnay. John Bouchier's great great grandfather was one of the Regicides, and his signature appears on the King's death warrant. His family, like those of all his fellow criminals, died out in the course of a few generations. As the son of the second Lord Bingley died childless before his father, the barony again lapsed and has not been revived.

In 1708 and two following years, Alderman Sir William Robinson, Bart., governed the old lodge at York City. He was grandfather of the first Lord Grantham, who was the great grandfather of the present Marquis of Ripon, and he resided in a house in Blake-street, which stands at the corner between the Theatre Royal and the Roman Catholic pro-Cathedral. At the general election of 1713 he and Alderman Tobias Jenkyns, also a Freemason, contested York against Admiral Robert Fairfax, also a member of the lodge at York. The Admiral and Baronet were successful, and Bro. Jenkyns was bowled out, but in 1715 at another general election on the death of Queen Anne, Bros. Sir William Robinson and Tobias Jenkyns were successful, and the Tory Admiral went to the wall. He married an Aislabie, of Studley Royal, and so that splendid estate came into his family. One of his daughters married a Worsley, of Hovingham, an ancestor of Bro. Sir Wm Worsley, Bart.

(To be continued.)

CONSECRATION OF LA FRANCE LODGE, No. 2060.

There are not a few influential brethren who are inclined to question if the multiplication of lodges which has been going on for several years past is altogether an unmixed benefit to our Society. There is no doubt that mere numerical strength is no criterion of the influence exercised by such a Fraternity as ours. The weight of numbers is as nothing when compared with the weight of character, and once we become incautious whom we receive as members, we shall find ourselves more numerous, but in all other respects less strong than is compatible with our old prestige and the estimation in which we have heretofore been held by the world generally. But, though the expediency of multiplying lodges indiscriminately, especially in the Metropolitan district, may be open to question, there are cases occurring every now and then in which the addition of a new lodge to our roll will be regarded as welcome news by all classes of brethren. A case of this kind has just happened. We all know there is a strong French colony resident in London. We are not referring to those expatriated revolutionists, who delight in resisting all attempts at maintaining law and order—religious, political, and moral—in their native country, but those who have settled here for the legitimate purposes of trade or commerce, or in the pursuit of this or that professional avocation. Many of these are not only men of sound judgment and great industry, or have attained eminence in scientific or other pursuits, but are likewise, or rather on this very account, men who must be a credit to any Society they may wish to join. Not a few of them are desirous of becoming Freemasons, but their unfamiliarity with the idioms of our language, and the idiosyncrasies which characterize them as Frenchmen, make it extremely doubtful if they would derive those mental and moral advantages they are entitled to expect from Freemasonry by joining a mixed lodge of English and French brethren.

It is pretty certain they would fare better in a lodge of their own, while the friendly relations they would be sure to establish with their neighbour lodges would have the effect of promoting that spirit of goodfellowship, which, as between men of different nationalities, is all the more desirable because it is not as easily or as readily established as among men of the same nationality. Hence this new lodge, "La France," which as a subordinate member of our Grand Lodge will be on precisely the same footing as the other subordinate lodges. It will obey the same laws and constitutions, employ our ritual, and observe all our forms and ceremonies. It will differ from its sister lodges only in this one respect, that it will consist only of members of French extraction, who will thus have facilities for meeting together as Masons, which it would be impossible for them to expect in our ordinary lodges. We may also, perhaps, anticipate this further advantage from the establishment of the "La France" Lodge. Considering the change which has latterly come over the spirit of French Freemasonry, as now and for some few years past interpreted by the Grand Orient of France, it is certainly desirable that enlightened Frenchmen should have afforded to them an opportunity of learning what Freemasonry is as it is understood and practised in the original home of the Craft. It cannot be otherwise than an advantage to the Fraternity generally, and must help to dissipate those silly charges of Atheism and immorality which are being constantly levelled against it, when foreign Masons learn, as doubtless they will do through the medium of the "La France" Lodge, that there is nothing incongruous between the practice of our ancient system of Masonry and the moral and religious observances of law-abiding men. Thus there are several good and sufficient reasons why we should go out of our way somewhat on this occasion and congratulate the brethren on an event which, though of common occurrence, is characterised by certain special features of its own.

As regards the consecration it was performed by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., assisted by V.W. Bro. T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, who acted as S.W.; W. Bro. Robert Grey, as J.W.; V.W. Bro. Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.G. Chap., as Chap.; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, as D. of C.; and W. Bro. H. C. Levander, I.G. The musical portion of the ceremony was rendered by Bro. F. Cozens, assisted by Bros. H. Ashton, Coates, and Bevan.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and Bro. Col. CLERKE addressed the brethren on the event of the day, and offered his congratulations and best wishes for the new lodge.

V.W. Bro. Rev. AMBROSE HALL then delivered the following oration. :-

Brethren,—I hail with feelings of unmingled pleasure the advent of your lodge to-day, and I rejoice that through your courtesy I am permitted to address a few words to the brethren and founders upon this auspicious occasion. My friend the very excellent Grand Secretary has (as he always does) spoken to you so ably and so well upon the nature of your general duties, that but little seems left for me to say; still I am here as officiating Grand Chaplain, and my office is to point out to you the nature and principles of our noble Order; these you have to carry out at home and abroad, in your hearts and among your Masonic brethren; and I consider it a source of congratulation that there should be found a number of Masons from our sister country to form a lodge under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England. We live so near together, separated only by what is called the little "silver streak," that there should be at all times (as two great nations) those amicable feelings between us which are generated in our beautiful rites and ceremonies; it is true (and I may speak it here), for the very circumstance of your forming a lodge where the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe is all in all, shows that you do not join their views; it is true that in your great country many, and some of the most influential of our Masonic brethren, have made such changes, that can but fill our hearts with sadness, and have withdrawn from their Masonic teachings and their Masonic work a Name which should be above every name. But, who knows? even what we are doing to-day may at some future time be a help towards their return to the allegiance of the Great Architect. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." The tiny mustard seed grew into a mighty tree, and the birds we read nestled in its branches, and the small beginnings of to-day may produce Masonically a like effect in the changes we deplore in your bright land. God grant they may! Although at present our guests in Britain, you, doubtless, from time to time visit your own country, and however occupied here, you all, like good sons, look forward to end your days in your mother land, and when you go back, and as you go back, you will I am sure carry with you confirmed opinions of what the Great Architect does for us, and how, under his Almighty care, we are permitted to diffuse and carry out some of the purest principles of piety and virtue ever entrusted to the care of finite beings; and who knows but that you, Masonic brethren of Lodge La France, may have before you a glorious future in pouring balm upon the now troubled waters of Masonry; that you may be the "little leaven," the "grain of mustard seed," to call back our wandering and mistaken brethren to their Father's and their rest.

But, as I said before, my duty is to point out to you the nature and principles of Freemasonry, though I feel sure you would not seek to build up the superstructure without first making yourselves well acquainted with the foundation upon which you erect it; Masonry teaches you the evil effects of infidelity; its foundation is a belief in the Creator, it goes on to enforce the duty we owe to God, our neighbours, and ourselves. It shows us the value of time (as in the 24 inch gauge); it shows that we must cultivate "brotherly love"—the glory of the Institution; that we must relieve the necessities of others. In fine, that we must practise not only that "Charity" which thinketh no evil, but that Charity also which inclines our hearts (out of the abundance which God has given us) to succour the wants of others. And here I would, as in duty bound, call your attention to the three noble Institutions of the Order—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Asylum for the Aged—do what you can for them in your lodge, both by furnishing Stewards at the respective Festivals and strengthening their hands by liberal contributions. Do what you can both collectively and individually to carry out these principles; cultivate Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Then may you hope when finally summoned to be transferred from your lodge on earth to the Grand Temple above, there to enjoy for ever the brightest of all Freemasonry, viz., perfect Light, eternal Charity, and everlasting Peace.

And now to yourselves a few words of friendly caution. You create to-day another important band of brothers who are, as years roll on—and I hope for many—to meet and work together in harmony and goodwill; there must be no differences, no jealousies, no envyings. You will have from time to time to fill up gaps among your number, as outward circumstances take some, sickness others, or the last catastrophe of life claims its prey, and you place the acacia sprig upon a brother's grave; you will have, I say, to choose others in their places; be careful how you make the choice; see that the candidate's moral and physical conduct render him likely to be a kind-hearted companion, and look also to his general position, *i.e.*, whether he is likely to leave those belonging to him in poverty or distress. I say this because I feel, and with regret, that too many join us under the idea that Masonry is to a great extent a "Benefit Society," and that they may take less concern about their own personal affairs, because the Brotherhood will look well after their widows and children. And so the Brotherhood will in all cases of unforeseen calamity and distress; but this should never be relied on. We have, it is true, opulence and wealth amongst us; we have grand and noble Institutions; we have private deeds of Masonic benevolence done daily; but the applications, as you will see from studying the statistics, exceed the means at hand, and many, to our sorrow, must be, and are, passed over.

And now, *vive* Lodge La France! May God speed you in your work to-day! You, my French brethren, descendants of an ancient warlike race, have pitched your Masonic tent in a land of commerce. May you increase and prosper in those great truths and teachings which are so well calculated to cement the harmony of two great nations. There have unfortunately been times when the links in the chain of harmony have been broken. I trust it may not be so again; the rivets that secure them seem more strongly welded now. I read a few days ago in the *Times* newspaper a letter signed by Mr. M. Bentham Edwards, where he says:—"It has been my privilege to spend months, nay, years, at a time under French roofs, alike in Eastern and Western France; among Catholics and Protestants, advanced Republicans, faithful adherents of the Empire, and of the House of Orleans; and I have never found (setting aside political and commercial interests) any feeling but that of the warmest sympathy for England." And he concludes thus:—"We are better liked because we are better understood than formerly; that is the simple truth of the matter. But we must live in France, and break bread at many a hospitable French board, before we realise how alike in matters moral, intellectual, and social, the great, generous, unforgetting heart of the noble French nation is with us, knit in bonds which neither false steps in diplomacy nor selfish commercial interests can ever displace, much less sever." And I agree with him, and believe that Freemasonry will do more to connect and continue this interchange of good feeling and social intercourse than other means that can be offered. But I feel that I have now claimed your attention long enough, and I thank you for giving me your ear a little space. I have spoken to you with every desire to impress upon your minds the fraternal good will which actuates us as English Masons in greeting brethren from another land. I shall always cherish and look with interest upon your efforts for the Craft in this your English Lodges. For half a century I have been attached to the Order, and I have seen nothing connected with it to exceed in interest our labours of to-day; and in heart and soul my benison is with you. In conclusion, as your lodge goes on, speak no angry words, for life is too brief for aught but brotherly love. Seek to hide a brother's faults; remember, gentle words revive the heart, and oftentimes mend friendship's broken chain, and cause the afflicted to forget his sorrows. Thus walk, my brethren, in your Masonic course:

"And live in Love, and do
To all what good you can;
And if a brother's heart's sincere
Give him your hand; be not severe
On little faults or trifles here;
The Heart's the Man!"

The ceremony was then proceeded with to the end, and Bro. Col. Clerke afterwards installed Bro. E. H. Thiellay, as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. E. Monteuis, S.W.; H. Bué, J.W.; L. A. Mesrouze, Sec.; Dubois, S.D.; Cadiot, J.D.

After the delivery of the addresses by Bro. Col. CLERKE, the W.M., Bro. E. H. THIELLAY, said he had the honour of testifying the Lodge La France's high appreciation of the great honour which it had received by the presence of the eminent and distinguished brethren commissioned by H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master for its consecration. He had therefore the privilege of proposing them as honorary members.

This was seconded by the S.W., Bro. MONTEUIS, and Bros. Col. Clerke, Fenn, Grey, Ambrose Hall, Frank Richardson, and H. C. Levander were unanimously elected honorary members.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE returned thanks for himself and the other

Grand Officers. He said it had been a great pleasure for them to be present, and they wished La France Lodge all prosperity.

The W.M. then said that he desired to offer his most sincere and heartfelt thanks to W. Bro. Frank Richardson for the great personal interest he had so kindly taken in the formation of La France Lodge. He also expressed his warmest thanks to the W.M.'s and brethren of the Tuscan and St. Andrew's Lodges respectively for their valuable support on their behalf, and begged to propose as honorary members Bro. W. Jarvis, G. Steward, W.M. of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, and Bro. Finnis, W.M. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231.

This was seconded by Bro. MONTEUIS, and carried unanimously.

The SECRETARY then read a list of applicants as joining members and candidates for initiation.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a choice banquet. After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the next toast, that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was given by the W.M., who said unfortunately he had not the eloquence to adequately dwell on such an illustrious name, but he would assert that his Royal Highness gloriously reigned not only in every Englishman's heart, but also in every right thinking Frenchman's breast.

The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour to propose was "Our Country, La France," with which he coupled the name of President Monsieur Grevy. Might the "Union Jack and Tricolour," as there present, ever be entwined with the closest bonds of honour and intimate brotherly love for ever.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Officers." It was superfluous for him to appeal to their appreciation of such an imposing ceremony, for he was convinced every one present would be fully conversant with its solemnity and impressive dignity.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLARKE responded, and said it had been a great pleasure for them to give their services, and they were gratified to learn that those services were appreciated. He would then give them the toast of "The First Master of the Lodge, Bro. Thiellay." They had picked out a brother whom they delighted to honour. He had filled numerous offices with great credit, and he asked the brethren to unite with him in doing honour to so worthy a brother.

Bro. THIELLAY, in reply, said he thanked them most heartily for the honour bestowed upon him that day, and he trusted that the evening's proceedings would inaugurate a perpetual and uninterrupted existence of brotherly love and prosperity to La France Lodge.

The W.M. then proposed "The Healths of the W.Ms. of the 'Tuscan' and 'St. Andrew's' Lodges, Bros. Jarvis and Finis, who had so kindly given them their conjoined support.

Bros. JARVIS and FINIS responded.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors." They had the presence of many distinguished visitors on that auspicious occasion. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, and Bro. Hopkinson, P.M. of the Tuscan Lodge.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in the course of an eloquent reply, remarked that he thought the W.M. would be overawed by the number of brethren who would rise in response, but it was due to their hospitality that the number was so large. He wished a brilliant future to La France Lodge, and hoped, in the language of John Gilpin, that he might be there to see it. He thanked them for the privilege of being present, and hoped the career of La France Lodge would be represented by those two banners which they saw of France and England, which carried the blessings of civilization to the utmost quarters of the globe. He could not forget that it lacked only a few years of 200 when a representative of his family came to this country from France as a refugee for his religion, and he was proud of it. The principle which was prominent in the Masonic life from its commencement was equality. They recognised that principle in all their ceremonies and relations with each other, but they equally recognised the principle of order and respect and reverence for those placed in authority over them. That feeling did not weaken the bond of fellowship, but tended to cement the ties of brotherly love. In conclusion, he could imagine no better reason for the existence of such a lodge as they had met to inaugurate that evening, than the union of members of one nationality.

The toast of "The Charitable Institutions" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. BINCKES responded.

The next toast was "The Officers of the Lodge, the S.W., Bro. Monteuis, Past Grand Steward, whom the W.M. hoped to see in the East when the time came round, so that they might have the full benefit of his Masonic abilities; the J.W., Bro. Bué, who was a constant attendant at the celebrated Lodge of Emulation, and from whom they expected to be closely scrutinised and benefited in their workings; the Secretary, Bro. Mesrouze, quite a veteran Scribe, who had greatly exerted himself preparatory to that auspicious event; the Senior Deacon, Bro. Dubois, to whom he first communicated the question of forming La France Lodge; and the J.D., Bro. Cadiot, the originator of the Société Nationale Française" in London, with a roll of 1400 members, and from which society only, according to bye-laws, they anticipate to receive aspirants to the Lodge La France. There was also Bro. Coiffier, whom he hoped to invest as Treasurer at next meeting. He asked the brethren to respond heartily to that toast, because they represented the actual and future vitality of the La France Lodge.

Bro. MONTEUIS responded in a very able speech, in which he referred to the pleasure he had in founding the "Société Nationale Française." Although the principal part of his life had been spent in England, and his material interests centered in this country, he was proud of his nationality, and hoped that if his children became, as he had, citizens of this great country, they would never forget that they had French blood in their veins.

The S.W. (Bro. BUÉ) and other officers also responded.

The toast of "The Press" was next given by the W.M., to which, he said, they were indebted for the perfection of Masonic truth, as well as for the dissemination of its Masonic lore. This toast having been responded to, that of the Tyler's was then given, which closed the enjoyable proceedings of the day.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

Among those present, in addition to those who took part in the consecration, were R.W. Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Grand Registrar; Lieut.-Col. Somerville-Burney, Past Grand Deacon; T. Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex.; A. Pendlebury; Jarvis, W.M. Tuscan Lodge; Finis, W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge; Neville Green; W. Lake P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*), and others.

CONSECRATION OF THE AMITY CHAPTER, No. 171.

The following oration was delivered by the Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.:

M.E. and V.W. Consecrating Officer: As once again we assemble under the authority of our Royal Head to consecrate another Royal Arch Chapter, we all feel I think sir, not only how "good" it is for us "to be here," but what a pleasure and privilege it is for us who are present to be permitted to take part once more in this most interesting ceremony of Royal Arch consecration. One characteristic of Freemasonry is, that the more we know of it the more we have to admire and applaud its kindly teaching and beneficent sentiments; the more we are enabled to enter into the real meaning, the esoteric force of many an abstruse sign or symbol, and thus by degrees are aided to master beauties and realities hidden from the unobservant *within*, and the sciolist *without*. We are met, sir, then, to consecrate the Amity Chapter, as connected with the good old lodge of "Amity," and then to bring before ourselves virtually and practically that grade which is the apogee of Craft Masonry, setting before us a complete system, a perfect and harmonious whole full of meaning and reality to all intelligent and loyal Craftsmen. Without the teaching and illumination of this Sublime Degree our Craft system would be fragmentary and imperfect, but now as we contemplate it in its entirety and consummation, we see how order and harmony reign through all its sections, how wisdom, strength, and beauty animate, cement, and crown the whole building. Yes, sir, that building thus stands out at last clear and perfected before us, which faithful and laborious Craftsmen have raised with so much toil, fidelity, and zeal through so many generations of mankind. Indeed, it is impossible for the superficial observer, much less for the careful student marking the path of Masonic life and history, not to be sensibly struck with the onward progress of that remarkable Society of ours, which defying alike Imperial and Papal persecutions, resisting alike "decay's effacing fingers" and the "encroaching hand of time," seems to gather new life and fresh powers as time runs on, and to be preserved from the inevitable disruption of almost all earthly institutions, by its inherent excellence of teaching, object, and outcome. We need not however, sir, pursue at too great a length such thoughts and considerations as these, which are both obvious and familiar, have often been adverted to before, and which too often repeated by the orator become trite and wearisome from their very triteness. And it seems to me, sir, that the very name of the chapter about to be consecrated suggests to us some appropriate thoughts and topics quite enough to occupy our short remaining time. The Amity Chapter by its very name reminds us of that great truth and reality of our Masonic fellowship, I mean friendship, which so endears our old familiar friends in lodge and chapter to us, so enlivens many a cheerful gathering, and charms and cheers so many "sojourners" here, as they pass on from mystic Babylons on earth through grave assemblies and pleasant halting places to that Jerusalem which is above, and which is the mother of us all. Friendship has been termed a "boon from heaven to man," and Masonic friendship has greatly tended to diffuse amongst our lodges and chapters a serene spirit of amity and affection. Nothing, indeed, so much as friendship has succeeded in softening and ameliorating the trials and cares of this sublunary scene, that interchange of thought, sympathy, and interest, that link of friendly concern and vital goodwill which soften life's ruggedest path for us all, and strews it even with flowers of pleasant hue and attractive grace. Like the "strangers" whom we hear of, we also seem like them to long for some friendly aid, some protecting arm, we find both unexpectedly, yet assuredly, as they found, it in our Masonic chapters often; and like as they were rewarded for faithful toil and patient industry, so we shall also at the proper time and in due course, and realize as they did that the result of duty performed, dangers braved, at any cost, at any hazard, is for us here, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., heartfelt sympathy and admiring appreciation. To us, sir, then the words amity, friendship, sympathy, consideration, goodwill, are household words in our Masonic teaching and terminology. From the moment we see the light of Freemasonry as trembling neophytes, until the hour when we are admitted to the illuminating truths of this Sublime Degree, we find, unless we have chanced to light upon a lodge or a chapter not truly imbued with Masonic precepts, what a charm and a meaning Masonic friendship has for us all who invoke its kindly name and share in its benevolent developments. Some of us can recall many pleasant hours of Masonic intercourse and amity to-day; many of us can tell how in different climes and in distant lands we found the same good old system at work, listened to the same cheery and familiar utterances, and were welcomed and speeded on our way, wanderers, sojourners, loiterers on the earth's surface, with the same unselfish demonstrations of general sympathy and warm-hearted friendship. There are, I think, few of us who cannot and must not admit that whatever else of what is true, right, and of good report, they have learned in Freemasonry, there is certainly one great fact they have realized, namely, the lasting influence they have experienced amid its pleasant and engaging circles of true Masonic friendship, growing warmer even as they themselves grow older and colder, and only failing them when they in turn have to leave kindest sociality or gravest responsibilities, and their place on earth and in chapter knows us no more. Is not this the reason, sir, that we are able to discern why it is that Freemasonry to-day, despite the turbid torrent of often tumultuous years, ceaselessly attacked by angry incrimination, childish persecution, or impotent ridicule, still passes on its way unharmed and unheeded; still is none the worse for Allocation or Interdict; and never ceases under any provocation to be patient and tolerant, smiling and serene. The angry passions and violent utterances of men do not stop the assured and stately march of our Masonic Order, as, including within its ample fold men of different countries, sects, and opinions, it conciliates the firmest amity and union amongst far-off nations and differing personalities of mankind. And, more than this, undeterred in proclaiming in gentlest, if in straightforward, tones its homely and benignant truths, it is still happily unsilenced, and is at this very moment more prosperous, more active, more living [than ever]. For it stands upon its own sacred foundations of Cosmopolitan sympathy, teaching, and comprehension. Reverence for God, love for the Brotherhood,

still are its watchwords, even when exposed to idle and foolish attacks from this section of society or that, or of the so-called "religious world;" and in the future, as in the past, it will simply rely on itself, the truth of its own professions, the reality of its own efforts, and the powers of an undaunted and unchanging declaration of the all-important principles of Loyalty, Charity, Justice, Honour, Liberty of Conscience, Toleration, Truth, and Right. So long, sir, as English Freemasonry continues true to its own programme and its ancient principles, it has nothing to fear from the "strife of tongues," or the angry virulence and impertinences of unceasing adversaries. It will most certainly "move on" peacefully, pursuing its allotted pathway, making its mission more widely known, more extensively beneficial. May the Chapter of Amity you are about, sir, to consecrate to-day be successful, both in its commencement and its continuous career, an ornament to our Order, and helpful to our Brotherhood and mankind. The teaching and tenets of Royal Arch Masonry are so striking and so valuable in themselves, so important in their effects, and so sound in their moral bearing, that they are certain to commend themselves to the loyal attachment of all present and future companions of the chapter. May all of good attend the Amity Chapter, I repeat, in that Masonic life which begins to-day, and may you, sir, rejoice to think that the work you have undertaken and completed will redound to the credit of English Royal Arch Masonry, and of that great Order of which you represent the supreme authority amongst us. From the selection of the presiding and other officers, we shall all augur well for the efficiency and progress of this new chapter, and may the principles of Masonic amity ever prevail amongst its members, rendering it, whether many or few members, a happy, contented, harmonious chapter, because, in entire verity and reality, a "Band of Brothers."

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT, SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°

The following statement speaks so eloquently in favour of the financial management of Supreme Council, that, in laying it before our readers, we think it better to add no comment whatever.

The Treasurer-General in account with the Supreme Council, 33°, 1st July, 1884.

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To Balance in Bank, 1st July, 1883	...	£481	15 7
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By		EXPENDITURE.		Cr.
City Charity Donations	...	£218	16 1	
Purchase of Stock	...	630	0 0	
Books	...	7	9 8	
Furniture	...	2	2 0	
Payments for Salaries, Rent, Printing, Establishment (including Repairs), &c.	1264	2 0		
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		£2436	5 5	

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Cash in London and Westminster Bank	...	£313	5 2
hands of Treasurer	...	0	10 6
£900 Madras Railway Stock 5 p.c. (cost)	1007	5 0	
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£600 New South Wales 4 p.c. Bonds	613	10 0	
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Furniture and Appointments (valued at)	1842	5 1	
Library (estimated)	2358	3 11	
Plate (valued at)	393	5 0	
Organ (cost)	300	0 0	
Leases—33, Golden-square	635	10 0	
2, Upper John-street	925	0 0	
Masonic Hall	1000	0 0	
Cellarage	500	0 0	
		£16,200	7 2

By		LIABILITIES.	
Compounders, 31°, 32°, and 33°	186		
Members	...	£413	4 0
Do. 30°—386 Members	...	692	4 0
		1105	8 0
Balance, being Capital	...	15,094	19 2
		£16,200	7 2

Examined with the books and found correct.
(Signed) ROBT. MACKIE, Public Accountant.
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AN AMERICAN MASONIC BIRTHDAY.

The poet sings of his birthright as being immeasurably superior to that of kings; but how far superior is the birth of a candid man when compared to the selfishness which actuates a large portion of the human race! Freemasonry has taught its votaries the value of respect and the richness of age when it is associated with a life of usefulness. These thoughts were suggested by a little episode which occurred on Tuesday evening, the 30th ult. The brethren of Lodge of Antiquity, No. 11, realizing the truth that to him who has been with them during the struggles of many years belonged a tribute of appreciation, resolved to manifest that appreciation in a substantial manner. Accordingly, on the evening referred to, W. Bro. Adolph C. Wolf, Master, accompanied by Bros. John S. Miller, S.W.; Wm. E. Bergman, J.W.; W. Bro. Thos. J. Githens, and Bros.

J. Hyatt Reynolds, Robert C. Green, Wm. S. Miller, Daniel Myers, and A. Williams, of Antiquity Lodge; W. Bros. Wm. Boeckel, of Acacia Lodge, and Clarence H. Crysley, of George Washington Lodge, repaired to the residence of W. Bro. Isaac Simonson, one of the oldest Past Masters, and for several years the highly esteemed Secretary of old Antiquity Lodge, and gave him a genuine surprise party, the occasion being his fifty-seventh birthday.

Bro. Simonson, after the labours of the day, and having partaken of the evening meal, was preparing to spend the evening in the bosom of his family, when there came a ring at the door-bell, on answering which, there was handed in an immense bouquet of exquisite flowers, the gift of Bro. Charles Ackerman.

After the bouquet had been duly admired by all, another ring at the door-bell admitted the above-named brethren, each bearing a present of some kind, either in a solid or fluid state, after the manner of surprise parties in general. Last, but not least, came W. Bro. Githens, bearing in his arms, like a baby, an immense Bologna sausage, weighing twenty pounds, prepared expressly for the occasion by Bro. George Kraft. On cutting open the sausage there was discovered embedded therein a neat parcel, which was found to contain a dozen extra fine handkerchiefs, the discovery of which caused much merriment, especially among the ladies present. But the *dénouement* was yet to come. This consisted in the presentation to Bro. Simonson by W. Bro. Wolf, on behalf of the lodge, of a magnificent ebony cane with a gold head, elegantly chased and engraved with an appropriate inscription. Bro. Simonson is very seldom caught napping, and it has been his boast that he is always equal to the emergency; but on this occasion he was forced to admit, like Captain Cuttle, that he was "took aback completely." It is needless to say that the entire affair was exceedingly pleasant, and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

It gives us pleasure to note events of this character; and in this particular case of our old friend and long-time coadjutor, the pleasure is greatly increased.

We wish him "many more of 'em," especially the "triplets."—*New York Dispatch.*

MASONIC SERVICE AND HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER.

On Sunday, the inst., a special evening service was held in this church, the amounts collected at the offertories being divided between the Churchwardens' Fund and the East Lancashire Systematic, Educational, and Benevolent Institution. The idea of holding such a service emanated from members of the Caledonian Lodge, No. 204, one of whose members—the Rev. Phillip Hains, rector of St. George's, Wigan—consented to preach the sermon in the evening, whilst Bro. the Rev. Robert Hammond Cotton, M.A., B.Sc. London (curate in charge), preached the morning sermon, and delivered a short address in the afternoon. The church was really beautifully decorated with choice fruit and flowers. The reading desk was tastefully enlivened with wreaths of corn and flowers; the pulpit was covered with apples, neatly fastened to the woodwork, and in front of the pews set apart for the choir—29 in number—as well as the front of the communion railings, some fine specimens of vegetable marrows, cauliflowers, potatoes, plums, apples, and peas were placed, the whole forming a delightful "coup d'œil."

At the afternoon service Bros. Seymour Jackson and J. Whittaker, Misses Sallie Conway and Alice Wolstenholme sang solos, duets, and quartettes from the "Creation," "Elijah," "Judas Maccaheus," and "Stabat Mater," each "morceau" being prefaced by a few remarks from the Rev. Bro. Cotton. All the various "morceaux" were delightfully rendered, and were listened to by a most attentive and appreciative congregation. Previous to the commencement of the evening service, a number of brethren, mostly members of the Caledonian Lodge, met in the Schoolroom, where a Craft lodge was formally opened, after which the brethren marched in procession to the church, arrayed in their regalia—leave to wear the same having been previously applied for and granted by special dispensation. At 6.30, when Divine service commenced, the church was quite full, there being scarcely a vacant seat. The anthem "Behold how good and joyful" was nicely sung by members of the choir, assisted by three ladies.

The Rev. Phillip Hains took for his text the 22nd verse of the 34th chapter of Exodus—"And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks and the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end."—and, after remarking upon the glorious harvest which we had this year been favoured with, went on to exhort his congregation to accept this blessing with thankful hearts, and to bear in mind that although man might sow and reap, yet the actual maturing, perfecting, and ripening of the crops laid with T.G.A.O.T.U., to whom thanks and praise should be given. The service concluded with the singing of a harvest thanksgiving and processional hymn, after which the brethren returned to the Schoolroom, and the lodge was closed. Subsequently Bro. the Rev. R. Cotton thanked the brethren for attending the services, and stated that several of his parishoners had expressed to him their pleasure at seeing so many of the brethren present. The offertories during the day amounted to £24.

The following members of the Craft attended: Bros. J. Roberts, P.M. 204, P.G.D.C.; T. Sawyer, W.M. 204; H. Paulden, S.W. 204; J. Cliffe, J.W. 204; S. Bramwell, I.G. 204; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D.C. 204; D. Conway, Treas. 204; J. Pass, 204; Rev. R. H. Cotton, 204; H. Guthrie, 204; Rev. Phillip Hains, 204; Edwd. Clay, P.M. 204; J. Bladon, P.M. 317, P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies; A. B. Outram, W.M. 1052; W. Bynay, W.M. 1033; W. Batt, 152; R. G. Green, 1633; J. A. Vincent, 1458; R. Walker, S.W. 1052; B. Blair, 815; S. Ayland, 1134; J. Holroyd, 1134; R. Dutton, 287; C. West, 1; John Cantrell, 152; S. Renshaw, 322; G. M. Williams, 1055; James Moors, 1459; W. H. Wiblington, 78; A. B. Whittaker, P.M. 1033; J. Hill, P.M. 1052; F. Lever, J.D. 1219; J. Allitt, 581; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The "Lewises" who carried the volume of the Sacred Law were Masters R. H. Cotton, H. L. Roberts, F. Eldershaw, and E. Bagnall. Bro. Henry Paulden, S.W. 204, read the lessons.

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This Masonic annual is now preparing for its 15th issue, the publication of which will take place on or about the 1st November next. Forms asking for particulars as to place and date of meeting of lodges and chapters have been despatched to the respective Secretaries and Scribes E., and in the event of their not having reached their destination, a memo. advising the publisher of any alteration in date or place of meeting will be esteemed a favour.

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To Correspondents.

The following stand over:
 Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.
 Invicta Chapter, No. 10.
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 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.
 Notes and Queries—Grand Lodge Library of Scotland.
 Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Gem," "Jewish Chronicle," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Hull Packet," "Freemasons' Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "The Tricycling Journal," "Citizen," "Die Bauhütte," "Court Circular," "The Glorious Temple and City of Jerusalem," "Jackson's Oxford Journal," "New Zealand Craftsman," "Masonic Record," "El Taller," "Allen's Indian Mail."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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.]

DR. DESAGULIERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Dr. Desaguliers' name was Jean Theophile. Being born at La Rochelle in 1683, he died, out of his mind, in 1743 (not 1749). Having emigrated to England with his father on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, he assisted him in the management of a school at Islington. He succeeded, in 1710, Keill in the chair of physics at Oxford. published his lectures under the title of "System of Experimental Physics," London, 1719; two vols., in 4to., translated into French by Pézénas, Paris, 1751. In addition to his "Improved Method of Constructing Chimneys," London, 1715, in 8vo., he published several papers in "Philosophical Transactions" and several translations in English of French works on physics and astronomy.

P.G. SEC.

THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your last issue there is an account of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, when the Deputy Grand Master, who is a Past Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, went out of his way to make some disparaging remarks respecting the office of Grand Treasurer, suggesting that it should rank at the bottom of the list instead of the proud position which it now holds. I, as one of the electors of the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer, strongly object to any such alteration as proposed by a Past Grand Officer. Our brother may rest assured, after the trouble the Craft have been put to the last two years in maintaining their privilege of electing the Grand Officer in question, that any attempt to curtail that privilege will meet with the result it so richly deserves. I am afraid Past Grand Deacon will still have to regret that the Craft enjoys the privilege of electing their Grand Treasurer. Did Past Grand Deacon consider it a derogation of the dignity of his office when he had to resign his position at the end of his year to make room for another equally deserving brother?—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
 BRIGHTON.

A MASONIC CHARITY SUNDAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice several letters, also an editorial, in reply to my letter signed "Middlesex," which you were good enough to insert in your issue of the 20th ult. The writers appear to raise objections to my suggestion; the matter appears to me to be very simple. Suppose Bros. Binckes, Terry, and Hedges, the three Secretaries of our Charitable Institutions, were to make a list of our Grand Chaplains, Past Grand Chaplains, and all the members of our order who are clergymen (all denominations). A letter could be sent them requesting a collection to be made on a certain Sunday in the year. One desirable thing would be attained, viz., that a larger number of the members of our Order would have the claims of our Charities made known to them, it being a well-known fact that our Institutions are at present supported by comparatively few members, the same brethren acting as Stewards year after year. I submit that there is not ample provision made at the present time to reach a large majority of the brethren who would be glad to contribute if they knew of the existence of the Institutions. In the hope that you will consider the above worthy of insertion,—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
 MIDDLESEX.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I fear I must plead guilty to not having written specifically enough with reference to "Middlesex's" suggestion about a "Masonic Charity Sunday." When I repeated his statement as to there being "a large number of the clergy of all denominations members of our Society," and remarked that in all probability "they would not require much urging in order to set apart one Sunday in the year towards assisting our Charities," I certainly had no idea that any one would imagine I intended this remark to apply to clergymen who were not Masons. It seems, however, that your correspondent, "Wasp," has misunderstood my intention.

I still think the idea a very good one, if only it can be properly carried out. I fancy I have read more than once of the cause of our Charities having been advocated from the pulpit, only it has been done in individual instances and on behalf of a particular Institution, the clergyman so preaching being allowed certain privileges in requital of this advocacy. The novelty of the suggestion lies in its general, simultaneous, and regular application, and what I was desirous of pointing out was that, in order to ensure its being carried out successfully, there must be some kind of organisation. In addition to the Metropolitan Masonic

district or area, there are 41 Provincial Grand Lodges, each having its array of Present and Past Grand Chaplains, but though there will be found many difficulties in the endeavour to give effect to the proposal of "Middlesex," I do not suppose they are quite insuperable. There does not seem to be anything more objectionable in this kind of advocacy than in that of the Festival Steward.

To "Wasp's" remarks as to what the lodges might, could, and should do for our Charities, no one, I think, will venture to offer the slightest objection. Unfortunately, the Secretaries have never been able to announce even the half of the sum he mentions.—Fraternally yours,
 C.

PROV. GRAND MASTERS—A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

To avoid any useless correspondence, will you kindly correct a trifling printer's error in the enclosure to the letter I sent you last week:

"Visiting brethren Rt. Hon. Ld. Ch. P.G.M. Montague for Hants 15th 6 of his officers," should read—

"Visiting brethren Rt. Hon. Ld. Ch. Montague, P.G.M. for Hants, with 6 of his officers."

In the concluding paragraph it should be "pretend to derive," not "desire" an authority from "D. Athol."—

Yours truly,

FREDERICK HASTINGS GOLDNEY.

Rowden House, Chippenham,

20th October.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was called upon at a Craft and also at a lodge of instruction to see the "Masonic Mendicant," and I have no hesitation in saying that the statements made by him at the former were entirely at variance with those made at the latter. I also noticed that the vision did not appear to be so defective as when first seen.

He certainly proved himself, but he was without Grand Lodge certificate, which he stated had been sent to his lodge, a regimental one, stationed in Egypt, by direction of Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary.

He may be a Mason; at any rate, after my experience of him, I should decline to assist him. He admits that he has a pension of 2s. a day, and only himself to support, and to my knowledge he received close on two guineas from different lodges during a period of four weeks.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,
 ANOTHER OBSERVER.

Chelsea, 18th October.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Allow me to suggest two very simple alterations in the Royal Arch Constitutions, by which the cost of taking the Degree might be very materially reduced, which would, as Bro. Hughan so truly points out, at once greatly increase the strength of our chapters.

1st. Include the first year's subscription in the entrance fee.

2nd. Allow Craft aprons in chapter. This would enable a Master Mason to be exalted in a chapter with an entrance fee of three guineas and a subscription of two guineas, at a cost of, say £4 5s. instead of £7, which is about as low as it can possibly be done in such a chapter at present.

The symbolism of the Royal Arch clothing is complete without the apron, and the light blue robe of the Third Principal is a precedent for the admission of that colour into chapter.—Yours fraternally,
 R. B. CROFT, J. 403.



OLD LODGE AT HAUGHFOOT.

In Bro. Hughan's very interesting work on the Royal Arch occurs at page 6 a foot-note relative to a communication made in lodge. Does not Bro. Hughan assume a little too much when he suggests that if the minute refers to Third Degree, the communication is the same as in the First? Do the words "carry him through," as they say? On the contrary, may they not mean, not that the communication was the same, but made in a similar manner? This is a very important difference. It is impossible to be more explicit.
 SCOTUS.

THE WREN MS.

I am delighted to find that the well-directed investigations of Bro. J. C. Robinson, an earnest Masonic student, of Chester, have resulted in the tracing of portions of MSS. amongst the late Dr. Crane's papers. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford has carefully considered these two extracts (or parts) of MSS. now apparently unknown, and favoured the Craft with a comparative view of their distinctive features. In answer to his question as to the account furnished by Bro. Gould in his able "History of Freemasonry," vol. I., page 72, I beg to confirm the same in all its particulars. The MS. published in "Masonic Magazine," 1879, was kindly given to me by Bro. W. R. Bainbridge, then of Liverpool, who had it, with other papers, from Bro. S. Browne, who was once Secretary of the Cestrian Lodge, Chester, but who, I believe, died sometime since. Bro. Bainbridge could give me no information beyond what has been stated, and failed to discover aught of consequence about the MSS., though he tried to be of service to me. It will be noted that Bro. Gould classes the "Wren MS." with the "Harleian, 1942," "Melrose," and three other MSS., because it contains the comparatively rare *Apprentice Clauses*. The original MS. in question lacks the first part as far down as the eighth of the "Euclid" Rules. I quite think, with Bro. Woodford, that the portion traced by Bro. Robinson belongs to another MS., and is not that known as the "Wren MS.," because the alterations and additions are not such as can be accounted for by the carelessness of the scribe, and in some respects differ from all known texts. It is not a replica of the original MS. which Bro. Woodford has, but a different MS.—at least, such is my opinion, after a careful comparison of the several portions. The few lines of "an older MS." somewhat re-

sembles the "Buchanan MS." given in full in Bro. Gould's History, vol. I., only that the latter is the junior of the two. I hope Bro. Robinson will continue his researches—in fact, I know he is so doing.
 W. J. HUGHAN.

OLD WARRANTS.—I.

I have just had sent me by Bro. the Rev. J. H. Jukes, M.A., P. Prov. G. Chap. Oxon, &c., a copy of the original warrant of the Palladian Chapter, No. 50, Hereford, of A.D. 1791. A Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Hereford, on August 13th, 1791, when the warrant was read by authority of Bro. Dunckerley, Grand Superintendent. At another meeting, held 7th February, 1792, the "days" were filled in, and it was decided to hold the chapter on the 13th of the same month. After the "Union" a new warrant was granted, dated 7th November, 1821, by authority of the Duke of Sussex, and the chapter was attached to the Palladian Lodge, then No. 196 (now No. 120, Hereford), and is so acknowledged in the List of Chapters of A.D. 1823. Bro. Jukes has also kindly sent me a copy of the new warrant also. I hope to send other copies of charters for this department.
 W. J. HUGHAN.

L. S. THE ALMIGHTY J.A.H. No. 50.

To all the Enlightened our Brethren of the several Degrees of the Royal Craft, but more especially those Citizens of the World and Servants of the OMNIPOTENT

who have been, or hereafter may be, honoured by Exaltation to our Sublime Degree,

Health, Peace, Good Will.

Be it known that our Excellent Companions the Reverend Richard Underwood, Robert Phillips, Esqre., and the Reverend Thomas Kidley, having made known to us their Desire of holding a Chapter of our Order for the cultivation of the Grand and Universal Science, in hopes thereby more to extend their aid to, and promote the happiness of, every Terrestrial Being, and link Mankind together by indissoluble Bonds of Friendship, Peace, and Harmony; And that We having taken their request into consideration, and finding it concordant with our Grand Scheme of Universal Benevolence, Do hereby grant to them this our Warrant of Constitution, with full power for them, their Companions, and their Successors to open and hold a Chapter of our Order at

HEREFORD,

or at such other Place, and at such Time, as our said Companions and their Successors shall, with the consent of Us and Our Successors, Grand Officers for the time being, think meet. The first Chapter to be opened on Tuesday, the 21st day of February now next ensuing, by the title of

Palladian Chapter, with such Privileges, Powers, and Immunities as do of right belong to regular established Chapters and Companions of our said Most Excellent Order. Subject, nevertheless, to the general Laws and Ordinances already or to be hereafter enacted by Our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Given at London under our Hands and the Seal of Our Grand and Royal Chapter the 14th day of August, A.L. 5795, A.D. 1791.

J. BROOKES,
 J.A. HASELTINE,
 JNO. ALLEN.

Inspectors Genl.

THOS. DUNCKERLEY, Z.,
 P. PARKER, H.,
 JA. HASELTINE, J.

JOHN FRITH, Gd. Rr.

440] FREEMASONRY IN CHESTER IN THE 18TH CENTURY.

I should be glad if Mr. BRADFORD's example in sending an extract from a letter of the late Rev. THOMAS CRANE to THE SHEAF will be followed by other correspondents who possess any letters or papers referring to FREEMASONRY in CHESTER in the 17th or 18th centuries.

To complete Mr. CRANE's account of the laying of the first stone of the arch of the BRIDGE-GATE, I send you the report of the proceedings given in the *Chester Chronicle*, 24th May, 1782. The inscription on the plate is not so laconic as the one prepared by Mr. CRANE, and probably not so scholarly; but it conveys a vivid understanding of what were the prevailing thoughts in the minds of the CESTRIANS, when they assembled on that Whit-Tuesday morning, 102 years ago:—

"On Tuesday last, PATTISON ELLAMES, Esq., Mayor of this City, attended by the Corporation and by ancient and honourable Society of 'Free and Accepted Masons,' went in procession to the late GATE near the BRIDGE, where he laid the first stone of an intended Arch, in which was sunk a brass plate with the following inscription thereon:—

"PATTISON ELLAMES, Esq., Mayor of this City, CHESTER, laid this stone in the year of the Christian æra, 1782, as D. Provincial Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons. A numerous procession of Brethren attended. A.L. 5782.

Thomas Cotgrave and } Esqrs., Aldermen,
 Henry Hesketh, } and Murengers.
 Jos. Turner, Architect.

The order of the procession:

1, Musicians; 2, The Mayor (with his jewel and apron, as one of the Grand Masters), attended by the CORPORATION in the usual manner; 3, The Stewards of the Lodge; 4, A Tiler, bareheaded, carrying the Provincial Sword; 5, another Tiler, bareheaded, carrying on a cushion the 'Provincial Book of Constitutions'; 6, PHILIP EGERTON of Oulton, Esquire, alone, as one of the Provincial Grand Masters, attended by his Grand Wardens and Officers, two and two; 7, a Tiler, bareheaded, carrying on a cushion the Provincial Bible; 8, THE REVEREND MR. CRANE, MASTER OF THE PROVINCIAL LODGE, alone, attended by his Wardens and Brethren, and by the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of all the Lodges in this City (in united Lodges assembled), two and two.

The Reverend Mr. CRANE opened this Lodge with an excellent Oration on Architecture, and a solemn CHARGE to MASONS. An elegant entertainment was provided for the Brethren in the Provincial Lodge-room at the 'Coach and Horses,' and the evening was spent in the utmost harmony."

J. C. ROBINSON.

A few copies of this learned "Charge" were printed at the time for the sole use of the Brethren, and I have Mr. CRANE's own private impression of it amongst my local literary "gems."—*Chester Courant*.
 T. HUGHES.



Craft Masonry.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—This lodge met at the Holly Bush Hotel, Hampstead, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. Edwin Storr, W.M.; J. Potter, S.W.; Coffin, J.W.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Thompson, P.M., Sec.; Fry, S.D.; Freeman, J.D.; Beauchamp, as I.G.; Wilkinson, P.M.; Yeomans, P.M.; Rowe, P.M.; Humphreys, P.M.; Hollis, P.M.; Thompson, P.M.; Mueller, P.M.; and others. Visitors: W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1987; G. Clark, jun., W.M. 1507; Rowe, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; Parratt-Kidder, P.M. 12; J. C. Smith, J.D. 1744; W. A. Scurrell, J.W. 2048; D. Hatch, 1507; Fraser, W.S. 1507; and Catterwood. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. T. Rowe, P.P.G.D. Herts, Treas. The W.M. invested the officers as above and proposed a candidate and joining member, and raised Bro. C. P. Bartholomew to the Degree of a M.M., and the lodge was closed. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Wilkinson, I.P.M.

At the banquet the customary toasts were heartily given and cordially received. The "Health of the W.M.," was enthusiastically received. Bros. Stiles, Clark, and Rowe returned thanks for "The Visitors." Other toasts followed. All expressed great pleasure at being present, and spoke highly of the excellency of the work.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the evening of Monday, the 13th inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. Walter Wood, W.M. There was a fair muster of the brethren, including Past Masters Bros. Smith, Lemon, Reed, and Webb, and likewise the following visitors, Bros. W. O. Hollands, P.M. 1321; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; G. Liebmann, 1196; G. H. Robey, 1866; G. S. Recknell, 1728; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; C. V. Woodward, 1365; W. Fieldwick, 1364; and Thos. H. Staton, P.M. 1287. The brethren subsequently gathered around the supper table, and on the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were given and acknowledged, those of "The Worshipful Master" and "The Initiates" being received with due honour. Songs and recitations were interspersed in the intervals between the speeches, and the brethren at length rose and separated after a most enjoyable evening.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—The first meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Criterion. Present: Bros. H. Purdue, W.M.; Sims, S.W.; Dopson, J.W.; Butt, P.M., Treas.; Gorrings, S.D.; Blake, J.D.; Doncaster, I.G.; Burton, D.C.; Coplestone, S.S.; Glover, J.S.; Tuck, Sec.; and 27 members of the lodge, with the following visitors: Bros. S. Murch, W.M. 27; E. B. Cox, I.G. 1563; T. Vine, 511; W. Game, P.M. 169; C. H. Cutbush, 1987; J. Davis, 169; J. Broadbridge, 1790; A. Madell, 1201; J. W. Tabet, 1017; and G. S. Beeching, 160. A letter was read from Bro. Sir Chas. Dilke, M.P., expressing regret at not being able to be present.

After the usual loyal toasts, the W.M. in responding to the toast of his health, after adverting to the very prosperous condition of the lodge, announced that at their meeting in November next, ladies would be invited to the banquet. This announcement was received with great enthusiasm.

After Bro. P. M. Game had responded for the visitors, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. D. Hughes, W.M.; H. McClelland, S.W.; John Hughes, I.P.M.; H. Darcy, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; Harbord, S.D.; D. Hughes, J.D.; Hand, Org.; R. Clinch, D.C.; R. P. Stevens, I.G.; R. Whur, W.S.; Hoddinott and Haylock, Stwds.; Gillard, A.D.C.; Devlin, P.M.; Griffiths, P.M.; Lewis, P.M.; G. A. Cundy, P.M.; Dharty, Clarke, Dance, Russell, Easey, Bater, Glanville, Follett, E. Venner, Derry, Chivers, Fisher, Fletcher, Corkhill, Barwell, Whitnall, Rubardt, Fimister, Sheffield, Little, and Watkins.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Follett was passed, and Bro. Clarke afterwards raised. Bro. Fisher, late of 1305, was admitted a joining member. Ten guineas were voted out of the lodge Benevolent Fund to a deserving member. It was decided to hold a ball in connection with the lodge during the ensuing season, and Bro. R. P. Stevens kindly consented to act again as honorary Secretary. A Committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws. The members then adjourned to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This prosperous lodge met on the 17th inst. at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. Among those present were Bros. Appleton, W.M.; Stranger, S.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Feuillade, J.D.; Foale, D.C.; Feuillade, jun., Org.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; Webb, P.M.; Cockburn, I.P.M.; Ayling, P.M.; Cruse, Bolton, Palmer, Buxton, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a petition to the Board of Benevolence from a distressed member of the lodge was considered and unanimously recommended. Several letters from absent members having been read, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was ably proposed by Bro. Cockburn.

The W.M., in reply, expressed his regret that he had not yet had an opportunity of performing any of the ceremonies. The lodge was very prosperous, but as they had lost several of their number, by death and resignation, it was

desirable for the good of the lodge that their places should be filled by new members. He hoped during the ensuing season to have several initiates.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Stokes, of the Jubilee Lodge; "The Past Masters," by Bro. Cockburn; "The Treasurer and Secretary," by Bros. Mann and Stuart; and "The Officers," by Bro. Stranger. The proceedings then terminated.

CITADEL LODGE (No. 1897).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Railway Tavern, Harrow Station, when there were present Bros. J. Osborn, P.M. 1602, W.M.; E. Woodman, J.W.; T. J. Bird, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; H. W. Mayes, Prov. G.P., P.M.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.A. Sec., P.M., Sec.; J. Weston, P.M. 1602, S.D.; H. J. Osborn, J.D.; O. J. Von Holtorp, I.G.; H. W. Carter, D.C.; J. Bayne, Org.; J. H. Gaskin, Stwd.; and many others, with the following visitors: Bros. N. L. Western, W.M. 1693; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; W. C. Wigley, S.W. 1348; J. A. Collings, Org. 1693; C. Hammond, 1471; J. H. Hoit, 856; G. K. Pugh, 1790; and C. Newell, 1423.

The brethren appeared in Masonic mourning, in consequence of the lamented death since the last meeting of Bro. H. W. Gregory, the much respected S.W. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Young was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. W. H. Lee, Sec., who initiated into Freemasonry his son, Mr. W. W. Lee. The W.M. resumed the chair, when a vote of condolence and sympathy with the widow of the late S.W. was unanimously agreed to, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where a substantial dinner was served, catered by Bro. K. Cole. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured; Bro. Lee, Prov. G.A. Sec., and Bro. Mayes, Prov. G. Purst., returning thanks for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Bro. Bird, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated the lodge on having such an efficient presiding officer.

The W.M. acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and then gave "The Past Masters," which was responded to by Bro. Bird, P.M., in suitable terms.

The W.M. said it afforded him great pleasure to propose "The Health of the Initiate," the son of the much esteemed Secretary, and he had no doubt that Bro. Lee, jun., would make a good and efficient Mason under the able guidance of his father.—Bro. W. W. Lee briefly acknowledged the toast.

"The Visitors" was then given, and responded to by Bro. Western, W.M. 1693.

The toast of "The Officers" having been proposed and duly honoured, the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs by Bros. Bayne, Woodman, W. W. Lee, Osborn, and others.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, for the transaction of the regular business of the lodge. The meeting was called for five o'clock, and precisely to time the respective officers were in attendance, as also a goodly number of the members, and the lodge was opened almost punctual to the minute by Bro. W. R. Burnett, W.M., his assistant officers being Bros. Powles, S.W.; Anderson, J.W.; L. E. Eagle, S.D.; Wimble, J.D.; Gauntlett, I.G.; Bowler, Tyler; P. M. Bellis, Sec. and Preceptor; and E. Eagle, Treas.; with about 30 other members of the lodge and visitors.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Morgan, Fraser, and Hitchcock were raised to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising performed by the W.M. in a most praiseworthy manner. Messrs. W. F. Kemshead and George Prendergast were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, after which Bro. Davies was passed to the Degree of a F.C. During the evening Bro. Morgan was appointed Organist to the lodge and invested with the collar of his office, and he much assisted in the musical portions of the ceremonies.

The business of the meeting having ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most excellent menu was provided by Bro. Slawson, whose catering gave much satisfaction to all. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

The I.P.M., Bro. Bellis, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," alluded to the very heavy work the W.M. had had before him on that and the previous meeting, all of which he had mastered in a most efficient manner, and alluding to the able assistance of his officers attributed it to their regular attendance at the lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge.

The visitors, Bros. P. M. Tilling, 765, and Bridget, 72, also spoke in high praise of the working by the W.M. and his officers. The toasts and responses of "The Candidates and Officers" brought the meeting to a close. There was a well selected musical programme intermixed with the toasts, accompanied by Bros. Morgan and Wallis. There were about 45 present at the banquet.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—The first meeting of the season was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 18th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. Walter C. Claridge, W.M.; H. Bing, as S.W.; A. Haig Brown, J.W.; A. McDowall, I.P.M.; W. McDougall, Treas.; A. Green, P.M. and Sec.; A. H. Sandle, S.D.; W. J. Tasman, J.D.; L. V. Walker, I.G.; J. D. McAlpin, M.C.; J. C. Tilt, and John Green, Stwds.; J. Lackland, Tyler; also Bros. Kitchingman, Elles, Gregory, Wright, Bokenham, Morris, Lowe, Levey, Mardell, Thomas, Stein, Chant, Nuding, Rix, Tayton, Heward, McNish, Bell, Pearce, Cook, and Hancock. Visitors: Bros. D. Crombie, P.M. 28; John Rushford, J.W. 602; W. Morley, 1924; A. C. Wickins, 709; E. R. Debenham, 28; G. Blake, S.W. 507; E. Houlton Bishop, I.G. 1905; R. W. Galer, S.D. 1366; and James Pinder, P.M. 15, 1602, 1997, &c.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Mardell was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken for Mr. William John Pearce and Mr. Arthur Stanton

Cook, which proving unanimous in their favour they were declared duly elected, and were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, and the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to the Pillar Hall to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, including "The W.M.," "The Initiates," and "The Visitors," who suitably acknowledged the same. Bros. Walker, Nuding, McNish, and others, contributed their quota to the harmony of the evening.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present Bros. Edwin Melrose, W.M.; Peter Bradburn, S.W.; C. Crompton, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; James Walker, S.D.; W. Siddons, I.G.; R. Cueden and H. J. Briscoe, Stwds.; John Isherwood, P.M.; J. Boothroyd, P.M.; J. Rutter, P.M.; T. Morris, P.M.; R. J. Chereside, Draycott, Crompton, Forrest, Halliwell, and W. H. Brown. Visitor: Bro. W. E. Bardsley, S.D. 1723.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Draycott, Brown, and Stirling were raised to the degree of Master Mason by Bro. Boothroyd, who also explained the working tools. Messrs. D. W. Stevenson and Frank Jackson were balloted for and elected, and initiated by Bro. John Isherwood, the working tools being explained by the I.P.M., and the customary charge by Bro. G. P. Brockbank. After two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

MANCHESTER.—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The installation meeting was held and St. John's festival celebrated at the Masonic Hall, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. Joseph Snape, W.M.; F. R. Cooper, S.W.; E. G. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Clegg, Sec.; C. Bagot, I.G.; A. P. Wimpory, I.P.M.; T. H. Glendinning, P.M.; Alfred Turner, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M.; Geo. Kenyon, P.M.; Robt. Leech, P.M.; A. Morrison, P.M.; R. Williamson, T. Smith, W. O. Pettitt, T. M. Cairns, Wm. Taylor, Wm. Fitzgerald, Thos. E. Rigby, J. J. Craig, C. F. Owen, J. B. Peace, S. Davidson, W. Challender, G. M. Williams, T. Thornhill, R. Kitchen, J. R. Smith, N. Fragner, add J. Kirk, Tyler.

Visitors: Bros. J. Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.; J. Chadwick, P.M. 44, Prov. G. Sec.; J. J. Meakin, P.M. 992, P.P.G.S.D.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D. D.C.; P. Lawton, P.M. 78; C. Hargreaves, W.M. 1219; I. H. Smith, 1011; Joseph Senior, P.M. 163; John Openshaw, 1077; W. Hoyland, P.M. 1083; C. A. Pontefract, 337; G. T. Mullock, P.M., Sec. 204; J. C. Bromley, P.M. 1375; Wm. Siddeley, W.M. 163; A. Turner, S.W. 1011; T. Robinson, 1534; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened shortly after 4 o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual formalities the W.M. elect, Bro. Fredk. Cooper, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. T. H. Glendinning, P.G.J.D., and duly inducted into the chair of K.S., with all proper rite and ceremony. The newly installed W.M. was subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the M.Ms. on their re-entrance to the lodge.

The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing year, and invested by Bro. A. P. Wimpory, P.M.: Bros. Robert Leech, S.W.; Robt. Williamson, J.W.; E. G. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Bagot, Sec.; Thos. E. Rigby, S.D.; Walter O. Pettitt, J.D.; T. H. Glendinning, P.M., P.G.J.D., D.C.; J. J. Clegg, I.G.; Thos. Campbell, Org.; J. Kirk, Tyler; Joseph Challender, Geo. Chappell, Chas. Smith, and J. W. Hallam, Stwds. Bros. J. Snape, I.P.M., addressed the W.M.; A. Morrison, P.M., the Wardens; and A. Turner, P.M., the brethren. On the motion of Bro. George Kenyon, P.M., seconded by Bro. A. P. Wimpory, P.M., Bro. E. H. Hughes, P.M., was re-appointed representative on the Charity Committee. The I.P.M., Bro. Joseph Snape, rose and expressed his thanks to the brethren for their generous response to his appeal for subscriptions towards raising the sum of £50 for the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Bro. Snape said he had received promises for sums amounting to £37 towards this deserving object. The W.M., Bro. F. Cooper, gave notice of motion that the sum of £5 be voted from the lodge funds to the same Institution. After some further business in connection with the House and Executive Committees, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John at a banquet, which was all that could be desired by the most fastidious, and reflected the greatest credit on the House Committee, whose efforts in carrying out the arrangements for such a repast were crowned with success.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed after the banquet, and Bro. J. Snape, I.P.M., in proposing that of "The W.M.," alluded to the services he had rendered to Masonry in general, and the Derby Lodge in particular, and he (Bro. Snape) felt perfectly certain that Bro. Cooper would make an excellent Master. He also alluded in feeling terms to the long and critical illness which prevented Bro. Cooper being installed 18 months ago, and he was sure that on this occasion the toast of the W.M.'s health was no empty ceremony.

Bro. Cooper feelingly responded, and, paraphrasing the words of Shakespeare, said he undertook the office with pleasure, and would be proud of the burden of responsibility which it imposed.

Bro. A. P. Wimpory, P.M., in fitting terms proposed "The Health of Bro. Joseph Snape, I.P.M.," and presented him, in the name of the lodge, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel and collar, which had been subscribed for by the members to mark the esteem in which they held him for his services to the lodge.

The jewel and collar were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

Bro. Snape thanked the brethren for the great kindness they had evinced towards him at all times, but especially so during his year of office. It had been to him a pleasure to preside over them, and he was glad to bear testimony to the fact that the members of the lodge endeavoured to practise the principles of Masonry taught in it. If proofs were wanting of this, he would instance the handsome present made to him as representative of the lodge on his accession to office of a piano worth over £40. During the year they had the satisfaction of receiving letters of thanks

from the son of a former member who had been educated at the instance of the lodge, from the daughter of another deceased member for preliminary help, and from another aged and decayed brother for having paid his expenses to the Southport Convalescent Home, which had greatly improved his health. Other charitable cases might also be mentioned, and to finish the year they had decided to raise a fund of £50 for the East Lancashire Systematic, Educational, and Benevolent Institution. £37 had already been raised for it, and doubtless the balance would soon be forthcoming. Surely it would not be said the members of the Derby Lodge met merely for the purposes of enjoyment and conviviality (though these were very good things in their way); but he ventured to say they aimed at far higher things, viz., the relief of the distressed and the promotion of happiness amongst themselves and the world at large.

Several other toasts followed, and the intervals between each were enlivened by some excellent songs and glees by Bros. C. Turner, J. Openshaw, and J. Senior, Bro. W. O. Pettitt being the accompanist, and performing two or three solos in his usual masterly style.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., when the W.M., Bro. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., presided, supported by Bros. H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas., acting S.W.; Charles Armstrong, J.W.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, P.M. 1817, acting S.D.; W. C. Till, acting J.D.; T. J. Walder, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; W. T. Jordan, J. B. Foster, R. T. Davison, M.D., and others.

The lodge having been opened, and minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, the motion on the agenda was not discussed, owing to the absence of the brother in whose name it stood, and as it would involve an alteration in the bye-laws, it was arranged that, with the consent of the proposer, it should stand over until an opportunity of making other contemplated alterations should arise. Instruction in the opening and closing of lodge in the Second and Third Degrees was then given, and Bro. Lamborn, P.M., at the request of the W.M., gave an interesting and lucid explanation of the questions put to a candidate for the Second Degree. Some other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed in due form.

HARRINGTON.—Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting for the purpose of installing Bro. H. Wynn as W.M. for the ensuing year on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when, as usual, the muster was large. Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., and John Paterson, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd., officiated as Installing Masters, and the following were invested as officers for the year: Bros. L. Ward, S.W.; J. Rubery, J.W.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, Chap.; J. Little, Sec.; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Ayre, S.D.; Rees Thomas, J.D.; R. Ward, I.G.; and R. Belcher, Tyler.

The following brethren were also present: Bros. G. G. Glen, I.P.M., P.G. Stwd., who, on leaving the seat of honour for the year, was presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel for the able manner he had discharged the duties as Master of the lodge—the gift was much admired, and was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of London—Dr. J. Dick, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. Tyson, P.M. 1532, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Batt, P.M.; J. Johnston, P.M.; J. D. Fidler, J. Bethel, J. Morton, F. G. Wood, F. Hodgson, P.M. 872; N. Topping, P.P.G. Tyler; J. C. Thompson, S.W. 962; J. H. Hartley, Sec. 962; J. Lewthwaite, J.W. 962; J. Evening, A. Hill, W. Whitehead, J. Stewart, J. Kirby, J. Johnston, and others.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Gibson and Paterson for the excellent way they discharged the duties of installing the W.M.; and it being Bro. Paterson's first appearance as an assistant to the veteran of the West—Bro. Gibson—he received well-merited praise. The lodge, with the usual good wishes, was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where ample justice was done to the good things provided, and a pleasant evening spent.

MANCHESTER.—Trafford Lodge (No. 1496).—The installation meeting took place at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Brierley, W.M.; G. Burslem, S.W.; Johnson, J.W.; B. Halliwell, S.D.; W. Biggs, J.D.; H. P. Jones, P.M.; D. Johnson, P.M.; J. McGrath, P.M.; S. D. McKellen, P.M.; J. C. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Watson, P.M.; W. Blears, F. Long, W. P. Davis, T. Carter, J. Kershaw, and C. W. Maybury. Visitors: Bros. Joseph Wild, 277; D. Edwards, P.M. 852 and 1093; St. Smith, 854; J. H. Duckworth, J.W. 277; W. Hall, J.W. 1387; J. Skeldrick, I.P.M. 815; S. Davies, 467; H. Taylor, J.W. 467; T. Ward, 1017; J. Chaderton, S.D. 854; S. Titmas, P.M. 317; G. Hunt, W.M. 1993; M. Seanor, 1219; J. Challender, 1055; J. Willcox, 1140; and R. R. Lisenden, J.W. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Burslem, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. C. Gillman, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., and by him inducted into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. After being proclaimed and saluted, the W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and they were invested by Bro. S. D. McKellen, P.M., as follows: Bros. G. Johnson, S.W.; B. Halliwell, J.W.; W. S. Watson, P.M., Treas.; W. Biggs, S.D.; W. C. Maybury, J.D.; McKellen, P.M., D.C.; F. Long, Org.; T. Carter, I.G.; Wm. Hill, Tyler; J. Kershaw, W. P. Davis, and W. Pearce, Stwds. Bro. J. Brierley, I.P.M., addressed the W.M.; Bro. H. P. Jones, P.M., the Wardens; and Bro. D. Johnson, the brethren.

There being no other business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John at a banquet, which Bro. T. Bidolph had prepared for them, and which did him the greatest credit and satisfied all. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. J. Brierley, I.P.M., said it gave him a great deal of pleasure to have the honour of proposing this toast, which, he was sure, would be received with acclamation by the brethren. He felt certain that no member of the Trafford Lodge would ever fill the chair of K.S. more worthily than Bro. Burslem, and none would fulfil the duties appertaining to

that position more satisfactorily. As many of the brethren were aware, their W.M. had been suffering for a long period from an accident, which he was sure every one round the table deplored, and hoped he would soon entirely recover from. He (Bro. Brierley) was very pleased indeed to find that their W.M. had so far recovered as to be present with them that day, and to take that position which his zeal for Freemasonry and his efforts to promote the welfare of the Trafford Lodge had qualified him. Bro. Brierley concluded by asking the brethren to drink the W.M.'s health in a bumper.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he could scarcely find words to express his gratitude to Bro. Brierley for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed, or to the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He could scarcely make out what he had done to receive such an ovation, but it could not have been produced from his having been elected to his present position by a narrow margin of votes, but by the unanimous vote of the lodge. In alluding to his unfortunate accident and prolonged indisposition, the W.M. said he was very glad to be amongst them again, and to find himself W.M. of a lodge in which he had been initiated. In conclusion, Bro. Burslem said he was proud of the position the brethren had placed him in, and assured them he would do his utmost to warrant their confidence.

Bro. S. D. McKellen, P.M., with one of his telling speeches, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. J. Brierley," in the course of which he said there were two kinds of Worshipful Masters, viz., one who performed his duties technically and literally and gave satisfaction to the brethren, and another who, in addition to performing his duties well, gathered around him a large circle of social friends, and this Bro. Brierley had done. He had never once been absent from the lodge during his year of office, and had won for himself the respect and esteem of every brother in the lodge.

After the brethren had drunk his health, Bro. Brierley responded to the toast. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, including "The Visiting Brethren," "Masonic Charities," "P.M.'s," "Officers," &c. and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. J. Challender, 1055, delighted the brethren with his singing.

RHYL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).—On Monday, the 6th inst., the members of the above lodge celebrated the festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. The lodge was formed a few years ago, and has proved itself a most energetic element in the Masonic movement. The new Master is Bro. H. A. Steer, whose popularity with the brethren made his election to the high office a matter of considerable congratulation. The lodge has a private room in the centre of Rhyl, the admirable internal arrangements and fittings of which prove that the brethren take a deep interest in the creditable representation of Freemasonry in the town of Rhyl.

There was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors at the ceremony. The retiring W.M., Bro. Hackforth, who had a most successful year of office, opened the lodge, and was assisted in the installation ceremony by Bros. J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W. North Wales and Salop, and M'Ewen, P.M. Bro. H. A. Steer, on assuming the chair, nominated the following as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Hackforth, I.P.M.; Rev. W. L. Nicholas, S.W.; F. P. Lewis, J.W.; Rev. T. Hughes, Chap.; E. W. Keatinge, P.M., Treas.; H. G. Little, Sec.; Felix Watkins, P.G. Org., S.D.; A. L. Clews, J.D.; C. W. Bell, D.C.; H. Mudd, Org.; W. A. Nott, I.G.; T. H. Summerhill, Stwd.; and Frank Hordley, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a *recherché* banquet was served at the Westminster Hotel, under the presidency of the new W.M., who proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. the Rev. W. L. Nicholas, in proposing "The Installing Master," referred to the growth of the lodge, and the active part that Bro. Salmon, of Chester, had taken in promoting it. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Hackforth.

SUNDERLAND.—The Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—The first regular meeting of this recently consecrated new lodge was held at the new Lecture Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, John-street, which had a very pretty appearance, on Friday evening, the 26th ult., when there was a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and others to support the W.M., Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec. There were among those who signed the roll Bros. R. Hudson, W.M.; John C. Moor, W.M. 97, S.W.; John Deans, J.W.; Joseph Robson Pattison, Sec.; G. W. Errington, as S.D.; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, J.D.; John E. Nelson, W.M. 80, D. of C.; H. H. Pinkney, I.G.; T. Atkinson, S. Stwd.; and J. W. Brown, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. T. Witter, P.M. 1119, P.G.P.; R. Kinmond, P.M. 80, P.G.P.; C. McNamara, P.M. 97, P.G. Std. Br.; John G. Nasbet, I.G. 97; Wm. Dawson, S.D. 94; John A. Rainbow, S.W. 94; A. Peters, Sec. 1389; W. Hawdon, P.M. 80; T. Henderson, P.M. 94; T. F. Brown, 80; John Dixon, W.M. 94; J. Fryde, 80; Walter Beattie, P.M. 1389; James Sedcole, W.M. 1119; W. C. Harris, 1970, P.G.C.; Robert Singleton, J.W. 97; Charles D. Hill Drury, P.M. 85; H. Horner, J.W. 949; G. H. Hogg, 991; J. J. Wilson, S.D. 80; Rev. R. H. Yeld, 1389, P.P.G.C.; A. Broughton, 80; Joseph Potts, 661; J. Eggleston, P.M. 949; Thos. Surtees, P.M. 94; Charles Pemberton, 94; J. G. Kirtley, W.M. 949; W. Brandt, P.M. 1389; James Hudson, 80; Richard Todd, 80; C. H. Parrett, 97; Alfred Gray, P.M. 949; Hartley Campbell, 97; H. Weberling, 94; John Hudson, I.P.M. 94; William Gray, P.M. 1334; John J. Clay, P.M. 97, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Simpson, J.D. 949; and A. T. Munro, P.M. 949, P.P.G.S.B.

The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., after which Bro. Pattison read the minutes of the consecration meeting. The ballot was next taken for over 24 joining members, and then for seven gentlemen proposed for initiation. All were elected. Mr. James Jardine was introduced into Masonry by the W.M.; Mr. S. B. McLagan was initiated by Bro. J. J. Clay; Mr. W. A. Priestly by Bro. A. T. Munro; and Mr. R. A. Brown, by Bro. C. McNamara; the address in the N.E. being given by Bro. R. Kinmond. Bro. W. Beattie, P.M. 1389, 97, was afterwards unanimously elected as Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Brown as Tyler of the lodge. Bro. Beattie was duly invested, and the W.M. then invested Bro. H. H. Pinkney, as I.G., and Bro. Thos. Atkinson, as S.S. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks

to the donors of articles and money towards the furnishing fund, which was seconded by Bro. T. Henderson, P.M., and carried. Bro. J. C. Moor, S.W., was appointed the representative of the lodge of the Charities Committee of the province.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed to the W.M. by the visiting brethren. Three brethren were proposed as joining members by Bros. Moor, Sutcliffe, and Deans. The lodge was then closed according to ancient custom.

INSTRUCTION.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE (No. 22).—This very successful lodge met on Monday night last, at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, S.E. There were present Bro. Henry Baldwin, as W.M., very ably supported by the following as officers: Bros. Cornock, S.W.; Banks, J.W.; Sutton, S.D.; Buckley, J.D.; Mackay, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; and Dickson, Secretary; also Bros. Allison, P.M., and Westley, P.M. Bro. Perkins acted as candidate for the Third Degree. The First Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Johnson, assisted by the brethren, after which the acting W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising in a very able and efficient manner, with the assistance of the very gifted and talented Preceptor, Bro. Johnson, and the acting Wardens. Bro. Cornock was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting on Monday next, the 27th inst., at 7.30. After thanking the brethren he appointed his officers in rotation.

PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).—A meeting was held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. Bentley Haynes, W.M.; Haller, S.W.; Walker, J.W.; H. Haynes, S.D.; Ruse, J.D.; Steed, I.G.; and Moss, Preceptor; also Bros. Richard Healy, Buggins, and Read. After the preliminaries Bro. Buggins answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and being entrusted, was duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. Bro. Rich then answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and after being entrusted was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. W. H. Read, J.W. Ebury Lodge, was unanimously elected a member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Haller was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was unanimously proposed, seconded, and carried, that the annual supper be held at Bro. Maidwell's, on Tuesday, November 11th, at seven o'clock, previous to which the Audit will be held, at 6.30, Bros. Rich, Haller, and Ruse, Auditors. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate. Present: Bros. Swain, W.M.; Mount, S.W.; Tonkin, J.W.; Cottelbrune, Preceptor; Cross, Sec.; Lovegrove, S.D.; Masefield, J.D.; G. F. Edwards, I.G.; McMullen, Stroud, Leversedge, Bowen, Skinner, and Collens.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bros. McMullen and Bowen were raised to the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Leversedge being candidate. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the S.W. be W.M. at the next meeting. The Secretary announced that he had made arrangements for the annual banquet to be held on November the 12th, at the Queen Anne's Mansions.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. At the meeting of the Masonic Charities' Association the ballot was won by Bro. Cross.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, when there were present Bros. Stephens, W.M.; Humfress, S.W.; Mellier, J.W.; Baker, Treas., Preceptor; Thomas, Sec.; Wickens, S.D.; Holcombe, J.D.; Charlton, I.G.; Stratton, Stwd.; Becket, P.M.; Hunt, Guterbock, Connelly, Whittingham, Durdle, Scattergood, Dixon, and Curtis.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Curtis being the candidate. The Preceptor fully explained the first tracing board. Bro. Connolly was elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Humfress, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and a vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to the W.M., Bro. Stephens, for the able manner in which he presided over the lodge for the first time. The lodge was then closed in due form and perfect harmony.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the Red Lion, York-street, St. James's-square, S.W., Bro. W. C. Smith, S.D. 1563, acted as W.M.; Bro. Jas. C. Smith, J.D. 1744, as S.W.; and Bro. R. W. Duncan, 1436, as J.W. The Sections were worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. H. Smith, 1563; Second, Bro. L. Solomon, I.P.M. 1732; Third, Bro. W. Chilcott, 1624; Fourth, Bro. Davies, 72; Fifth, Bro. J. C. Smith, J.D. 1744; Sixth, W. C. Smith, S.D. 1563; Seventh, Bro. J. Paul, 1278. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. C. A. Woods, P.M. 145; Second, Bro. W. Fowles, 1348; Third, Bro. J. Hemming, I.G. 1287; Fourth, Bro. J. C. Smith, J.D. 1744; Fifth, Bro. C. J. Day, 1641. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Cursons, 1681; Second, Bro. Brindley, W.M. 1604; Third, Bro. G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the usual weekly meeting held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 9th ult., there were present Bros. Fowles, W.M.; Frank Gulliford, S.D.; A. Dickson, J.D.; G. H. Reynolds, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; G. Coleman, W.M. 1614; and Mullens. The lodge was opened in due form. The minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Fowles worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. Mullens offering himself as a candidate to be raised, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of M.M. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the Second Section of this Lec-

ture. Bro. Fowles worked the Third Section of this lecture. Lodge closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. Bro. Mullens (Concord, 332, Grand Lodge of Ireland) was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction, being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Graham. Bro. Frank Gulliford, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form with peace and harmony, and adjourned.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W., when there were present Bros. Brindley, W.M.; Gibson, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Glover, S.D.; Green, J.D.; McCullagh, I.G.; Wade, P.M.; Bunce, Harvey, Foulson, Pernell, and Woodlock.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bunce, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was most ably rehearsed, Bro. Bunce acting as candidate. Bro. Bunce answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising—with the traditional history—was rehearsed, Bro. McCullagh acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having risen for the second time, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried that Bro. Gibson, S.W., be elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

A meeting was also held on Friday, the 17th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Gibson, W.M. Taylor, S.W.; Glover, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Capt. Butterworth, Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Green, jun., S.D.; Arduino, J.D.; Wade, P.M., I.G.; Edwards, Brindley, Bunce, Luckhurst, F. Pernell, J. Pernell, and Hayes. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bro. Bunce was passed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was very ably rehearsed, Bro. Bunce acting as candidate. Bro. Luckhurst was entrusted, and acting as candidate, the ceremony of raising, with the traditional history, was rehearsed. Bro. Taylor, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Taylor returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, S.W. Present: Bros. S. Keene, W.M.; H. Harris, P.M., S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; Harris, Treas.; Jno. W. Morley, Sec.; R. Wimpey, S.D.; G. Gardner, J.D.; P. Skar, I.G.; H. E. Francis, P.M., Preceptor; P. Burton, H. Conway, Barnikel, Hicks, and Sharratt. Bro. Sims was a visitor. The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Burton candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Pocock candidate.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Hampshire Hog Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, W.M.; F. R. Hayes, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; G. Gardner, Treas.; H. Furze, acting Sec.; W. Wilson, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; W. D. Stroud, I.G.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; Johnson, P.M.; Horton, P.M.; J. Davis, Sims, H. Wimpey, Smith, and others. Bro. C. H. Nottley was a visitor. Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The initiation ceremony was given by the W.M., Bro. Nottley candidate. The W.M. worked the Second Degree, J. Davis candidate. Bro. Nottley was elected a joining member. Bro. F. R. Hayes was elected to fill the chair at the ensuing meeting. A vote of thanks to Bro. Wilson for presenting two M.M.'s aprons to the lodge was passed.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 14th inst. Among those present Comps. Stewart, M.E.Z.; Davis, I.P.Z., acting H.; J. Davis, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Cleghorne, S.N.; E. A. Harris, P.S.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Holbrook, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; and Moss, P.Z. The visitors were Comps. Dehane, 862; Underwood, 1366; Webster, 1642, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Ensenmann and S. Rosenfeld, both of 185, were balloted for and exalted to the Degree of a R.A.M., the ceremony being well performed. Letters of apology for non-attendance having been read, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was flatteringly proposed by the I.P.Z.

Comp. Stewart having replied, then gave "The Exaltees."

Comps. Ensenmann and Rosenfeld having responded, the toast of "The Second and Third Principals" followed, which was acknowledged, in the absence of Comp. Ellton, H., by Comp. Davis, J.

"The Health of the Visitors" was warmly proposed by the M.E.Z., and, in reply, Comps. Underwood, Webster, and Dehane made some very flattering allusions to the working and hospitality of the chapter.

Comp. Davis responded upon behalf of "The Past Principals," and Comps. Davage, Harfeld, Cleghorne, and Harris acknowledged at length the toast of "The Officers." The proceedings then terminated.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. C. B. Cheese, M.E.Z.; Thos. Cohn, H.; and Herbert Cuff, J.; and there were also present Comps. Charles

Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; William Medwin, Pr. Soj.; John Taylor, 1st A.S.; H. Hughes, 2nd A.S.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Henry Birdseye, P.Z.; F. D. B. Copestick, P.Z.; E. F. Storr, P.Z.; Fred. Orchard, George Potter, R. Powell, T. Holland, W. R. Dixon, E. S. Bigley, J. L. Carr, Henry D'Arcy, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes Comp. Herbert Cuff was installed in the chair of J. by Comp. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., who played his part exceedingly well. Bro. James Power, of Lodge No. 1622, was balloted for and elected, but his exaltation will not take place till the next meeting, in consequence of his unavoidable absence. Comp. Henry D'Arcy, of Chapter No. 1056, was balloted for and elected a joining member, and the date of meeting of the Audit Committee fixed for the second Monday in December. The following are the officers elect for the next year, namely, Comps. Thos. Cohn, Z.; H. Cuff, H.; W. Medwin, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treasurer; Charles Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; W. Darnell, S.N.; John Taylor, P.S.; and Marsh, Janitor. The chapter having been closed, dinner followed, and then the usual toast list, to the principal items in which due honour was paid.

WEST KENT CHAPTER (No. 1297).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, on Saturday, the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. W. Lake, Z.; T. Perrin, J.; J. C. Woodrow, Scribe E.; J. Crowden, Prin. Soj.; Finch, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and R. H. Crowden, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. Fox and Bellis. The minutes of the convocation held on the 5th of April were read and confirmed. Letters were read from Comps. Fullwood, H., and Dr. Basley, Org., excusing their attendance owing to indisposition. Several other companions were also unavoidably absent. Two brothers were then introduced, and duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch, Comp. R. H. Crowden, P.Z., rendering valuable assistance during the ceremony in the absence of the Second Principal. The companions then adjourned to a banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Chapter (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. J. E. Steward, Z.; Jas. Wilson, H.; Chas. Oldham, J.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.N.; J. G. Elderton, 1st A. Soj.; John Garside, 2nd A. Soj., acting P.S.; J. Sly, Janitor; Jas. Dawson, P.Z., P.G. 1st A. Soj.; W. P. Norris, P.Z.; John Bladon, P.Z.; W. R. Sowter, P.P.S.; H. R. G. Bayley, Thomas Sumner, W. A. Akerman, Harry Smith, H. Walmsley, W. Hardcastle, and R. R. Lisenden, S.E. (Freemason).

The chapter was opened in the usual manner, at 6.15, and after confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Thomas Black, of No. 163, was balloted for and elected. The companions then adjourned to tea, and resumed labour at 7.30, when Bro. G. C. Frühling, No. 317, who had been elected a member of the chapter at a previous meeting, was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree by the Excellent First Principal, Comp. J. E. Steward, assisted by his officers. Comp. Chas. Oldham, J., subsequently delivered the Historical Lecture; Comp. James Dawson, P.Z., the Mystical Lecture; and Comp. J. E. Steward, Z., the Symbolical Lecture. There being no further business the chapter was closed with the usual beautiful charge.

At the social board "The Health of the Newly-exalted, Comp. G. C. Frühling" was proposed by Comp. J. E. Steward, and drank with enthusiasm.

Comp. Frühling, in reply, said that he had long wished to take the Royal Arch Degree, in order to finish his Masonic advancement. He had been considerably impressed with the beautiful ceremony, and was pleased and gratified to notice the religious vein running through the whole of it, thereby giving the lie to those who asserted that Freemasonry was allied to Atheistic principles.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).—A meeting of this old and distinguished preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights R. Berridge, E.C.; F. Driver, 1st Capt.; Gravely, 2nd Capt.; W. Paas, P.E.C., &c., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., G.C.G., Reg.; J. H. Dodson, C. of G.; H. J. Lardner, H.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; Charles Driver, P.E.C., P.G.A.D.C.; A. Williams, P.E.C.; Dr. Sanders, M.D., &c.; Harris, E. Storr, and others. Sir Knight Capt. Nicols, P.E.C., &c., of the Kemeys Tynte, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, the election of E.C. and Treasurer for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Sir Knights F. Driver and W. Paas respectively. Sir Knights Harris, Freer, and Storr were elected as Auditors. A vote of condolence was passed, and ordered to be forwarded to the widow and family of the late Sir Knight D. M. Dewar, whose services to the Mount Calvary were of long duration, and will not soon be forgotten. A grant of money was also voted from the aims box towards the fund now being raised for the benefit of Mrs. Dewar. A Past E.C.'s jewel having been unanimously voted to the outgoing E.C., the encampment was closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LANCASTER.—Red Rose Conclave (No. 12).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., when Emnt. and Perfect Sir Knight Garnett was unanimously elected M.P.S., and Sir Knight Armitage, S.G.E., for the ensuing year. Emnt. and Perfect Sir Knights Longman and Stanton were again re-elected Treasurer and Recorder. There being no other business, the conclave was closed in due form.

Bro. the Grand Duke of Hesse, with his daughter the Princess Irene and the Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg, left London for Flushing en route for Germany on Monday, the 20th inst. They visited the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House previous to their departure.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

GRAND COUNCIL.

A council of the above orders was held on Saturday last, at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, when the Degrees of the Grand High Priest, St. Lawrence the Martyr, the Red Cross of Babylon, and the Knights of Constantinople were conferred upon Bros. Dr. Stewart, Rev. Lemon, and George Kenning, by Bros. C. F. Matier and Chas. H. Driver.

LANCASTER.—Garnett Council (No. 8).—A regular meeting of this council, working under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales, &c., was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, when there were present Bros. C. H. Garnett, W.M.; H. Longman, S.W.; W. Hall, J.W.; T. Atkinson, Treas.; R. Stanton, Sec.; B. Gregson, I.G.; J. Stanley, and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. A lodge of St. Lawrence was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A council of Knights of Constantinople was then opened, and Bro. Gregson was duly admitted by the Grand Potentate. The new bye-laws were read, and, after some discussion, agreed to.

The council was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel for supper, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

The Craft Abroad.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The Grand Lodge of Canada evidently has some able and discreet brethren in charge of its financial administration. It can boast of a considerable amount of invested property; its dole of charity is on a liberal, but not an extravagant, scale, and its expenditure is kept within due limits, showing a proper sense of economy, but without any approach to cheese parings. We gather this much from the published proceedings—copy of which has just reached us—of the annual communication held in Toronto during the month of July last. These proceedings make a goodly volume of some 250 pages, the bulk of which, however, is of little interest outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. It is the report of the Financial Committee which has induced us to speak so favourably of its monetary affairs, and this of course is based on the Grand Treasurer's statements. During the financial year, extending from the 1st June, 1883, to 31st May, 1884, the receipts amounted to 16,479 dollars, and the expenditure to 16,505 dollars, the balance in bank to the credit of Grand Lodge at the close of the period being 12,293 dollars. The funds at the same date amounted to 67,693 dollars (£13,538), of which 55,400 dollars (£11,080), on special deposit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, bears interest at the rate of 4½ per cent., while the remaining 12,293 dollars is in the same bank on current account. Of the 16,505 dollars stated above as representing the year's expenditure, only 6680 dollars were absorbed for general purposes, while the sum of 9825 dollars (£1965) was voted away in respect of Benevolence. The latter is a heavy amount, if we bear in mind that this Grand Lodge has not been in existence for quite three years as yet, and that the number of lodges on its roll is only about 400. These figures contrast very favourably with the accounts of most of the North American Grand Lodges, but then, with so many of the latter, a large portion of the receipts is swallowed up in "Mileage Allowances." Here, the Grand Master's allowance for expenses is only £100 per annum, and the expenses of the Board of General Purposes somewhat exceed a further £200. We commend this matter to the notice of some of our American brethren in the United States. The following are the principal Grand Officers of Canada for the new year, namely: Bros. Hugh Murray, M.W.G.M.; Henry Robertson, D.G.M.; G. R. Vanzant, G.S.W.; W. A. Green, G.J.W.; Rev. Geo. Chrystal, G. Chap.; E. Mitchell, G. Treas.; F. C. Martin, G. Reg.; and J. J. Mason, G. Sec. Before the meeting of Grand Lodge came to an end, a Committee was appointed to select and present to Bro. Daniel Spry, Immediate Past Grand Master, a testimonial in recognition "of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members of Grand Lodge, and of the able manner in which he has presided over the Craft during the past two years."

FREEMASONS IN AMERICA.

The "Canadian Craftsman" for last month contains a tabular statement, compiled by Bro. Josiah Drummond, of Maine, that most indefatigable of Masonic statisticians. From this it appears that in the jurisdictions of the several Grand Lodges of North America there is an aggregate of 587,321, while 30,620 were raised to the Degree of M.M. during the past year. These returns contrast favourably with the previous year, when the numbers were respectively 579,826 members, and 28,374 raised. New York heads the list with 70,700 members, and then, but at a very long distance, follows Illinois with 44,007, Pennsylvania standing third with 35,829, and Ohio fourth with 31,359; Michigan 27,181 members, Massachusetts 26,583, Missouri 24,594, and Indiana 23,700, occupy the next highest positions; while Iowa, 19,715, and Maine, 19,650, follow, and then Canada 18,442 and Texas 17,514. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, which is so partial to attacking our Grand Lodge, can boast of a total membership of 2840, that of Nova Scotia of 2801, New Brunswick of 1961, and Manitoba of 1092. The smallest of all is the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, which has 293 members.

THE QUEBEC-ENGLAND DISPUTE.

The "Liberal Freemason," of Boston, Mass., for last month, contains an article on "The Mark Degree in England and Quebec," in which it states very fairly the circumstances in dispute between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and our Mark Grand Lodge. Our contemporary offers no opinion, but concludes with the words—"Our readers will be able to form their own conclusions." As one of its readers, we may state that one of the conclusions we have arrived at in respect of this squabble is, that Lords Heniker and Kintore, Immediate Past Grand Master and Grand Master respectively of our Mark Grand Lodge; Canon Portal, Past Grand Master and President of the General Board; and Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary,

deserve, if ever men did, a handsome testimonial in recognition of their services to American Masonic legists and editors. They have furnished these worthy brethren with material for elaborate disquisitions in their several proceedings and journals which should last them for a round dozen of years to come. In nearly all the Masonic jurisdictions throughout the North American continent the conduct of our Mark Grand Lodge has been the subject of discussion quite for 12 months, and the question is still being considered with a vigour which, instead of showing any signs of flagging, becomes daily more and more pronounced.

THE MASONIC EDUCATION AND CHARITY FUND, MASSACHUSETTS.

An Act has recently been passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts, which establishes and incorporates "The Masonic Education and Charity Trust," which is about to be organised by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Towards this fund it has been resolved to appropriate 5000 dollars (£1000) a year out of the surplus receipts of the said Grand Lodge. "The income of the money so appropriated shall from time to time be added to the principal" during the 10 years following the enactment of the law. "After the said 10 years one-half of the income of said fund shall be added to, and become part of, the principal, until said fund shall amount to one hundred thousand dollars" (£20,000); while the income not thus "directed to be accumulated, shall be applied to such of the purposes named in the Act" establishing the fund "as the Grand Lodge from time to time by vote may direct." There are to be eight Trustees of the said fund, of whom one shall retire annually, and the Grand Master for the time being is to be President of the Board of Trustees. These Trustees will be elected at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in December next.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

We have been favoured with a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, held at Lincoln on the 24th and 25th June last. From the reports contained herein it appears that there are now 129 lodges in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 5274, as against 4329 on 1st May, 1883. From the G. Treasurer's report it appears that the receipts for the year, including balance forward, amounting to \$835 dollars, reached a total of 16,136 dollars, while the expenditure was only 4262 dollars, leaving a balance to carry forward to the credit of Grand Lodge of 11,874 dollars. The total of the Orphan School Fund, established in 1860, is 14,486 dollars; but, in accordance with the scheme of the originator—Bro. Rob. W. Furnas—the sum of 20,000 dollars must be reached before it is attempted to appropriate any portion of it to the purposes designed. The principal Grand Officers for the year are Bro. John J. Wemple, M.W.G.M.; Manoah B. Reese, D.G.M.; Charles R. Contaux, G.S.W.; Milton J. Hall, G.J.W.; Christian Hartman, G. Treas.; and Wm. R. Bowen, G. Sec. Two Special Communications, of which reports are given, were also held—one on the 23rd June, the day before the annual meeting, under the presidency of the then Grand Master, Bro. Samuel W. Hayes, for the purpose of consecrating the new Masonic Temple at Lincoln; and the other on the 15th July, under the presidency of the newly-elected Grand Master, Bro. Wemple, when the corner-stone of the Capitol of the State of Nebraska was laid in accordance with ancient Masonic usage, in the same city of Lincoln.

PAST G.M. BURNHAM.

The "Freemasons' Repository" for September contains a well-executed portrait and biographical sketch of Bro. E. P. Burnham, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, who was initiated into Freemasonry as far back as July, 1852, and has since attained high distinction in every branch of Masonry, having been Grand Master of Maine 1877-9; G.H. Priest of Grand Royal Arch Chapter, ditto, 1861; G.M. of the G. Council, 1867; a member of the Grand Encampment (K.T.) of the United States in 1859 and 1880; Hon. 33rd Ancient and Accepted Rite, 1862; and an active member of the Supreme Council, ditto, since September of last year. Bro. Burnham was born 3rd December, 1827.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Following close on the heels of our recent announcement that a lodge had been consecrated under the constitution of the new Grand Lodge of South Australia, the particulars reach us in the columns of the Adelaide *Rough Ashlar* of the consecration of two additional lodges—the Emulation Lodge, No. 32, Norwood, and the Semaphore Lodge, No. 33. The former event took place in the Town Hall, Norwood, on Thursday, the 28th August, Bro. Dr. John Sprod being afterwards installed as W.M., Bros. K. St. Berbe Miller and G. C. E. Stevens being his Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The Semaphore Lodge was consecrated at the Institute, on the 29th August, the first W.M. being Bro. Philip Sansom. On both occasions Bro. the Chief Justice Way, M.W.G.M., was compelled to be absent, owing to the recent death of his father; but his place was very ably filled by Bro. Downer, D.G.M. Great enthusiasm was shown at the banquets which followed, and the W.M.'s, officers, and brethren were warmly congratulated by all present on the success of the proceedings. The addition of three new lodges within a few months after the establishment of the new order of things speaks well for its future prospects.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF WESTLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

We learn from the *New Zealand Freemason* that the Quarterly Communication of this D.G. Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Greymouth, on the 8th July, under the presidency of the D.G.M., Bro. J. Bevan. After the ordinary business had been transacted, and the District Grand Lodge closed, the installation meeting of the Greymouth Lodge was held, Bro. Bevan acting as Installing Master, assisted by Bros. Revell, D.D.G.M., and Hudson, P.D.G.S.W. The following are the officers of the lodge for the new year: Bros. E. I. Lord, W.M.; B. J. Westbrook, S.W.; Charles Wainwright, J.W.; H. H. Oxley, Treas.; S. A. Murphy, Sec.; J. G. Thomas, Chap.; S. C. Hill, S.D.; H. S. Castle, J.D.; T. Relling, I.G.; H. W. Robinson and A. Matheson, Stwds.; and J. McLaren, Tyler. Bro. Skoglund was afterwards presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services, and an

unanimous vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Bevan, District Grand Master, for his assistance. The usual banquet followed.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

Our worthy New Zealand contemporary has likewise an interesting article on Royal Arch Masonry. After pointing out that "there is no Degree in Craft Masonry that may be approached with as much elevation of feeling and sublime pleasure as the Royal Arch," and suggesting that it might naturally be expected "that a Degree in which there is so much to appreciate and admire would be much sought after," it expresses regret that in this colony "this condition does not exist, but rather the contrary," and it very reasonably adds that "when we know this to be the state of affairs, we should endeavour to find out the reason for it." It then proceeds in the following strain: "Masonic authority tells us that the *ultimatum* of Craft Masonry is not reached until we find it in the Royal Arch, and thus a majority of the Fraternity in the colony halt midway in their course, and would be, we venture to say, astonished to find that, although they have taken the Third Degree, they are not perfect Master Masons; they possess only that which was substituted; they have not yet found that which was lost, and never can until they enter the portals of a Royal Arch chapter. This fact is never kept satisfactorily in view by those mostly interested in it. The fashion of looking on chapter Masonry as something extraneous to the Craft Degrees, instead of forming its apex, is too much indulged in, not only by young Masons, but by old and experienced members of the Craft. Who ever hears the Royal Arch referred to in a Blue Lodge? No one; or if they do, it is but seldom. Why should not the Masonic aspirant, after being 'raised,' have the importance of this Degree, and the desirability in due time of his seeking to be elevated thereto, impressed upon him by the W.M. of the lodge? There is not sufficient fusing of the Masonic interest in this respect." After explaining further what it believes to be the cause of this indifference, the article goes on to suggest that "perhaps the chief reason is the difficulty of getting officers of ability to do the work; and the cause of this effect may be again traced to the Blue Lodge and to the want of continuity of interest under the English system." It adds: "The P.M.s. of the lodge should be properly reckoned on as the principal officers of the chapter; but they cannot by a long way be depended on to continue taking an interest in their lodge, much less undertake the onerous duties of a Principal of the Royal Arch. They seem entirely content when they assume the badge which raises them a step above their brethren on the floor of the lodge, and which marks their superiority at any public appearance. They have done enough for themselves, and therefore enough for Masonry. They have attained their *ultimatum*, and they cannot be bothered any longer. 'It takes up so much time you know!' They do not add that it also makes a further demand on their brains, and that although some of them make liberal use of their immediate or some other Past Master in scraping through their year of office in the Blue, that without such assistance it is useless their attempting the Arch, and which from the nature of circumstances they are not likely to obtain. If the I.P.M. of a lodge were accustomed to look on it as a matter of course that he should next take the office of Principal Sojourner in the chapter, and so work up through the chairs until he was installed Z., and if he were taught from the first to think that his *ultimatum*, and nothing short of it, that would be one good reason why we should see more vitality in chapter Masonry." Our contemporary concludes its remarks by suggesting the chapter should consist of the "most worthy and most intelligent members" of the lodge, and that "the minimum fee for exaltation, and the smallest amount for dues," should be fixed compatibly with good management. "It should not cost near as much to work a chapter as a Craft lodge. The companions meet less often, and have not the same claims for Charity, &c., coming before them as have the Blue lodges; and as the expense of keeping up both lodge and chapter comes out of the same pockets, it is most desirable that the qualification of attending to chapter duties should be made to cost as little as possible." There is a good deal of sense in the remarks of our Antipodean contemporary, nor is the question which has given rise to them confined to the limits of the New Zealand Masonic districts.

THE MARK DEGREE IN AMERICA.

Very great interest is now being evinced in all that relates to the origin and early working of the different degrees in Masonry, and we gladly extract from the "Liberal Freemason" the following useful contribution to our knowledge of the Mark Degree, now so deservedly popular among all classes of the brethren. Our readers are no doubt aware that the Mark and other degrees than those included in the system of pure Craft Masonry were more often than not worked under the aegis of the Craft warrant. As Bro. Hughan remarks in his valuable work on the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," if we accept the evidence of old lodge minutes "it will be found that the lodge itself was often the scene of representations foreign to Craft Masonry; and for many years the view prevailed that the presence of a regular warrant in the lodge room legalised all the business transacted, no matter whether the degrees worked were connected with the first three, or with any of the numerous inventions of imaginative brethren." Our Boston contemporary in its latest number lays before its readers what it describes as "the first known records of the Mark Masters' Degree" in the North American continent. They are among "the early records of Masonry in Halifax, Nova Scotia," the lodge which conferred them being the Virgin, on the registry of England (Ancients), originally established 18th February, 1782, at Halifax, "under a dispensation granted by the R.W. John George Pyke, Esquire, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and worked under such dispensation until October, A.D. 1784, when a warrant was granted to that body by the same Bro. Pyke, under the title of Artillery Lodge, No. 2, on the registry of Nova Scotia." In 1800 it resumed its original name of Virgin Lodge, and figures as such in the list of "Ancient" Lodges, published in "Ahiman Rezon" edition, 1807. There are some half-dozen minutes having reference to the working of the Mark Degree, but the following are all we can find space to insert: "Halifax, 16th November, 1784. Upon application to the Worshipful Brother Fife, he was pleased to open a Master Mark Mason's Lodge. Worsh. Bro. Fife, Master, formerly of 213, a Square; Bro. Hall, S.W.; Bro. Allen, J.W. of L. No. 155; Bro. Lewis, Tyler, of L.

No. 210. The following brethren received the degree of Master Mark Masons, and made choice of the following marks, viz.: William Matthews, of Lodge No. 155, Mark, a Bible; Hugh McBean, of Lodge No. 2, Artillery, Level; Jno. Wigton, of Lodge No. 2, Artillery, Compass; And. Gray, of Lodge No. 2, Artillery, Keys; Edw'd Byrn, of Lodge No. 2, Artillery, 5 Points; Jas. Johnston, of Lodge No. 2, Artillery, Mark, Plumb Rule. These brethren having justly paid the demands for such Marks, hath received the same with proper instructions. The business of the night being finished, the lodge was closed in due form. (No signature.)" The other minute we have selected for insertion is as follows: "Halifax, 21st Feb'y, 1786. A Master Mark Mason's Lodge opened in due form at the Pontac. Worship. Bro. Fife in the Chair. Bros. McBean, S.W.; Wigton, J.W.; Darling, Sec'y; McIntosh, S.D.; Grey, J.D.; King, Tyler. When the following, upon application, were balloted, found worthy, received the degree of M.M.M., with proper instructions, and paid for their Marks as usual, their choice of which are as follows, viz.: Worship'l Bros. Duncan Clark, Mark, Urica; Charles Geddes, Ladder; Wm. Millet, Sun; Geo. Thomas, Hand in Hand; Robt. Western, Hammer; Jno. Tyson, Triangle. Upon a request of W. Bro. Clarke, in behalf of the brethren of Lodge No. 210, who received their Marks under Artillery Warrant, No. 2, that their Mark, etc., should be transferred from this Warrant to their own, was unanimously resolved, that the said request should be granted and that the Master should transmit the same upon written application. The business of the night being over, the lodge was closed in love, harmony, and due form at nine o'clock."

MASONIC BAPTISM.

We believe that in France formerly and at the present day in the United States of North America there have been instances in which the infant children of brethren go through some kind of Masonic ceremony of adoption at the time of their baptism, but such cases are of very rare occurrence in this country, even if they occur at all now. However, two or three so-called Masonic baptisms came under our notice the other day when turning over the pages of an old volume of the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review." One of them is announced as having taken place on 11th November, 1835, the child being Augustus Waring Thiselton, son of Bro. A. U. Thiselton, a Past Master of St. Thomas's Lodge, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The officiating clergyman was Bro. the Rev. Thomas Moore, W.M. of the lodge, the clerk Bro. O. Y. Thiselton, acting clerk of St. Pancras, one of its Past Masters, and the godfathers Bros. Thomas Waring, another Past Master, and Edward Harper, G. Secretary, Bro. Sweatman, a fourth P.M. of St. Thomas, and accoucheur to Mrs. Thiselton, being likewise present. The second instance occurred at Bolton, Lancashire, on the 6th March, 1836, when Nehemiah Blunt, 6th son of Bro. Matthew Blunt, a member of Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 32 (then No. 44), was baptized at Bradshaw Chapel, by Bro. the Rev. Birkett Dawson, B.D., Prov. G. Chaplain East Lancashire and Past Master of the lodge, the godfathers being Bros. David Barber, Prov. G.I.G. and Secretary No. 32, and Matthew Blunt, and the godmother Mrs. Thorp, wife of Bro. William Thorp. We are told that the child in this case was invested with a handsome Masonic apron, made especially for the occasion, and other emblems of the Order.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The following general order has been issued by Grand Master M.E. Sir Knight Robert Enoch Withers. To all the Constituent Grand Commanderies, and all subordinate Commanderies holding Charters from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Greeting: Know ye, that whereas, by satisfactory documentary evidence, officially received by us, it appears that the "National Great Priory of Canada" has, with the consent and approval of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Supreme Grand Master of the Order, been absolved and discharged from all allegiance to the "Convent General of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales," as shown by his manifesto, bearing date the 17th day of April, 1884, and has, by the adoption of a new constitution, been constituted "The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada," with M.E. Sir Knight William James Bury MacLeod Moore, Grand Cross of the Temple, of Prescott, Ontario, Canada, Supreme Grand Master ad vitam, with jurisdiction over the whole Dominion of Canada. And whereas, This Sovereign Great Priory of Canada has received official recognition by the officers of the "Convent General of England and Wales."

Be it therefore known to you and all Knights Templar under our jurisdiction, that we, Robert Enoch Withers, Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States of America, do now and hereby proclaim our official recognition of the "Supreme Great Priory of Canada" as a sovereign and independent body, of which M.E. Sir Knt. Wm. James Bury MacLeod Moore, G.C.T., is Supreme Grand Master, M.E. Sir Knt. James A. Henderson, O.C., G.C.T., is Deputy Grand Master, and R.E. Sir Knt. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, Ontario, is Grand Chancellor; and whereas it hath been communicated to us by the Supreme Grand Master aforesaid that it is his desire, and that of his Sovereign Great Priory, to establish a more cordial and intimate knightly relation between the "Sovereign Great Priory of Canada" and the Grand Encampment of the United States, and in furtherance of this end he hath duly commissioned Sir Knt. Theodore Sutton Parvin, Iowa, as the Grand Representative of the "Sovereign Great Priory of Canada" near this Grand Encampment, now therefore we, the Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States, do announce, that in cordial response to this action we have appointed and commissioned Sir Knt. James A. Henderson, O.C., G.C.T., of Ontario, as our Grand Representative near the "Sovereign Great Priory of Canada." Done at Wytheville, Virginia, this 12th day of September, A.D. 1884, A.O. 766, by the Grand Master. Attest, my hand and the seal of the Grand Encampment of the United States, this 25th day of September, A.D. 1884, A.O. 766, T. S. PARVIN, Grand Recorder.

Bro. Henry Irving, who, with his company, has been on a tour through Canada, commenced a three weeks' engagement at the Globe Theatre, Boston, Mass., on Monday, the 20th inst.



Bro. the Earl and Countess of Granville arrived at their residence in Carlton House Terrace from Walmer Castle on Saturday, the 18th inst.

It is announced that the Indian Government has accepted the Prince of Wales's invitation to take part in the Indian and Colonial Exhibition of 1886.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Saturday, the 12th prox., at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, the Hampshire Hogg Hotel, Hammersmith, by Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; also a lecture by Bro. Morgan, P.M.

Bro. George Kenning has received instructions to manufacture the Masonic insignia required by the Right Hon. Lord Kensington, M.P., on his appointment by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the Provincial Grand Mastership of South Wales (Western Division).

It is stated that the financial results of the recent Norwich Musical Festival are largely in excess of what they have been for the last quarter of a century. This is due in great measure to the success of Mr. Mackenzie's new oratorio, "The Rose of Sharon."

There was an excellent programme on Saturday, the 18th inst., when the twenty-ninth series of Saturday concerts was successfully inaugurated at the Crystal Palace. Brahms's No. 3 symphony and Smetana's Lustspiel overture were played for the first time on the occasion.

The old-established business of Messrs. Howard and Co., of Barbican, together with the lease of the premises has been purchased by Messrs. Feltham and Co. (Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C.), who will conduct it as a going concern.

There will be a brave show on Lord Mayor's day when Bro. Alderman Nottage enters on the duties of his Mayoralty. Indeed, the show, with its historic procession of knights in armour and triumphal cars, will be so exceptionally brilliant that an unusual influx of country cousins into the metropolis on the day in question may be anticipated.

The annual ceremony (consecration) will take place at the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1891, Bacon's Court Hotel, West Kensington, S.W., on Monday next, the 27th inst., by Bro. H. E. Francis, P.M., Preceptor, and Bro. the Rev. W. Ambrose Hall will assist. The members hope to have a large gathering of the brethren. A supper will follow.

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.—At the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire, held at Bradford on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Bro. C. L. Mason, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, in the chair, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Hughan Testimonial Fund on the proposition of Bro. Normanton, Prov. G. Treas., seconded by Bro. Cooke, Prov. G. Sec.

Among those present at the banquet given at the Mansion House on Saturday, the 18th inst., by Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., G.J. Warden, to the Incorporated Society of Authors, were Bros. G. A. Sala, Alderman De Keyser, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Sir J. B. Monckton, Past President of the Board of G. Purposes, Hyde Clarke, and others.

Bro. H. T. Loraine, on Friday last, received his benefit, towards the conclusion of a highly successful week's engagement at the Theatre Royal, Gooles. The members of the Aire and Calder Lodge, were present in considerable force, and afterwards entertained Bro. Loraine to supper, upwards of 40 ladies and gentlemen being present. The chair was occupied by Bro. Wilson, W.M., and the vice-chair by Bro. Brook, S.W. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., was presented on Saturday, the 18th inst., with an emblazoned copy of a resolution passed by the City of London Tradesmen's Club, wherein was set forth the opinion that the exceptional manner in which the Right Hon. R. N. Fowler, M.P., had served the office of Lord Mayor was deserving of their warmest thanks, and, considering the unexpected manner in which he had been called upon to undertake the office, they considered he had, both in his public and private capacity, sustained the prestige of the London Corporation and added fresh dignity and lustre to its position.

The marriage of the Marquis of Stafford, M.P., eldest son of the Duke of Sutherland, with Lady Millicent Fanny St. Clair Erskine, eldest daughter of the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G. Master Mason of Scotland, took place on Monday, the 20th inst., at St. Paul's, Wilton-place, in the presence of a numerous and aristocratic gathering. Among those present were the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Christian, the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, the Duke of Westminster, Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, the Countess of Rosslyn, Miss Blanche Maynard, the Baroness and Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and others. The bride was given away by her father, the Earl of Rosslyn, and the Earl of Fife, P.G.M. Banffshire, acted as best man to the Marquis of Stafford.

We must congratulate Bro. Seymouh Smith on the success of his annual benefit concert held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the South Place Institute, South Place, Moorgate-street, E.C. There was a very full attendance, an admirable programme, and a strong force of vocal and instrumental talent to give it due effect. The entertainment commenced with a march from Wagner's "Tannhauser," arranged as a duet for pianoforte, and skilfully played by Miss Evelyn Seymour Smith and Bro. Seymour Smith. Among the vocal contributions which were justly applauded by the audience must be mentioned Cowen's "The Children's Home," by Miss Meta Russell; Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," by Mr. W. Morrow; Bro. Seymour Smith's "Comrades in Arms," by Bro. Chaplin Henry; Mr. Michael Watson's new song, "Little Sue"; "Auld Robin Gray," by Madame Agnes Ross; and Bro. Seymour Smith's musical sketch, "Lord Mayor's Day," honoured with an encore, with a new part song, "Ye Cattie," composed by the same brother and given for the first time on that occasion.

Bro. Alderman Stone entered on the 68th year of his age on the 19th inst.

The Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Alderman Nottage, is to be presented to-day (Friday) to the Lord Chancellor.

Bro. Col. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., P.G.J. Warden of England, arrived in Portland-place on Wednesday, from Witherslack Hall, Lancashire, in order to attend to his parliamentary duties.

The Monday and Saturday "Pops" season commences next week, the first Monday "Pop" being fixed for Monday, the 27th inst., and the first Saturday "Pop" for Saturday, the 1st November.

The Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, Bro. Captain George Lambert, F.S.A., has been invited to the Mayor's banquet at Canterbury, on Thursday. He will be the guest of the Ex-Mayor, Bro. A. J. Beer.

The Marquis of Headfort, G.S.W. of Ireland, and the Marchioness of Headfort have reached Underley Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale, from Scotland, on a visit to the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland.

Bro. Thos. J. Robertson, I.P.M., of St. Martin's le Grand Lodge and Assistant Surveyor to the Metropolitan Board of Works has been elected Treasurer of his lodge (No. 1538), vice Bro. Major W. E. Williams, resigned.

FREEMASONS' HALL.—The lodge rooms—including the Zetland, De Grey, Dalhousie, William Preston, and the Moira—have been carpeted with Brussels carpet, of unique design, by Bro. George Kenning, Masonic Furnisher, Little Britain.

Bro. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, left London for Germany on Monday, the 20th inst., in order to represent their Royal Highnesses of Wales at the funeral of the Landgrave of Hesse at Rumpenheim, and the Prince of Wales at that of the late Duke of Brunswick at Brunswick.

As the birthday of the Prince of Wales—9th November—this year falls on Sunday, the banquet usually given in honour of the event by his Royal Highness's tradesmen will take place on Saturday, the 8th prox. The Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., will occupy the chair on the occasion.

A popular edition of Bro. Charles Du Val's South African travels and Transvaal war experiences entitled "With a Show through Southern Africa," will shortly be issued by Messrs. Dean and Son. The book, which will contain 50 illustrations, will be published in illustrated cover at the price of 1s.

The Right Hon. J. G. Dodson, M.P., who is about to be elevated to the peerage on his retirement from the Cabinet, was G.J. Warden in 1869. His successor in the Cabinet, as well as in the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., is also a member of our Fraternity.

Bro. F. Knollys, secretary to the Prince of Wales, has written to the Mayor of Norwich, in order to express to his Worship and the Corporation of that city the gratification experienced by his Royal Highness and the Princess of Wales on the occasion of their recent visit to the Cathedral town of East Anglia.

Bro. Mapleson is in treaty with the renters and debenture-holders of Drury Lane Theatre with a view to hiring it for the purpose of giving a season of Italian opera next year. A special meeting of the renters was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., in order to consider the terms of Bro. Mapleson's proposal, and it was then decided by a majority of 20 to 10 votes to conclude an arrangement on the basis submitted.

The funeral of the late Hon. G. C. Leigh, M.P., eldest son and heir of Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, took place at Stoneleigh, on Wednesday last. Thousands of people attended from Leamington, Warwick, Coventry, Birmingham, &c., for the purpose of witnessing the mournful ceremony and testifying their respect to the deceased's memory. The principal mourners were Lord Leigh, his lordship's brother, the Hon. E. Chandos Leigh, Q.C., and Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. W. Leigh, and his surviving sons, the Hons. Dudley, Rupert, and Rowland Leigh.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., G. Treas., has given a donation of £5, as an addition to the amount collected on Sunday morning last at the church of St. Bartholomew the Great, in aid of the funds of "Ye Rahere Almoners," a charitable City Institution, which owes its origin to the combined exertions of Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., and Mr. Thomas Sangster, C.C., of West Smithfield. The sermons were preached by the rector of the Parish of St. Bartholomew the Great, the Rev. W. Pancbridge, who selected for his text "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." The collection, independent of special donations, amounted to £14.

At a meeting of the exhibitors of the International Health Exhibition, held by kind permission of Bros. Bertram and Roberts, in the dining-room over the eastern quadrant, it was proposed by Mr. B. Turner (Messrs. Smith and Turner), that the exhibitors have a dinner, which, on being seconded, was carried unanimously; it was arranged that the same take place to-morrow (Saturday), in the dining-rooms of the exhibition, under the superintendence of Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and that the members of the executive council and officials be invited.

£20 to £300.—Tobaccoists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Euston-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4—1/2, 14 stamps. [Advvt.]

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This (Friday) evening, Bro. the Lord Mayor will dine with the Fitzroy Lodge, at the Armoury House at Finsbury.

The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, presided at the meeting of the Royal University of Dublin, held in Dublin on Wednesday. Among those on whom degrees were conferred were ten young ladies, nine of whom took the degree of B.A. and one that of B. Mus.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, G.J.W., occupied the chair at a very interesting ceremony which took place in Whitechapel-road, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when the memorial stones of a Working Lads' Institute were formally laid in the presence of a numerous gathering of the friends and well wishers of the scheme. The stones were eight in number, the first being laid by Bro. the Lord Mayor, the second by Alderman Sir R. Carden, the third by Mrs. H. B. Marshall, the fourth by Miss Hill, on behalf of her father, Mr. Hill, who is the originator of the movement, &c. Each was presented with a silver trowel, and in returning thanks for Mrs. Marshall, Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., remarked that it was the 58th they had received for assisting in such ceremonies. Among the contributions announced during the proceedings were one of £10 10s. from Bro. the Lord Mayor, and another of £100 from Bro. H. B. Marshall.

The *Æolus Waterspray and General Ventilating Company* have just received a further convincing testimony—if any indeed were necessary—of the merits of their invention. The composing rooms of the *Daily Telegraph*, in which no less than 170 men are engaged during the night, and where the requisite light is furnished by a number of powerful argand burners, are now thoroughly ventilated by means of a 16 inch *Æolus Waterspray Ventilator* fixed in the basement. By this means the vitiated air is removed and a constant in-current of fresh air kept up, so that, where the men were formerly oppressed by the heated and objectionable atmosphere, they are now able to discharge their important duties with the utmost degree of comfort. There are probably no workshops in which the advantage of a regular and unfailing supply of pure air is so necessary and will be so greatly appreciated as in those of our large printing establishments, and both the *Daily Telegraph* compositors and the *Æolus Waterspray Company* are to be congratulated on the completion of arrangements so beneficial to the former and bearing such undoubted testimony to the value of the principles applied by the latter.

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Oct. 24, 1882.

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I am, dear sir, yours ever gratefully,
(Signed) CAREY B. BERRY, Baptist Missionary.