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THE elections of the Girls' and Boys' Schools take place on the 11th and 13th inst., too late for notice until our issue of the 18th inst. We hear that the voting at the Boys' election will be very high, while the Girls' will be comparatively easy. We regret to learn that the system, which can not be too much deprecated of affixing an arbitrary value to one class and kind of voting papers has been revived this year. We had hoped that we had heard the last of it, as we feel sure that for many reasons it is most injurious in practice, and unless checked will one day be productive of serious evils to our Charities. We are much struck with the fact of the persistent abstention of so many voters. What is the cause of this? Does it proceed from anything more than that unfortunate indifference and apathy which mark our good brethren so often in so many particulars? No doubt so many are printed circulars and charitable voting papers just now, that too many throw them on one side and forget them, but as the evil, is instead of lessening, rather on the increase amongst us, we think it right to call attention to a grave error, for which the remedy is very easily found.

DAME RUMOUR is not always a reliable personage, and, like Mrs. GRUNDY, cannot be depended upon for many asseverations. On dit, that among the likely recipients of Grand Office this year will be found Bro. General Sir BRUCE SETON, Bro. GOLDNEY, and Bro. Dr. MEADOWS, all brethren, in our humble opinion, well deserving of the Purple. Of course it is impossible to satisfy all demands, and please all comers. The patronage of the GRAND MASTER is very limited, and the applicants are very many. In all similar arrangements we have to contend with the complaints of the dissatisfied, and the eagerness of self-valuation. No more serious task exists in a Fraternity like ours than the apportionment of Grand Lodge honours, giving honour to whom honour is due, and allowing neither personal preferences nor idiosyncratic partialities to overweigh the legitimate claims of Masonic service and Masonic work. We must all, we think, be sensible to-day of the anxiety displayed year by year by our GRAND MASTER and his counsellors to select those whom the fair voice of the public opinion of the Craft commends heartily as worthy of special service. It is impossible to lay down any "canons" of promotion or preference which are unfailing and applicable to all cases equally. Many things have to be taken into account in striking the balance as to this or that brother's claim, this or that brother's expectations. There is no rule without an exception, and therefore we must always believe that for some good and sufficient reason Bro. "What's-his-name" has been selected from out of the "crowd of applicants" for the much-coveted Purple. In all human organizations weak and strong men are to be found, and the prominent and second-rate are jumbled together in great profusion. To the square individuals too often are allotted the round holes, and to the round the square, and the principle of selection is always weighted with this inevitable drawback,—that, say what you will, decide as you may, you never can divest the disappointed one of the suspicion, however unfair or unjust, that personal preference lies to a great extent at the root of the matter after all. Still, let us offer the aspirations of hope even to those who are dejected by repeated disappointments. "If not to-day, to-morrow," is a saying very applicable to eager seekers after office and promotion. If worthy, your time will probably come, so calmly "take the goods the gods provide you," and await in patience that more fortunate and auspicious hour when your GRAND MASTER calls you, with words of approbation, to take your seat amid the serried rows of the fortunate Purple.

It is curious to note how the canon of development has marked the official progress of the Grand Lodge of England. It once was governed by a Grand

Master, a Deputy, and two Grand Wardens, and certain Stewards. Then came the Secretary, then the Swordbearer, then the Treasurer, then the Grand Chaplain, and, we believe, towards the close of the eighteenth century, a Grand Portrait Painter. It was not until after 1813 that our present complement of officers was reached, and that has received several accretions as the years have rolled on. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens seem to have been the only Grand Officers up to 1723, when 12 Stewards were appointed, six having acted in 1772, and the Grand Secretary was also appointed from 1723. The Grand Sword Bearer was appointed in 1731, and the Grand Treasurer in 1741, though Bro. BLACKERBY, P.D.G.M., had acted in 1732 as Treasurer, and until 1738, when there seems to have been an interval. The Grand Chaplain is said to be revived many years later, though Dr. DONN seems to have been the first. We find also at the end of the century a Grand Architect, a Grand Portrait Painter, at any rate before 1813.

WE understand some needful changes are going on in the "personnel" of the administration of the Girls' School, which we think merit notice, and may be well alluded to "for information." The venerated Matron, Miss JARWOOD, is now in, it is to be feared, apparently permanent ill-health, and an Acting Matron, Miss BUCK, now Mistress of the Junior School, has been appointed. We think that a wise move, and one in the right direction. It is seldom in these days that one hears of 60 years good and faithful service, yet the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have to be congratulated on this in the person of our highly esteemed friend, Miss JARWOOD, Matron and Head of the School, who has been compelled from increasing age and inability to move about to ask the House Committee to relieve her from the responsibilities of her position; this they have done in a manner that we are sure will meet with the hearty approval of the supporters of the Institution. Miss JARWOOD expressed a hope that whatever arrangements were made that she might not be separated from the "dear children," as she always loves to call them. The House Committee accordingly asked her to retain the position of Head of the School, and stated that they would ask for power to appoint someone to take the active duties who would be responsible to the Committee—this proposal gave great satisfaction to Miss JARWOOD. The Committee, having obtained the necessary powers, have appointed Miss BUCK, formerly Head Governess of the Junior School, to the position of acting and responsible Matron. This arrangement will not affect the other offices of the Institution, excepting that it creates a vacancy in the Junior School, which Miss DAVIS will have no difficulty in filling to her satisfaction. We must congratulate the Committee on the action they have taken; we feel sure they have considered the best interests of the Institution, and have not forgotten they are dealing with an old and faithful servant. For some time Miss JARWOOD's health has not been in a satisfactory state, but this act of retaining her in her position as Head of the School and relieving her from all responsibility, has, we are glad to hear, greatly assisted her recovery, as she herself puts it, "A load has been taken off my mind." May she be spared for years to come to assist with her advice in this excellently-managed Institution.

WE regret to notice in some foreign jurisdictions the constant mixing up of Freemasons and politics. It was only the other day, in discussing a ministerial crisis in a foreign country, one of our English correspondents declared that a certain Statesman was a great Freemason, and a leading member of a national jurisdiction. Such statements cannot be sufficiently deplored, and the harm they do to Freemasonry is very great indeed. Freemasonry proper has nothing whatever to do with political parties and sectarian controversies, and whenever or wherever this great and leading principle of all true Freemasonry everywhere, and under all circumstances, is forgotten or ignored, then assuredly sooner or later Freemasonry is discredited, and its utility is impaired. It has long been the pride and distinction of English Freemasonry that it has been enabled carefully through long years to maintain this distinct and well-defined position, and has never allowed any temptation, the heated utterances of incautious orators, or the childish maunderings of excitable minds to obscure this great and leading dogma, to undermine this important concrete development of Masonic first principles. Freemasonry, as we have it, has formed a rallying point for many of very different views, and even differing creeds. Within our lodges, while a pitiless storm of politics and polemics may be heard without,—all is calm and peace. We need not take up the strains of animated enthusiasts, or mistaken fanatics. Freemasonry is not a religion to man, neither can it be put before us as an absorbing and all including philosophy, before which all

other teachings of the "Academe" must give way and disappear. Masonic teaching is both religious and philosophic at the same time, but it does not profess, it never did profess,—and if it did so, it has no claim to be heard by any of us,—to be a substitution for other forms of religion and philosophy, and to constitute in its Masonic profession of belief and morals a system to be adopted, upheld, and clung to by Freemasons. To show clearly the absurdity of any such contention there are certain Masonic jurisdictions at this time which have no declaration of belief, and certainly no dogmata of morality at all. All they have is a sort of hazy "output" of words, without coherence, often without meaning, which seem to oscillate between Positivism and the "Morale Independante," and confirmed and avowed Atheism. We should try and keep clear of exaggeration on these points as on all others, whether in Masonry or out of Masonry. The consequences to us all are too serious to be frittered away by the tendency of the day to the revival of obsolete fallacies, and the inane claims of so-called philosophers, which have already faded always in the history of man and the world before the solemn touch of truth, reason, light, and religion. Freemasonry as we have it simply proclaims belief in the true and everliving God, Most High, our Creator, Maker, Benefactor, Ruler, and Judge, as an absolute necessity of profession for all loyal and reverential Freemasons. It does not profess, neither could it, to arbitrate or adjudicate as regards differing creeds on the earth's surface. But it offers us, as framed on the best of all prayers, a centre point of union within the great circle of humanity, from which we may work together in acts of benevolence, beneficence, and charity. Of earthly politics, qua politics, it knows absolutely nothing. Within its kindly schools of instruction and advice, its words are words of peace, its outcome philanthropy and brotherly love. The Shibboleths of party are unknown, the outcries of faction are unheard. Let us in our generation keep close to the one narrow pathway marked out for us by our wise forefathers, and let us hand on to another generation those priceless characteristics of English Freemasonry, entire freedom from political discussions or characteristics, an entire negation of all those denominational differences, which divide men so greatly here, and too often put on one side altogether the needful claims of goodwill, charity, and truth.

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BRO. T. W. TEW, P.G.D. and P.D.G.M. for West Yorkshire, is to be installed Prov. Grand Master of that distinguished province on the 24th inst. by the Earl of LATHOM, D.G.M. The installation will take place at the Albert Hall, and there will be a procession to and service in the Parish Church. A large gathering of brethren is expected, and we doubt not that everything will go off with great éclat and effect. West Yorkshire always does well what it undertakes.

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WE understand that our well known and active Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., has been recently elected by a decisive majority Clerk to the Free Vintners Company of the city of London.

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THE presentation of more than one loyal and Masonic address will be made to H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER in Dublin, from the Grand Lodge and from the Irish brethren. During the recent crisis they have set a striking example of law-abiding principles to all classes.

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WE have to record the death of Bro. Colonel LOWRY-COLE, and late P.G.W., an old Crimean officer, as well as of Bro. THOMAS HOWKINS, a well-known Warwickshire brother. Bro. HOWKINS, as conducting the Charity Elections, had made many friends and never an enemy. He served Warwickshire with a zeal and energy both marked and commendable, and leaves many friends to lament the loss of a warm-hearted brother and a sincere friend.

THE SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

The elections which will be held to-day (Saturday) and Monday next will take place under conditions somewhat more favourable than usual to the candidates, there being in the case of the Girls' School 22 vacancies to be filled from an approved list of 30 candidates, and in that of the Boys' School 25 to be filled from an approved list of 44. In October last there were at the Girls' election 14 vacancies and 30 candidates, and at that of the Boys' Institution, 30 vacancies and 56 candidates, so that, in the former case, there is a great improvement in the direction indicated; while in the latter, there is no very appreciable difference in the relative numbers. One feature is apparently noticeable in the case of both elections, namely, that the number of fresh applicants, whose names have been added to the list during the past six months, is in each case small, there being only 16 girls and 21 boys competing now for the first time. It is just as well there should be somewhat of a respite at times from the heavy demands to which the resources of our Schools are generally subjected.

Of the 30 Girl candidates, exactly one half hail from London, while the other half are distributed among the provinces, two being from Kent and one from each of the following thirteen, namely: Middlesex, Northumberland, Durham, Somersetshire, Lincolnshire, Cheshire, Suffolk, Essex, Devon, Yorkshire (West Div.), Norfolk, Derbyshire, and N. and E. Yorkshire. Sixteen of the Girls are new candidates, and of the other fourteen, one has already taken part in four elections, two in three, two in two elections, and the remaining nine in that of October last. Four of the Girls, namely, Nos. 1, 9, 13, and 22, if not successful on Saturday, will have their names removed from the list in accordance with the law which fixes the maximum limit of age for admission into the School at eleven. We have already offered some remarks as to the positions occupied by the fathers of the

different children, so that we need say nothing here on that head, but it is perhaps noteworthy that only in six instances did they render any assistance to the Masonic Charities. We remark, also, that in the case of more than one Girl the father died within a short period after his initiation; otherwise, of course, she would not have been entitled to figure in the list.

As regards the Boys' election, on Monday next, we find that 16 out of the 44 candidates belong to London, the other 28 being distributed among the following provinces and districts, namely: two each from Herts, Kent, Hants and Isle of Wight, South Wales (East Div.), and Warwickshire, and one each from Somersetshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Surrey, Dorset, Durham, Northumberland, Devon, East Lancashire, Notts, Cornwall, N. Wales and Salop, Wilts, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, West Lancashire, Malta, and Bombay. Three out of the 23 old cases have stood four previous elections, two three elections, six two elections, and the remaining twelve one election. The new cases, as already noticed, are 21 in number. Three candidates, Nos. 1, 15, and 32, will have their names removed from the list in the event of their failing to secure election, while as many as eight of the children have each a sister in the Girls' School. In eleven out of the 44 cases the fathers had done service in behalf of our Institutions, either as contributor or Steward, and several had obtained provincial honours.

THE POETRY OF FREEMASONRY.

BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

It cannot be denied that amongst the numbers enrolled from time to time beneath its banners Freemasonry can claim poets, poetasters, rhymsters, and rignmarolists; neither can it be concealed that amongst the recorded efforts of Masonic genius are some of the worst specimens of versification that have ever fallen to the lot of the unfortunate compositor to set in type. I apprehend that no small drawback to the estimate in which we are held as a society of intelligent men may be found in the fearfully and wonderfully made odes and ballads that supplement most of our earlier works on Freemasonry. In the earlier days, indeed, few Masonic "poets" ever attempted anything original, but contented themselves with parodying or paraphrasing some national ballad, or adapting to a popular tune words entirely unsuited to the music. The agonies of the composers during the awful process of compilation could only have been rivalled by those of their hearers for a century of generations; for sense, rhyme, rhythm, and musical melody were alike outraged. Why is this thus? will perhaps ask the present day Mason, who at most of his entertainments is accustomed to be regaled by a selection of "profane," but excellent, music, and who is perhaps happily ignorant of the realms of doggerel rubbish that lie entombed amongst the pages of those musty volumes in whole calf, "a little wormed and foxed," with which we, of the interior brotherhood of Masonic archaeologists, are so familiar. And it is a little singular that a Society that has numbered so many men of eminence in its ranks, and has claimed many poets as its members, should have so little to show for the talents that have been subjected to its influence. One might have imagined that the surrounding circumstances of Freemasonry and its history might well have drawn forth many of the best efforts of its sons, but with the exception of Cunningham and Burns I am not aware that any poets of note of bye-gone days have written anything really worth preservation. John Cunningham, who was, I believe, a Yorkshireman, wrote "An Eulogium on Masonry, spoke by Mr. Diggs, at Edinburgh," but which is by no means the best of his efforts; whilst poor Burns's well-known

"Adieu, a heart-warm, fond adieu!
Dear Brothers of the mystic tie,"

has been the gem of Masonic verse for many a long year. In some of the old volumes of the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review" will be found a few passable sonnets and songs, and some of the best are from the pens of Scotch Masons. Perhaps the fact of the Grand Lodge of Scotland granting a collar to a "Grand Bard" may have had something to do with the encouragement of Masonic versifying north of the Tweed.

But it has been reserved for our cousins and brothers at the western side of the wild and wide Atlantic to produce the POET LAUREATE OF FREEMASONRY, a title right honestly and fairly won by the brother who holds it, whose poetry, both in extent and quality, far surpasses that of any other Masonic writer of whom we have any knowledge. There is, I suspect, no brother in the wide realm of English-speaking lodges, who has done any work for the Craft, who is not familiar with Bro. Dr. Rob Morris's, "chef d'œuvre"—

We meet upon the Level, and we part upon the Square;

but I fear that comparatively few in this country are aware of the mass of Masonic poetry, and that of the highest character, that has come from the pen of that talented brother. For a long term of years Bro. Morris has worked hard and faithfully for the Craft in America, and on the 17th of December last he experienced the honour of being publicly crowned with a wreath of laurel in the Masonic Temple in New York, in the presence of several hundreds of Masons and their friends, as the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry. The ceremony was of a most interesting character, and its no less interesting and satisfactory sequel has been the appearance of a handsome quarto volume containing a complete collection of Bro. Morris's Masonic poems. When I say that this volume extends to nearly 400 pages it will afford some notion of the large number of poems included in the collection. All are good, but amongst them are some most exquisite and touching specimens of the poet's genius. Bro. Morris is a man of great erudition, a Masonic archaeologist of the highest reputation, and a Mason whose soul has been touched by a deep sense of the intrinsic value of Freemasonry and the relation in which every Craftsman stands towards the Grand Architect of the Universe, and he has continually poured out the wealth of his mind in a series of Masonic verses, which are now collected in this beautiful volume. On learning of its issue I at once sent for a copy, which has just arrived, and I lose no time in commending it to every reading Mason as I believe that only a limited number have been printed. I have no hesitation in saying that no Masonic Library can be considered complete without a copy, whilst the volume has been compiled and produced with such care and elegance that it forms a very handsome table book. Perhaps I may be allowed to add that copies can be obtained direct from Dr. Rob. Morris, Astor House, New York, or Bro. W. J. Hughan, Grosvenor House, Torquay, and that the price is one guinea.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Mather, G. Bolton, Richard Morris, LL.D. (Head Master), Thomas Butt, D. Bear, Geo. P. Gillard, J. S. Cumberland, F. Adlard, Sidney J. Gore, H. Hacker, Henry Moore, Alfred Williams, A. Holmes, G. Burney, C. H. Webb, C. F. Hogard, Raymond H. Thrupp, A. E. Gladwell, W. Maple, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committees on the 20th and 24th (special) ult., having been read for information, three petitions were submitted and accepted, so that the names will be included in the list for the October election. Grants of £5 towards outfit were voted to four expupils, and it was ordered that a sum of £3000 India Four per Cent. Stock should be sold in respect of the Preparatory School Building Fund. Certain notices of motion for the Quarterly Court on Monday, the 13th inst., having been given, the Committee separated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Charles Frederick Hogard, Julius Quitmann, John L. Mather, C. H. Webb, John G. Stevens, John Bulmer, Henry Moore, F. Adlard, W. H. Goodall, G. Bolton, S. Rawson, L. Stean, Charles Lacey, Henry Cox, J. Newton, G. L. Moore, Edgar Bowyer, Joseph Freeman, James Willing, jun., Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, Thos. Cubitt, Joseph Clever, W. Hilton, Charles Dairy, and James Terry (Secretary).

After the reading and verification of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported the deaths of four annuitants, three men and one widow. He also read a letter from the solicitor to the estate of the late Gilbert C. Harris, of Clifton, stating that £100 had now become due to this Institution, the death of the tenant for life having taken place.

Letters were read from Bros. Vassar Smith, of Gloucester, and G. S. Recknell, acknowledging the compliments paid to them at the last meeting of the Committee.

The WARDEN'S report was read, and also the report of the Finance Committee. From this it appeared that there was a balance to the Male Fund of £486 10s. 10d.; subsequent receipts, £3985 5s. 5d.; total, £4471 16s. 3d.; expenditure, £1921 3s. 4d.; or a balance in favour of the Male Fund of £2550 12s. 11d.; Widows' Fund—balance £2075 9s. 10d.; receipts during quarter, £6224 6s. 9d.; total, £8299 16s. 7d.; expenditure, £1872 11s.; or, a present balance of £6427 5s. 7d.; Sustainment Fund balance, £98 7s. 7d. Total balance in favor of the Institution, £9076 6s. 1d. The committee recommended that £2000 should be invested in East India Four per cents. for the Widows' Fund, and that £5000 should be placed at the bank on deposit at call.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that these sums be invested as recommended.

Bro. TERRY read a petition which had been sent by the Fishmongers' Company to be presented to Parliament, against the Corporate Property Security Bill, but as he explained that it did not in any way affect this Institution, it was resolved not to take any action upon it.

The appointment of Mr. James Terry, jun., as clerk in the office in room of the late clerk, Mr. Recknell, was confirmed, the salary to be £130 a year.

Bros. Farnfield, Lacey, and Newton were appointed a Committee to draw up the annual report of the Institution, and a resolution was passed to invite the Stewards of the late festival to visit the Institution at Croydon.

On the motion of Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, seconded by Bro. HOGARD, it was resolved by a majority of 17 to 9 votes to present Bro. Terry, the Secretary, with a hundred guineas, in recognition of his exertions in connection with the late festival, after an amendment that had been moved and lost that he be presented with the Vice-Patronship of the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

FIRST LADIES' FESTIVAL OF THE WALDECK LODGE, No. 1969.

The first ladies' festival of this lodge took place on the 24th ult. at Freemasons' Tavern, and consisted of a banquet and concert, followed by a dance. Although this lodge is of recent date, and the members are as yet few in number, the gathering was a large one, and no less than 83 sat down to the splendid repast, provided for them by Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

In due time the W.M., having proposed the usual loyal toasts, asked the company to drink "The Health of the Grand Officers," of whom the following were present:—Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; the Rev. Cochrane, P.G.C.; E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; and Wilson, P.G.P., coupling with that toast the name of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

This toast having met with a hearty response, the GRAND SECRETARY rose, and, having expressed his thanks for the kind reception they had met with, gave the company a short retrospective account of the Waldeck Lodge from its commencement, showing how it took its name (with the sanction of the late Duke of Albany) from the Principality of Waldeck, the home of her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, and assured the brethren of the great interest the much lamented Duke had frequently expressed for the well-being of this lodge, of which, as the company might be aware, his Royal Highness was an honorary member. He further informed the brethren that his Royal Highness had on several occasions informed him that it was his intention to pay a visit to the Waldeck Lodge in the course of last summer, which intention was unfortunately frustrated by the untimely death of his Royal Highness.

The W.M. then proposed in felicitous terms "The Health of the Ladies."

This toast was met in the hearty manner the occasion demanded, and was responded to in a most lively and amusing speech by Bro. SINDLAR.

"The Visitors" toast followed next, and was responded to by the following visitors: Bros. BOWYER, P.G. Std. Br., HALL, Major JOSEPH, and Dr. HARRER, the latter informing the company of his having been present at the consecration of the Waldeck Lodge, and, being again a guest at the first ladies' festival, he could testify to the splendid hospitality with which the brethren of this lodge entertained their guests.

Between the speeches Bro. Seymour Smith entertained the visitors in his well-known and amusing style.

The company then returned to the drawing room, where a concert of high artistic merit was given by the following well-known artistes: Miss Winifred, Fraulein Clotilde Kapff, Herr Prof. Richard Gompertz, Herr Carl Bernhard, and Herr Allfeld, under the leadership of Chevalier Bro. L. E. Bach, pianist to the Royal Court of Prussia, and member of the Waldeck Lodge, whose great and far-famed talent needs no comment, but to whose untiring efforts in arranging the concert the thanks of those present are due. The dance which followed was greatly enjoyed, and kept the guests together until an early hour.

Amongst those present we noticed Bro. G. P. Wehlen, W.M., and Mrs. Wehlen; Bro. E. Schött, S.W., and Mrs. Schött; Bro. Carl Quitmann, J.V., and Mrs. Quitmann; Bro. H. S. Wolters, I.P.M., and Mrs. Wolters; Bro. Julius Quitmann, Mrs., and Miss Quitmann; Bro. C. Walsler, Treas.; Bro. E. Hollandt, Sec.; Bro. Ernest Quitmann, S.D.; Bro. O. Quitmann, J.D.; Bro. Voss, I.G.; Bro. Schüller and Mrs. Schüller; Bro. Sindlar; Bro. Treigmuth, and Mrs. and Miss Treigmuth; Bro. Major Joseph, and Mrs. Joseph. The following honorary members were also present: Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Bro. the Rev. Cochrane, P.G.C., Mrs., and Miss Cochrane; Bro. James Terry, and the two Misses Terry. Visitors: Bros. Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B., and Mrs. Bowyer; Bro. Wilson, P.G.P., and Mrs. Wilson; Bro. and Mrs. Hall; Bro. Dr. Harrer and Mrs. Harrer; Bro. Eschmege and Mrs. Eschmege; Bro. Catherson; and others.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—A meeting of this influential Council was held at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. Poore, T.I.M.; Alfred Williams, P.C. of Wks.; T. C. Walls, R.P.G.D.M., Recorder; Thomas Cubitt, C. of C.; J. C. Anderson, C. of Gds.; R. L. Loveland, Marshal; B. R. Bryant, Sentinel; T. Clark, Edwin Storr, D. P. Cama, Baron de Ferrieres, G. Powell, C. H. Driver, T. L. Smith, R. Roy, F. Graves, W. D. Francis, and others. Visitor: Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., Grand Recorder.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. W. E. Macartney, M.P., No. 12 Royal Arch, and 12 Mark, (Ireland); W. Scurrah, 749, Royal Arch, and 4, Mark; N. Selle, 819, Royal Arch, and 25, Mark; and S. Parkhouse, 1642, Royal Arch, and 211, Mark, were duly admitted, received, and greeted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the four arduous ceremonies and attendant lectures being most ably rendered by the T.I.M., assisted by Bro. Bryant and the rest of the officers. The election of Thrice Illustrious Master for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favor of Bro. Alfred Williams; and Bro. F. Davison was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. A notice of motion having been given to alter the months of meeting, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Davison, Lemon, Williamson, Berridge, Verry, R. Thrupp, and others. A letter of resignation from Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, P.G. Chap., in consequence of failing health, was received and accepted with great regret. The Council having been closed in the degree of Select Master, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was provided. The customary toasts followed.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

LANCASTER.—Garnett Council (No. 8).—A regular meeting of the above Council took place on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when the Degrees of St. Laurence the Martyr, Knight of Constantinople, and Grand High Priest were conferred on Bros. E. Armitage, Trinity College, Cambridge, and F. C. Turner, Lancaster, by the W.M., Bro. C. H. Garnett, assisted by his officers: Hy. Longman, S.W.; E. Simpson, J.V.; R. Stanton, Sec.; T. Atkinson, Treas.; W. Hall, J.D.; B. Gregson, I.G.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler, after which the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and in consequence of Bro. Longman being desirous that the J.W. should precede him, Bro. Simpson was unanimously elected W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms, and sat down to and enjoyed an excellent dinner.

The Craft Abroad.

G. LODGE OF MANITOBA.
It appears from the *Daily Free Press* of Manitoba that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which, at its foundation in 1875 had only three lodges with a membership of 203, had increased in 1880 to eleven lodges with 360 members, while it can boast now of as many as 31 lodges with an aggregate membership of 1246. Such an amazing increase as this appears to have greatly disconcerted the Ultramontane journal *La Vérité*, of Quebec.

MARK MASONRY IN BRITISH BURMAH.
It appears from the Minutes of Proceedings of Prov. G. Lodge on the 17th Sept. and 20th Nov. last that for some time previous to the close of last year Mark Masonry in this distant province had fallen into a sad condition. No meetings of Prov. G. Lodge were held, and the subordinate lodges enjoyed little better than a nominal existence. Steps, however, appear to have been taken at the meetings referred to with a view to restoring the degree to its former flourishing position, the most important being the recommendation of Bro. the Rev. J. Fairclough for appointment

as Prov. G. Master. This recommendation has since been acted upon by the authorities at home, and the rev. brother now figures in the "Cosmo," in the list of Prov. G. Masters of this Degree, as its chief in British Burmah. We trust the future in store for Mark Masonry here may turn out as satisfactory as the most enthusiastic Mark Masons can desire.

MASONRY IN SWITZERLAND.

We learn from a passage quoted in *La Chaîne d'Union* for last month from the Swiss Masonic journal *La Latomia*, of Geneva, that on the 7th December last a meeting of the lodges in Geneva was held in the electoral palace, at which warm clothing was distributed by the brethren to no less than 400 children. There were present some 4000 people on the occasion, and so touched were they all with the event that a sum of 1200 francs was there and then collected for the purpose of organising a second distribution of a similar character.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

From the latest statistics we have seen of this Grand Lodge, it seems there are six lodges on the roll, with an aggregate membership of 301, being an increase of eight over the previous return. The receipts for the year were over 691 dollars, raising the total fund to 956 dollars, while the disbursements exceeded 710 dollars. M.W. Bro. Edgar Crow Baker was re-elected Grand Master at the annual meeting (in June, 1884), and Bro. Edward C. Neufelder was elected Grand Secretary. There does not seem to have been a report on correspondence submitted, but the Grand Master's address must have been a long one.

SERMON AT BENARES.

We have been favoured with a copy of a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. A. H. Eddy, M.A., P.D.G. Chaplain, Bengal and British Burmah, and P.P.G. Chaplain (Mark) of Bengal, in St. Mary's Church, Benares, on the 27th December, and printed at the request of the brethren of the Lodge Fraternity and Perseverance, No. 1746, Benares. The sermon leads admirably, and must have been listened to with pleasure by those to whom it was addressed. The collection after the sermon was on behalf of the funds of the Bengal Masonic Association for educating the children of indigent Freemasons, and the profits of the sale of the sermon will be devoted to the same object.

THE A. AND A. SCOTTISH RITE IN CINCINNATI.

A grand gathering of the members of the A. and A. Rite was held in Cincinnati, on the 26th February, when over 15,000 dollars were subscribed towards the 50,000 dollars proposed to be raised towards the new Temple to be erected in place of that destroyed by fire in December last. It should be mentioned that the members assembled during the two previous days for the transaction of business, conferring the 32° and other Degrees, while on Thursday a grand banquet was held, at which everything appears to have passed off admirably. The moving spirit would seem to have been Bro. E. T. Carson, to whom a Templar costume was presented as a mark of respect, in lieu of that which had been destroyed by fire in December. Bro. Carson also donned the uniform at the request of those present, and fulfilled a part of his duties in connection with the A. and A. Rite in K.T. Costume, no one seeming to concern himself much about the unappropriateness of the latter under the circumstances.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

This District Grand Lodge met in regular Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester-street, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 15th January. Bro. W. Deamer, D.D.G.M., in the unavoidable absence of the D.G. Master, presided, and amongst those present were Bros. Francis J. Smith, D.G. Reg., as D.D.G.M.; C. A. C. Hardy, D.G.S.W.; T. A. Peterkin, as D.G.J.W.; R. C. Bishop, D.G. Treas.; Keith Wilson, D.G. Asst. Sec.; W. B. Allwright, D.G.S.D.; William Sansom, D.G.J.D.; W. H. Messenger, D.G. Org.; M. Sandstein, D.G. Purst.; E. F. Hoskins and George Adams, D.G. Stwds.; and R. Stevens, D.G. Tyler.

District Grand Lodge having been opened with the accustomed formalities, and the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication read and confirmed, apologies from sundry D.G. Officers and others for their non-attendance were read. Certain correspondence and reports having been read, the D.G. Treasurer's audited statement of account was submitted and accepted, after which Bro. R. C. Bishop was re-elected to that office, and the standing Committee having been partly elected by the D.G. Lodge, and partly nominated by the D.G. Master, the following brethren were appointed as D.G. Officers for the year, namely:

- Bro. E. Williams ... Dist. G.S.W.
- " W. B. Allwright ... Dist. G.J.W.
- " Rev. H. East ... Dist. G. Chap.
- " F. J. Smith ... Dist. G. Reg.
- " W. R. Mitchell ... Dist. G. Sec.
- " Wm. Sansom ... Dist. G.S.D.
- " C. P. Halbert ... Dist. G.J.D.
- " H. S. Hobday ... Dist. G. Supt. of Wks.
- " C. E. Briggs ... Dist. G.D. of C.
- " M. Sandstein ... Dist. G. Asst. D. of C.
- " S. Derbidge ... Dist. G.S.B.
- " M. N. Lyttelton } ... Dist. G. Std. Brs.
- " R. Webster } ... Dist. G. Org.
- " W. H. Messenger ... Dist. G.P.
- " W. S. Smith ... Dist. G. Asst. P.
- " J. Baldwin ... Dist. G. Asst. P.
- " R. Stevens ... Dist. G. Tyler.

Dist. G. Secretary having been instructed to communicate with the W.M.'s of six of the lodges requesting them each to nominate a brother as D.G. Steward, and notice of motion having been given for the next Quarterly Communication to extend the benefits of the Fund of Benevolence to the widows and children of deceased brethren, Dist. G. Lodge was closed in due form and harmony. That the financial position of the Dist. G. Lodge is satisfactory may be judged from the fact that the Dist. G. Treasurer's statement of account, appended to the minutes, shows a balance to its credit of upwards of £432.

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GRAND PATRONESS:
H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE NINETY-SEVENTH
ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
of this Institution will take place
On WEDNESDAY, the 13th MAY next,
under the Presidency of

SIR WALTER W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P.,
R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER OF SUSSEX.

Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are very
urgently needed; they will much oblige by forwarding
their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will
gladly give any information required.

President:—Bro. Lieut.-Gen. RANDOLPH, Prov. G.S.W.
Sussex.
Treasurer:—Bro. D. P. CAMA, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.
Chairman of Ladies' Stewards:—Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS,
F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ELECTION, APRIL, 1885.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ROYAL
MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—
I venture most earnestly to request your kind and
favourable consideration of the case of

ROSE ISABEL MARIAN WOODFORDE,
a Candidate for Election to the above Institution. Her
father, who was a Solicitor, practising at Clevedon,
Somerset, in March, 1883, died at the early age of 37
years, leaving a widow and four children (all girls), totally
unprovided for. Her mother's nearest relation is a brother
resident in Australia, and, having been as yet unable to
obtain any employment, she is with her children entirely
dependent on her husband's family and friends for the
support of herself and children.

The case is strongly recommended by
Bro. C. L. FRY EDWARDS, P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; P.P.G.S. of W.
Oxon.; V.P.
FRAS. HENRY WOODFORDE, P.M., P.Z. 261, P.P.G.S.W.
Somerset.
RANDOLPH WOODFORDE, S.W. Royal Clarence, No. 976.
J. STUART BOYD, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Somerset.
CHARLES J. HOPPEE, P.M. Royal Union, No. 382.
C. HERBERT HOPPEE, P.M. Cadogan, No. 162.
ALFRED KENNY, Percy, No. 198; Fairlawn, New Cross, S.E.
From the Balloting Papers recently issued, you will see
that 775 Votes have been recorded in favour of the Candidate,
and I shall most thankfully receive any Votes which
it may be your pleasure to entrust to my care.—I have the
honour to be, my Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen, yours
obediently,
Hy. W. WOODFORDE,
14, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of
WILLIAM EDWARD TAPPENDEN,

Aged 10 years; son of the late Bro. John Tappenden, of 1,
High Street, Camden Town, who was initiated in the
Wellington Lodge, No. 548, in the year 1873, and was a
subscribing member until his death, which took place sud-
denly from cerebral tumor, on the 24th February, 1884,
leaving an invalid wife and three children. The mother has
since died, and the children are thus left orphans.

The case is strongly recommended by the following
unmentioned brethren, by whom Proxies will be
thankfully received:—

- Bro. W. G. Batchelor, P.M. 548, W.M. 452, The Ferns, Addington
Grove, Sydenham, S.E.
- D. Bear, P.M. 1155; 155, New Cross Road, S.E.
- E. G. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548; 10, Romney Terrace, Greenwich.
- R. Boney, P.M. 79, M.E.Z.; Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich.
- H. Brett, 1436; 914, Waterloo Road, S.E.
- G. Burney, P.M. 1155; Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.
- T. Butt, P.M. 700; 2, Lorrimer Square, S.E.
- D. W. Cable, 1638; Norbiton Station, Surrey.
- H. Carman, 548; 19, Sutherland Road, Forest Hill, S.E.
- J. R. Dussee, P.M., P.Z.; 79, South Street, Greenwich.
- S. J. Gore, P.M. 829; 739, Old Kent Road, S.E.
- G. Hawkes, 1350, 1540, and 43 R.C. 18; Downford, May-
field, Sussex.
- R. P. Holditch, 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall,
Hotel, N.
- H. Hollis, P.M. 167, 504, P.P.S.B. Herts.; Finsbury Park
Hotel, N.
- A. Holmes, W.M. 548; South Street, Greenwich.
- A. Laurence, I.P.M. 1638, P.G.S.D. Surrey; Stratford Lodge,
Kingston.
- J. M. Longhurst, P.M. 133, 1273; Doddington College,
Sittingbourne.
- J. J. Marsh, W.M. 1326, P.G.S.B. Middlesex.
- F. Morgan, W.M. 1155; White Swan Hotel, Deptford.
- C. S. Norman, P.M. 700; 166, Maxey Road, Plumstead.
- T. J. Overden, W.M. 700; Freemasons' Tavern, Ladywell, S.E.
- H. Potter, P.M. 11, 287, 391, P.Z.; 13, Wood Street, West-
minster, S.W.
- Rumbelow, 1638; 12, Reedworth Street, Kennington Road, S.E.
- W. Simpson, W.M. 201; 131, Pancras Road, N.W.
- Swinyard, 1132; Finsbury Park, N.
- E. Tappenden, 700, 913, R.A.; 83, Waterloo Road, S.E.
- A. Upperton, 913, Blackstock Hotel, Finsbury Park, N.
- F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx.; V. Pres. Boys' School, P.M.
73, 871, 1309; 4, Hazelhurst Road, Tooting.
- W. Youlton, P.M. 1638, 1981, P.Z. 548, P.P.G.J.D. Surrey;
Acre Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

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APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

The favour of your Vote and Interest of the Governors and
Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of
WILLIAM FORREST MORLEY.

Aged 8 years; son of the late Bro. Thomas Morley, of the
Cambrian Lodge, No. 472, 364, Neath, who died in 1878,
leaving a Widow with nine children only partially provided
for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following
Brethren:—

- * SIR JAMES JOSEPH ALLPORT, 197.
- SIR MICHAEL ARTHUR BASS, Bart., M.P., P.M. 624, P.P.G.S.W.
Staffordshire.
- * W. BURNETT COUTTS, W.M. The Abbey Lodge, 2032, Westmin-
ster.
- * W. WALTERS, P.M. 253, 353, 624, P.P.G.J.W. Derbyshire.
- * W. L. BALL, P.M. 802, P.G.D. Derbyshire, Vice-Pat. R.M.I.B.
- * C. W. RADWAY, P.M. 41, 335, P.P.S.G.W. Somersetshire.
- * Dr. J. HOGG, P.M. 1260, P.G.D.
- * J. WILLING, jun., W.M. 1987, P.M. 177, 1319, 1507, 1744, &c.
- * J. BROCKETT SORRELL, W.M. 1260, P.M. 176 and 2176.
- * HEATON, P.M. 1260, Midland Railway, St.Pancras, London, N.W.
- P. WALLIS, P.M. 850, P.G.D. of C. Derbyshire.

Voting Papers, duly signed, will be thankfully received
by any of the Brethren marked thus *, or they may be sent
to the Widow, Mrs. Morley, 1 Rose Hill Cottages, Rose
Hill Street, Derby.

Girls' and Aged Freemasons' Votes will oblige,
as they can be exchanged.

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PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT

of the Governors and Subscribers will be held
in the LARGE HALL,
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS, LONDON,
On MONDAY, APRIL 13th, 1885,

for the transaction of ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect as Members of the General Committee, repre-
senting the Life and Annual Subscribers, 12 Brethren not
being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. E. F. STORR: That in line two of Law 53 the
word "ten" be substituted for the word "eleven."

2. By Bro. A. F. GODSON, V.-Patron: That Law 57 be
erased.

3. By Bro. J. L. MATHER, V.-President: That the
House and Building Committee be empowered to expend a
sum not exceeding £750 in providing laundry accommoda-
tion for the requirements of the original Institution, in
addition to the amount provided for in the estimates for the
new buildings to avoid the expense of two separate establish-
ments.

4. By Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND: That the name of
William Edward Tappenden, No. 35, be removed from the
List of Candidates for election on April 13.

5. By Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, V.-Patron: That 26 boys
be elected on April 13, instead of 25 boys.

To elect 25 boys from a list of 44 Candidates, as approved
by the General Committee.

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon pre-
cisely.

The ballot for the Election of Boys will open at One
o'clock, or so soon as the General Business of the Court
shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock pre-
cisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Stwd.,
V.-Pat., Secretary.

April 4th, 1885.

The 87th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at
the end of June. The Right Hon. the Marquis of Har-
tington, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Derbyshire,
has kindly consented to preside. The services of Brethren
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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT

of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will
be held in the Hall of the
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, LONDON,
On SATURDAY, the 11th day of April, 1885,

at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the
Institution, to consider recommendation of General Com-
mittee "That one more vacancy be declared for the April
Election." Also to consider Notices of Motion, as under,
and to elect Twenty-two, or in the event of the above
Recommendation being adopted, Twenty-three girls into
the School from a list of Thirty approved candidates.

The election will commence at One o'clock (or after the
usual business is over).

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire,
Vice-Patron:—

"That in pursuance of notice this Court accept the sum of
one thousand guineas from the Province of West York-
shire for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one
girl to the School, to be called the 'Sir Henry Edwards
Presentation,' the right of such presentation being vested
in Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., &c., for
his life, and in the event of his wife, Lady Edwards,
surviving him, for her life, and afterwards to revert to
the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire for the
time being, or such other duly authorized person, in
accordance with the terms of a similar Presentation,
made in 1880, and named the 'Bentley Shaw Presenta-
tion.'"

By Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., Patron, upon recom-
mendation of the House Committee:—

"That in recognition of the valuable services rendered to
the Institution by Mrs. Howell, she be elected an Hon.
Vice-Patron, with the Votes attaching thereto."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

The Ninety-Seventh Anniversary Festival will take place
at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, 13th of May,
under the distinguished presidency of Sir Walter W.
Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Sussex.

Names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are
earnestly solicited.

Office—5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C.
April 4th, 1885.

FOURTH APPLICATION.

THE ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS,
EARLSWOOD, RED HILL, SURREY.

APRIL ELECTION, 1885.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ABOVE
INSTITUTION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In returning you my sincere thanks for your great
kindness in so far supporting the case of

JAMES EDWARD TAYLOR,

at the last three Elections, I once more appeal for your
further support, and trust as there are already 526 votes
recorded in his favour, that at the forthcoming Election he
may be one of the Successful Candidates. This boy, who
is now 13 years of age, was deprived of his reason from
the effects of "Scarlet Fever" when 4 years of age. The
Father is a Sergeant in the Commissariat and Transport
Corps, and although willing to support to the uttermost of
his abilities (by the payment of 15 guineas annually) is
unable to provide adequate treatment of the necessary
supervision required by the case.

The case is strongly recommended to your favourable
consideration by

- Baron H. DE WORMS, M.P., 4, Burlington-street.
- *GEORGE KENNING, Esq., Upper Sydenham.
- RICHARD EVE, Esq., Oxford Villa, Victoria-road, Alder-
shot.
- H. S. E. REEVES, C.B., Commissary-General, London.
- *G. J. PARKYN, Deputy Commissary-General, Aldershot.
- *Rev. R. M. SPOOR, Heatherview, Cambridge-road,
Aldershot.

Proxies will be thankfully received by gentlemen marked
thus (*).

Or by Bro. Sergt. JAMES TAYLOR, Commissariat and
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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1885.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In your editorial columns of last week you inform us that, as regards the discussion on the above subject, you agree with your correspondent "S.M.M.C.O." On reference to the letter of that brother I find that he leaves the matter just where we began. He maintains that the essence of the ballot is secrecy. I quite agree with him; nor do I think that any one will be found with sufficient hardihood to defend the opposite argument. I should consider any attempt to disclose a ballot in the light of a grave Masonic offence; but the fact is, that in most cases of unfair blackballing the blackballers reveal themselves by their own tongues. In my former letter I said, and still maintain, that any brother who threatens to misuse the ballot-box for purposes of revenge, or other un-Masonic reason, renders himself liable to expulsion from the lodge and the Order, and if a course of blackballing be found to have been adopted in a lodge subsequently to such a threat having been breathed by one of its members, I think that the proper course to be pursued is to summon that member to appear before the lodge, in order that his conduct may be investigated.

Your correspondent last week says that "Provincial Grand Secretary" seems to recommend the only course open. I have not the letter of "Provincial Grand Secretary" to refer to; but, as far as I remember, he says that in any trouble of the kind the matter should be referred to the Provincial Grand Master. No doubt; but what can any Provincial Grand Master do in such a case unless he has some information to act upon? and if he is supplied with such information, and acts upon it, we find ourselves back at the old starting point, and your correspondent's objection as to the secrecy of the ballot comes in again.

However, as you say that you agree with the last writer, and as others of your readers besides myself are no wiser for the correspondence so far, and still think the question is by no means satisfactorily decided, perhaps you will kindly take an early opportunity of placing before the Masonic Brotherhood your decision on a point concerning which, as you justly say, "there should be no mistake."—I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

COWAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In Operative Masonry in Scotland a *cowan* is one who builds "dry stone dykes," or, to quote another definition from Jamieson's "Scottish Dictionary," is one who does "the work of a mason, but has not been regularly bred." Now, I believe that in Scotland a *cowan* is considered by "dorbies" (masons) to be an outsider, although I cannot at the moment determine the antiquity of the word *cowan*. There is nothing new in this, but, as far as I have observed the recent correspondence in your columns, it seems to have been overlooked.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,
JOHN HOGG.

13, Paternoster-row, London, E.C., April 4th.

POLITICS IN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I think it right to call your attention to the following extract from the Paris correspondence of Monday last, which, I venture to think, is entirely opposed to the letter and the spirit, happily, of English Freemasonry:

"I have been told that one reason of M. Brisson's strength is that he is a leading Freemason. I should like to know why Masonry, which in England and elsewhere does not play a great political rôle, is a veritable power in France."

"In the first place, Masonry has for many years been the only real secret society in France. There have been at times Socialist or Anarchist conspiracies, but the people belonging to them were not organized into a regular society. Moreover, Freemasonry, besides its ostensible purpose, had a political purpose known only to a few of the initiated. When, again, Pius IX., towards the end of his life, conceived the idea of denouncing Masonry, he especially reprobated French Masonry, thus giving it an importance which it would not have possessed had it been peaceably allowed to pursue its course. Owing to these

circumstances the chief men of the Democratic and Radical party have been joining the Masons and helping each other into office, and at this moment, owing to the solidarity between the Masons in office, the power of the Order is unimpaired."

I am, yours fraternally,

A NON-POLITICAL ENGLISH FREEMASON.

THE RIGHT OF VISITING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Clauses in our Constitutions, Nos. 150, 151, and 152, plainly show the right of Masons in good standing to visit any lodge, but Clause 151, on the other hand, reserves the power to every W.M. to exercise his own discretion as to the admission of any brother.

The whole matter is exceedingly plain, and I suppose the sole cause of the correspondence on the subject has been the erroneous statement in the *Freemason* that one of the by-laws of the Royal Alpha Lodge excluded visitors. Such a by-law would unquestionably be unconstitutional.

I do not suppose that any brother would desire to obtrude himself where his presence was not acceptable, and it is quite a common occurrence in the provinces for a W.M. to request all visitors to withdraw for a period, when any specially private lodge question is about to be discussed, nor did I ever hear of any objection being raised to such a request.

My good friend Bro. Charles Fendelow has raised a wide question by his query as to our "Land Marks." These have been discussed at various times. Some years ago I published a paper on the subject in the *Freemason*, taking as a basis the 25 land marks as laid down by our late Bro. Dr. Mackey, than whom I know no better authority; amongst these is the right of every brother under certain conditions to visit lodges, and there can be doubt that the right of visiting constitutes one of the most important of our land marks.

The W.M. of a lodge is supreme, and if he chooses to decline to admit any visitor on any occasion, I take it that he has a perfect right to do so, nor has any brother the right to object. We may, I am certain, be quite sure that no W.M. would take such a step without cogent and ample reasons.—Yours fraternally, T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

OLD BOOKS AND MSS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Nearly every week I read in either your correspondence or Notes and Queries columns about certain old books and MSS. relating to the early history of the Craft, &c. Many of these works are often quoted as authorities in Masonic discussion. Is it possible to get authentic copies of these and translations of those not in English, or to see the originals?

Have any of the MSS. ever been printed in the *Freemason*? A little information on this subject through your paper might be acceptable to others besides.—Yours fraternally, YOUNG STUDENT. April 1st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION v. INSTRUCTION MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I must apologise for a statement in my communication last week which would have been all right with an explanation I intended giving, but did not supply it. Only on reading my letter to-day have I discovered the omission, to my great regret. I stated that the law had been laid down that "all Masonic meetings for practice must be under the direct sanction of a lodge and take minutes." Practically this is so, because no one would doubt the application of Rule 153 to a Lodge of Instruction. The actual ruling refers however to a weekly "practice meeting," held in the committee-room of our Masonic Hall at Shipley. For 58 years these meetings have been held, formerly at Baildon, then at Bradford, and for some years at Shipley. They were always strictly private, and minutes were not taken.

I ought to add that these meetings were generally presided over by the W.M., or, in his absence (and sometimes on special occasions) by Past Masters. The officers sat in as convenient positions as possible, and as they would do in a private house exactly. The latter were appointed each night, so that the O.G. this week might be S.W. the next. In fact these "rehearsals," for they are nothing more, are just the same as if held at my own house, and hence it would appear that to meet at a private residence the sanction of a lodge is necessary, &c.

It is a new theory, but it ought to be more widely known, for many are the transgressors at present. Of course I must accept the ruling of G. Reg., and G. Sec., especially so as 387 will benefit by the change in my opinion. Whether some lodges I know would find the change beneficial is to say the least very doubtful, and it is on that ground of more general utility that I interest myself in this matter.—Yours fraternally, J. RAMSDEN RILEY. April 4.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It appears useless and unprofitable to pursue this subject. The replies of Bro. "E.L.H." in your impressions of the 14th and 28th ult., are alone to the point, and I perceive he acknowledges the "crux" of the matter in his last, and, like me, he desires an authoritative exposition as to what constitutes a lodge of instruction within the meaning of the Book of Constitutions.

This is what I want and asked for on the 7th ult., and to which luminary I may now apply to solve the difficulty appears more perplexing still.

The letter of "P.Z." in to-day's *Freemason* gives some "modern instances" worthy of consideration. Whilst I hope to see both it and Bro. Ramsden Riley's in the same issue receive more attention than my own, neither touch the question, What is an instruction lodge to which Rules 158 and 161 apply? The exclusion of the word "general" from Rule 158 may, as "P.Z." says, be an improvement, but I do not see that it leaves the meaning of the rule a whit clearer, and is therefore quite a doubtful amendment. Seeing that it is the only difference in this rule between the

1867 and 1884 Constitutions, how can either the G. Reg. or anybody say that what Grand Lodge laid down in 1874 is not correct, so far as Rule 158 is concerned to-day? If Grand Lodge is not an authority who is? Surely it would be absurd to say that one of the meetings named by "P.Z." as held within the privacy of a purely Masonic edifice, was and must be an instruction lodge within the meaning of the Book of Constitutions, but the other two were not? If not, what are they? I am appealed to in my own lodge, generally, as an authority—at present I find the distinction peculiarly inconvenient.—Yours fraternally, JUSTITIA. April 4th.

THE ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice in your impression for March 28th a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "Ballot," in which he says he can vouch for the truth of an assertion which he makes that several candidates for admission into our ranks were blackballed out of spite to other brethren of the lodge in which they were proposed. Such conduct is most unseemly, and although we may assume that such cases are exceptional, does not reflect creditably on the brethren who would be guilty of such mean and contemptible behaviour.

With respect to a candidate not being in a financially good position when proposed for initiation, I am of a very different opinion to many of our brethren, inasmuch as I would freely admit any person proposed who was of a strictly good moral character, such being, in my idea, the most important consideration.—I enclose my card, and am, dear Sir and Brother, yours most fraternally, MASTER MASON. London, April 2nd.

FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice a correspondence in the *Freemason* re French Freemasonry, perhaps the following notes, or some of them, may be useful:—

"Loge de la Chambre du Roi."—This lodge was constituted the 20th October, 1745. It was not originally "purely a military lodge," as suggested by a correspondent; but was composed of individuals attached to the person of the king, such as valets de chambres, pages, officers of the guard, &c. It is stated that amongst its members were several Capucins, and an almoner of the king.

"Grande Loge Anglaise."—The 11th December, 1743. The Paris lodges elected as Grand Master the Duc de Bourbon Comte de Clermont, a few votes being in favour of the Prince de Conti and the Marechal de Saxe. The Duke was installed the 27th December. It was at this time that the Grand Lodge took the title of Grande Loge Anglaise de France, which title was retained until 1756, when it proclaimed itself as Grande Loge de France.

Le Chapitre de Clermont was established by the Chevalier Bonneville in 1754, the High Grade being that of Petit elu, as it was then termed, the same as practised by the High Grade Lodge formed at Lyons in 1743.

The "Chapitre d'Empereurs and d'Occident" was founded in 1758 at Paris. Its members were entitled "Souverains Princes Maçons, Substituts generaux de l'Art Royal, Grands Surveillans and Officiers de la Grande et Souveraine Loge de Saint Jean de Jerusalem." Its working consisted of 25 degrees. In 1759 this chapter founded at Bordeaux a chapter entitled "Conseil de Princes du Royal Secret." At this time there existed a lodge under the name of Saint Jean d'Ecosse, founded at Marseilles, 1751. This lodge afterwards took the title of Mère Loge Ecosaise de Marseilles, and, after the French Revolution, that of Mère Loge Ecosaise de France. It founded several other lodges in France and its Colonies. There was another lodge which also took the title of Mère Loge Ecosaise de France, the lodge originally called Loge de Saint Alexander d'Ecosse, founded by Louvain de Peocheloche.

"Sovereign Council, Sublime Grand Lodge of the Great French Globe."—That this is the last name of the Sovereign Council of the Emperors, as stated by one of your correspondents, appears correct. I have set out above the whole of the latter's titles in full, by a copy of the acceptance by the Duc de Chartres of the Grand Mastership in 1772. Le Grand Globe de France would appear to be a Grand Lodge (Scottish) quite apart from the Grande Loge de France and Conseil d'Empereurs, which two bodies appear to have been to some extent consolidated in 1762 by the appointment as Deputy Grand Master of the Grande Loge de France of Chaillon de Joinville, "Chef de grades eminent." (The Duke continued Grand Master until February, 1793, when, for political reasons, he abandoned the office).

Morin's patent, dated 27th August, 1761, appears from the way it is worded to have been issued by the Conseil d'Empereurs Grande et Souveraine Loge de Saint Jean de Jerusalem, with the approval, and at the request, of the Grand Master of the Grande Loge de France, Louis de Bourbon, whose seal was attached to it, it being signed by his Deputy. Morin appears to have made his application for the patent to the Grande Loge de France, who communicated it to the proper authority, clearly showing that the High Grades were fully recognised by the Grande Loge de France, and that the last named was in harmony with the other powers who took part in the granting of the patent.

It is probable that Don Martinez Pasqualis, armed with authority from Charles Stuart, dated 20th May, 1738, wandered about France founding lodges in various places. In the year 1762 he appears to have been engaged in founding some lodges at Bordeaux. In the power given to Pasqualis Charles Stuart is described as King of Scotland, Ireland, and England, Grand Master of all lodges on the face of the earth. Pasqualis claimed that a lodge was founded at the sign of "La Ville de Tonnerre," Rue de Boucheries, Paris, by virtue of a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of London, dated 15th May, 1732, and another at Valenciennes (French Flanders) at the sign of the "Royal Exchange," founded 27th December, 1733.

It is stated by M. Boubée (writing about 1808) that there was in the middle of the thirteenth century a certain Jean, son of Philippe de Valois, who created in France the Order of "L'Etoile," the Chevaliers wearing suspended from the neck a five-pointed star.—Yours fraternally, Paris, March 30th. G. C. D., 1744.

P.S.—The Grande Loge Symbolique Ecosaise dated its existence from the 12th February, 1880; their Temple was inaugurated the 26th March.

ROYAL ALPHA LODGE.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your leader in the *Freemason*, page 156, reminds me of another version given at the time in question (1843) of the reason why Prince Albert did not join our Order. I was then told, by one who might have known it, that our M.W.G.M., the late Duke of Sussex, expressed himself to those in his immediate Masonic circle in regard to it thus: When her Majesty married Prince Albert she told him although he could not be allowed to take any share in her duties as Sovereign yet she would nevertheless promise not to have any secrets from him, to which Prince Albert made a similar promise that he also would never have any secret from her Majesty.

This promise on the part of Prince Albert was the reason which prevented him joining our Order, although the Duke of Sussex may, perhaps, have wished him so to do.

Excuse me for troubling you with these few lines; but they seem to me to be the more likely part of the story, and believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally, P.M. 192.

Ober Esslingen, March 31st.

AHIMAN REZON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In further reply to "A Student in Masonry," I send you the full titles of the two books of 1807 and 1839: "By permission of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Bro. Downe's 2nd Edition 'The Constitution of Freemasonry; or, Ahiman Rezon,' to which is added a selection of Masonic Songs, Prologues, and Epilogues, and an Oratorio, entitled 'Solomon's Temple.' Revised, corrected, and improved, with additions. Dublin: Printed by Bro. C. Downes, P.M. 141, Whitefriar-st., Printer to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. 1807." Svo., 220 pp. "The Constitution of Freemasonry; or, Ahiman Rezon," to which are added certain lectures, charges, and a Masonic Ritual. Dublin: Printed by Wm. Underwood, Eden Quay. 1839." With it are "The Masonic Ritualist and Lecturer," containing Lectures and certain parts of the Rituals of Freemasonry, by Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Walter Bishop Mant, P.G.M. of Caric and Dunluce, and the Ceremony of Dedication.

J. E. L. F.



THE MAGAZINES (Continued).

"All the Year Round" has nothing very notable this month. Perhaps the most striking story is "Prince Ferendia's Portrait," which is weird and sensational enough in all conscience. "Russet and Green" is effectively drawn out and ended. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact, however unwilling to do so, that our good old friend is becoming rather dull. Let us all hope for more lively numbers, and a somewhat more intellectual tone generally.

"Temple Bar" is distinguished by two biographies—Georges Sand (Madame Dudevant) and George Eliot (Mrs. Cross),—which certainly stand out from the normal level of similar contributions, and markedly so. They deserve careful perusal. In both it is clear that the writers seek to do justice to the great centre figure of the story, and on the whole we deem successfully. George Sand, who braved criticism in her lifetime, is, we think, deserving of fair consideration now that she has passed away. At the same time, allowing for the abnormality, so to say, and the eccentricities of genius, we cannot rightly justify her defiances of the constitutional laws and habits of Society and the world. Women are women, and ought to be women, let us bear in mind ever, and any attempt to adopt the dress or the tone of men is always sure to bring its own punishment, and is deplorable in every sense for the best interests of Society. Erratic social arrangements, and a refusal to conform to the normal customs and prejudices, if you like, of the world in which we live, are never, and can never be; right or justifiable under any circumstances. As to Madame Dudevant's ability there can be but one opinion,—she was an exceptionally gifted woman, and her works will remain "monumentum ære perennius" after her harassed and peculiar earthly struggles are forgotten altogether. Of George Eliot's life, we agree with her biographer, we shall never now find the real clue or the true secret. Like in this respect "stat nominis umbra," or, like the man in the Iron Mask, we in vain attempt to penetrate the mystery. We can only speak of her in tenderness and thoughtfulness. Those of us who have read, and read pleasantly, her many vivid and striking tales, constituting a very landmark in English imaginative literature, will always feel grateful for her many happy creations, her fertile works of power and of grace. But we should not be doing right if in this, as in the former case, we held up her "norma vivendi" as a subject of imitation or commendation. We can fairly bear heartfelt tribute to her gifts and excellences as a writer, and we may safely add, though her fame will not perhaps, like Jane Austin's, increase in living reality and effort as the years run on, yet that for our generation, at any rate, George Eliot's works will still have for us the charm which her contemporaries have most undoubtedly found in them. We need not particularize here sundry popular characters or rustic touches. Mrs. Poyser will, perhaps, live longer than any as a very truthful portraiture of common, but realistic life. Of her other works, some will find more favour than others, just as some seem to fall and others to rise above the ordinary flow of her forcible utterances, and her literary power. It is a curious fact in her story, that her veritable authorship was once contested, and while the local features of her effectively painted country scenery, seemed to point unerringly to one locality, the claims of the pseudo author were soon contemptuously dismissed, and to George Eliot and George Eliot alone, were proper honour, and praise at last accorded. Despite however, the huge admiration which her contemporaries have expressed and the homage they have professed, it seems to us in conclusion that it is somewhat doubtful whether after all she will really "hold her own" so to say, in the position she has acquired, beyond our passing generation. There

seems a want of staying power in any work she has written. Clever, artificial, bright, and ephemeral, she "poses" too much as a sayer of wonted proverbialities, as well, as we must honestly confess of often tedious platitudes. Like the gaudy flies the fisherman uses, sometimes with great effect, we are often carried away by continued cleverness and a fictitious effect. Still let us not detract from the merits of one who has charmed, delighted, and influenced so many readers to-day. "Temple Bar" also contains "A Girton Girl," "A Perilous Secret," and "Mr. What's-His-Name," a very well told little story.

"The Antiquary and Book Lore" set before us much that will be welcomed by some good "Dryasdusts" amongst us, and by those who like, who hunt after, who value "old books."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

553] HELE.

Undoubtedly "Hele" is the Anglo-Saxon "helan," and the Teutonic "verhehlen." Sometimes the word is spelt "hell." In old English the term "helier" is to be found, meaning a thatcher or tiler. I believe the word is to be found in Chaucer; hence some of our old surnames such as Hellier and Hillyard, or Hildyard.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

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The best authorities I can find for the meaning, derivation, and pronunciation of this word are: 1st. "Bailey's Universal Etymological Dictionary," 13th edition, 1749, which has to HELE (helan, Sax. WERHEHLEN, Teut.) to hide, to cover (Chauc.) Also HELE, health (Chauc.) This proves the word to be known and used, in the same sense in which it is now employed by Freemasons, in the 14th century, when "Chaucer, well of English undefiled" flourished. 2nd. "Boag's Imperial Lexicon," undated, published by Fullarton, Edingburgh, which has HELE, hèle (L. Colo.) v. i. To hide (Obs), which reads that the pronunciation is to be hale, the first e being sounded as a in fate; that it is a verb intransitive and its (modern) derivation is analogous to the Latin word Colo, which signifies "to hide, to muffle up"; and that the word itself is now obsolete. Neither in Ainsworth's English and Latin Dictionary, 1746, nor in Walker's Johnson, or any other dictionaries I have seen, is the word mentioned. Without reference to Masonic authors who favour the pronunciation according to the Rev. John Boag, it appears to me that whilst we acknowledge the word "hale" in its application to health, ("hale and hearty" is a common expression with us) we should not alter the pronunciation of a similarly spelt word of equal, if not of greater, antiquity. We may certainly presume that at the date of the revival of Freemasonry in the early part of the 18th century, and the construction of our ritual, the word spelt HELE, was pronounced, as it should be now, HALE.

JAMES STEVENS.

560] SAMBER.

In my opinion Samber's Preface, 1722, by no means deserves the appellation of "idiotic slang." It seems to me to have a meaning, and I believe the very words may be paralleled from old Hermetic works. It seems to me to be the "outcome" of a Rosicrucian Hermeticism, which may be a relic of Archimede's Society of Astrologers, of one of those occult associations which according to Professor Morley were found in the 15th century in Europe.

MASONIC STUDENT.

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THE STATUTS OF 1755 AND KLOSS'S LIBRARY.

I note that Bro. Speth has found out the absence of these famous Statuts at least in the original in the library of the Lodge Einigkeit, Frankfort. Let us hope they are at Amsterdam! But yet if found, what will they prove critically? Translated according to Kloss in 1761, they are said to be certain constitutions of the Grand Lodge of France in 1744. This proposition is contrary to all the canons of criticism. You cannot prove the verity of historical facts in 1744 by the evidence of a nameless transcriber in 1761, if even written then! How are we to connect them with the Grand Lodge of France? A copy is said to exist of 1761, which is probably the copy Kloss saw.

562] KLOSS OR KLOSZ.

Why will my excellent friend, Bro. Speth, spell Dr. Geo. Kloss's name with a z. In his Bibliographie of 1843, it is clearly spelt in the index in Roman letters, "Kloss;" and in the preface in German letters, Klou-double-S. Findel and the Handbuch both spell his name Kloss.

A. F. A. W.

563] COWAN.

There can be no doubt that this word has a Scotch derivation. It is introduced by Sir Walter Scott in his novel of "Rob Roy," and apparently is to be understood as a term of contempt. I agree with "Masonic Student" that the suggested derivation from the Greek κωω is fanciful, but it is curious that the old Gaelic word for dog is "cu." Then we find the Welsh "cwrian" to cover, or as Ole Brer Rabbit would render it, to lay low, all significant of our own esoteric meaning.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

564] KLOSS'S STATUTES, 1755.

Further correspondence with Frankfort, has elicited the fact that a document is still preserved there which is probably an imperfect copy of these statutes, but not the original. It is dated 1761, and I am awaiting a promised transcript. I think it only right to take the opportunity of recognising the fraternal willingness of Bro. Koelle to give himself infinite trouble at my request, who am a perfect stranger to him. After my many letters to foreign grand and private lodges, which have never been acknowledged in any way, this kindness is all the more appreciated.

G. W. SPETH.

565] MASONIC DEGREES, 1678.

"Masonic Student" will find the charter of the Inverness Lodge referred to in Bro. Lyon's noble "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," p. 215, and I quite agree with him (the author) that the entry on the warrant of 1737, respecting the working of Masonic degrees from 1678, is "an apocryphal statement." Bro. Gould in his magnificent "History of Freemasonry," Vol. 2., shares the same view, and in the interesting chapter on "British Freemasonry—Scotland," &c., proves most clearly that the Third Degree was not known in Scotland, or, at all events, is not noticed in any way until the fourth decade of the last century. Bro. Lyon also mentions that in the charter for a lodge at Coltness of 1737 it is stated that the Third Degree was worked in that lodge "for more than 30 years previously," of which there is not the slightest evidence offered, as in the case of Inverness; doubtless for the simple reason that there are, or were, none to offer, the Third Degree being modern.

W. J. HUGHAN.

566] VON TSCHOUDY.

I confess I do not quite see the force or meaning of Bro. Yarker's note. The authority of "Les Francs-Maçons Ecrasés" is "nil," and though it is quite true probably that the High Grades mentioned existed, I cannot understand what that fact has to do with the point between us. Perhaps Bro. Yarker will favour us with the exact passage. Bro. Yarker contended originally that Von Tschoudy recognized a special system of Grades I said that "au contraire" he laughs at them all, except Apprentice, Companion, St. Andre, Rose Croix, and Knight of Palestine. A singular jumble is made as he leaves out Master altogether, indeed he does not seek to establish a system, but to state a fact. Hence, though the "L'Etoile Flamboyante" may be quoted to prove the existence of certain Grades, that is not all which we have to decide actually. Bro. Yarker seems to intimate his opinion that a High Grade was the "primitive form" of Masonry even then, but that is begging the whole question at issue, and though I am prepared to concede a far higher antiquity to the High Grades than has been hitherto given, there is no evidence yet which makes them synchronous so far, with French Craft Freemasonry, whether it was indigenous or originally derived from the "Enfants de Solomon," or imported from England. Such statements should not be made, unless proof is also adduced at the same time of their correctness. I repeat, Tschoudy can only be quoted as a witness to the existence of certain High Grades in 1765-6, and as the "fauteur" of the Chevaliers de l'Orient and Palestine.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on the 30th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. B. Marshall, P.M., Grand Treasurer, &c., W.M.; Young, S.W.; T. Simpson, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., acting Sec.; Clarke, P.G.P., P.M., &c., S.D.; Lister, J.D.; Lott, Grand Org. (Hon. Org.); J. Strugnell, P.M., W.S.; Louis Lardner, A.D.C.; Webber, Drew, Falck, Wildash, and others. Bro. Flint, Cripple-gate Lodge, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Drew was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Falck passed as a F.C. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Young, S.W. Bro. H. J. Lardner was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Parkinson, Tyler, for the year ensuing. Bros. Drew, Webber, and Falck were elected Auditors to audit the accounts early in May next. A Past Master's jewel was then unanimously voted to R.W. Bro. H. B. Marshall in recognition of his services during the past year. It was resolved unanimously, "That immediate steps be taken to found a chapter in connection with No. 1745, to be called the Farringdon Without Chapter." A petition to that effect for presentation to Grand Chapter was then signed by nine members of the lodge being Royal Arch companions.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Marshall, was presided over by Bro. Walls. The usual toasts followed.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The last meeting of the season was held at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, on Saturday last. Bro. H. Baldwin, Prov. G. Std. Br. Middx., presided, and there were present Bros. C. Kipling, S.W.; R. Poore, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., Sec.; H. B. Marshall, P.M., G. Treas.; T. Poore, P.M.; A. E. Albert, I.G.; C. J. Axford, S.D.; W. Kirkland, J.D.; Sprague, P. Evens, D.C.; Dr. Wylie, J. Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; R. R. Johnston, J.D. 1777; C. H. Phillips, P.M.; and R. Potter, Tyler.

Bro. Sprague was raised by the W.M. in a very careful manner, and Mr. James Mills was initiated by Bro. H. Lovegrove, Sec., through the courtesy of the W.M. Bros. J. Read, W. R. Palmer, and J. Pankhurst were elected joining members.

The brethren dined at the completion of one of the most successful meetings which the lodge has had, and the after proceedings were enlivened by the vocal and histrionic efforts of Bros. T. Poore, J. Mills, J. Stevens, and John Read. The lodge appears to have entered upon a career of success in the altered building; the W.M. is anxious to do his best, and the officers are efficient and energetic.

SHEERNESS.—Adams Lodge (No. 158).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Local Board of Health Room, on Thursday, the 26th ult. Amongst the brethren present were the following: Bros. A. Spears, P.P.G.O.; J. Bagshaw, P.P.G.O.; J. R. Brett, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; T. M. Rigg, P.P.G.R.; W. Blakey, P.P.A.D.C.; T. Firminger, P.M.; J. P. Watts, P.M.; E. Stutely, P.M.; G. T. Green, P.M.; E. J.

Penney, P.M.; C. Cockburn, W.M. 20; J. McNeil, W.M. 184; W. Norrington, W.M. 1089; H. Iron, W.M. 1273; A. H. Bateman, W.M. 1073; E. Gorham, P.M. 184; T. H. Smith, 1089; H. Black, P.M. 1273; T. Gaisford, J.W. 781; J. Tower, S.W. 1089; G. Church, 20; H. M. C. Festing, 1063; G. Goble, 1273; and H. T. Morris, 1273.

The lodge being duly opened, Bro. H. Sole, J.W. and W.M. elect, was ably installed into the chair by Bro. A. Spears, P.M., assisted by Bro. R. Derry, P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following brethren were invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. J. E. Brown, I.P.M.; R. H. Platin, S.W.; J. Auty, J.W.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., Treas.; R. Derry, P.M., Sec.; H. E. Hammond, S.D.; J. Hooker, J.D.; A. Spears, P.M., D.C.; J. B. West, Org.; A. Baskett, I.G.; E. Stutely, P.M., and J. D. Purdy, Stwds.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler.

The W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. R. J. E. Brown, in returning thanks, said that when he was called away by the duties of his profession to foreign climes he should look on his jewel with pride and pleasure as a souvenir of the many happy hours he had spent in "Old Adams."

Bro. J. B. Bagshaw, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Charity representative. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, where a sumptuous banquet was admirably served by Mrs. Green, of the Britannia Hotel. After full justice had been done to the cuisine, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with the customary honours.

Bro. H. Sole, in responding to the toast of "The W.M.," expressed his appreciation of the honour that had been conferred on him that day, and he intimated that it would be his constant aim to discharge the important duties of the position in such a manner as to merit the approbation of the brethren, and in doing so he felt assured that he could rely on the assistance of the Past Masters and the support of his officers.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was replied to by Bros. J. Bagshaw, P.M., and T. Gaisford, J.W. 781. The last-named brother made a stirring appeal on behalf of the Charities, and he gave some practical illustrations of the great assistance that is now being rendered to the Charitable Institutions by the Masonic Associations formed in connection with various London lodges, and he urged upon the brethren the desirability of starting one in their lodge at the earliest opportunity.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a successful termination.

The musical arrangements at the installation and banquet were under the able direction of Bro. J. B. West, Organist of Holy Trinity. Some capital songs were contributed during the evening by Bros. G. T. Green, P.M.; Pyke, Purdy, Griffith, Dutnall, Lee, and Firminger.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. D. W. Cangle, assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Morris Davies, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; John C. Robinson, P.M. (Freemason); John Whalley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. G. Bradley, S.W.; James White, J.W.; John Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Robt. Collings, Sec.; H. J. Pye, S.D.; John C. Spurr, J.D.; Wm. Hewson, I.G.; J. P. Bryan, P.M., P.G. Org.; D. C. Davidson and Robt. Shacklady, Stwds.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; P. Evans, D. Matthews, Wm. Pye, R. Carlow, T. Bush, J. W. Alderson, R. Thompson, John Molloy, J. Sutton, T. Atherton, E. Roberts, Wm. Hazell, J. Wilson, Alfred Powell, Wm. Manders, W. Gibney, T. Howell, T. D. Amon, G. Routledge, P. Ball, P.G. Tyler; J. O'Neill, J. Clancey, R. Martindale, D. Davis, S. Goodwin, and T. W. Church. Visitors: Bros. Hugh Williams, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; Jos. Bayle, P.M.; J. Clensey, E. Bevan, M. T. Dank, R. W. Gow, Sec.; and J. A. Shrapley, of 823; R. Crisp, P.M.; R. Wilson, and John Bagot, of 724; R. Boggs, P.M. 200 (Bermuda); G. W. Hopkins (Halifax, Nova Scotia); W. H. Jewitt, P.M. 1393; W. Nugent, 673; and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Jos. T. Bramhall, who was declared duly elected, and he, being in attendance, was initiated by the W.M. in a very efficient manner. The tools were explained by the J.W., and the ancient charge was delivered by the S.W. in his usual impressive style. The W.M. then requested Bro. Whalley, P.M., to take the chair (a privilege he grants to the Past Masters to work a degree every month, which gives them a greater interest in the lodge), and Bros. Powell, Manders, Amon, Goodwin, Church, and J. Clensey, of 823, were raised to the degree of M.M. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the High School for Boys, Brook-hill, Bro. W. Rees, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, Sec.; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Butter, P.M., P.P.G.R. Kent; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Palmer, S.W.; G. H. Letton, J.W.; T. R. Richardson, S.D.; W. D. Keeble, I.G.; F. H. Johnson, Stwd.; W. B. Ledger, Org.; W. J. Lardner, Tyler; J. Farrall, T. Hambrook, R. Courtman, W. A. Fenn, W. Sanders, W. Busbridge, Dr. Bryceson, T. Griffiths, G. Campbell, J. Lawson, W. Taylor, and C. Jolly (Freemason), all of the lodge; W. Moulds, S.W. 1536; F. G. Nichols, 706; G. H. Hill, 1437; J. Hunter, 1536; and G. H. Graham, 2041.

Bro. H. J. Bryceson, formerly of the lodge, was re-admitted a joining member. Mr. R. F. Tyler, Mus.Bac., Cambridge, was, after approval, initiated, Bros. Jos. Lawson, 1789, and A. Fenn were passed, and Bros. G. H. Campbell and A. W. Jackson were raised.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of light refreshment, and on re-assembling round the social

board the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The acquisition of such musicians as Bros. Tyler and Nichols added immensely to the harmonious character of the evening, to which several of the brethren also contributed in good style.

The toasts were of the usual character, and as the Master has from the commencement of his reign been noted for his wit (*i.e.*, brevity), the example has been followed in a most praiseworthy manner; it did not, however, prevent the brethren from giving the honoured names of Bro. Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes, their esteemed Prov. Grand and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, a glorious reception; while the toasts of "The W.M." and "The Past Masters" were received with marked enthusiasm.

Bro. Tyler eloquently thanked the brethren for making him a Mason, and promised to strive to reach the chair, and from what we know of him we feel sure that he will succeed.

The evening being well spent, the brethren withdrew, after singing a verse of the "National Anthem" and "Auld Lang Syne."

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—This lodge, which has ever since its consecration by the Earl of Zetland, in 1876, been holding its meetings in the Queen's Hotel, has just completed its purchase of buildings, which will at once be converted into a Masonic hall. The lodge has been fortunate in finding a place eminently suited for the purpose. It will be remembered that in 1883 the Grand Master laid the foundation stone of the new Institute of Science, Literature, and Art, in York, and that there was on the occasion a most brilliant assemblage of the Craft. This building has just been completed, and the old building, which for a number of years has accommodated the members of the institute, has been purchased by the Eboracum Lodge for the sum of £1250. That so young a lodge should have been able to acquire such a building without interference with its work for our Masonic Charities is almost startling, and reflects the utmost credit upon its members, many of whom are amongst the most active and intelligent of our brethren in the north. It is anticipated that a further outlay of about £200 will render the building fit for Masonic purposes, and it is expected that the May meeting of the lodge will be held in the new premises. The location of the hall is as nearly as possible the exact centre point of the city, and the street (St. Saviourgate) has the advantage of being a very quiet thoroughfare. Entering from the street by folding doors and through the inner glass doors, we find on the left the smoke room, 29 feet by 12, opening out of which is a small cloak room and pantry, 14 by 7. On the same side of the entrance is a committee room, 12 by 12, which can be added to the smoke room when required by means of doors. On the opposite side of the passage is the banquet room, 42 feet by 13. Further on is an excellent lavatory and pantries, whilst at the rear of the building is a comfortable 4-roomed Tyler's cottage, with all conveniences, and detached from the main building. Below there is extensive cellarage. A broad flight of stone steps with an iron balustrade leads to the lodge room, which measures 42 feet by 31, and is very lofty and well ventilated, and has an organ recess measuring 10 feet by 10, with unlimited height. At one corner there is a small room, to be utilised as a library and museum, &c., 16 feet by 8. Altogether few more handsome or convenient Masonic halls will be found in that part of the country. The Eboracum Lodge possesses a large collection of Masonic prints and portraits, so that the walls of its new abode will be amply decorated, whilst its library has also swollen to a collection of some 200 volumes. The ceremony of dedication will probably take place at some late period in the summer.

HAMPTON COURT.—Raymond Thrupp Lodge (No. 2024).—The first installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on the 30th ult., and was honoured with the presence of the P.G.M., Sir Francis Burdett. Bro. C. Graham, P.G.S., performed the ceremony of installation with great credit. The new W.M., Bro. Matthew Mildred, in reply, said he would endeavour to imitate the example set by his predecessor, and felt sure that he should have the support and goodwill of the brethren in his desire to carry out the duties of his office, and hoped that all would unite in promoting the interest and harmony of the lodge. This young lodge has already 20 members, the number being limited to 30.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the drawing room, where an excellent banquet was given, and among the visitors were Bros. Chapman, P.M.; W. H. Bale, I.P.M.; 87; Davis, W.M. 87; and many others. Bro. Chapman gave his amusing recitation of "Old Mother Hubbard" and "The Initiate," and several songs were sung. Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening, and the brethren returned to town in good time.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. March, W.M.; Chretien, S.W.; Montague, J.W.; Farwig, acting Preceptor; Mount, S.D.; Swain, J.D.; Stroud, I.G.; Cross, Sec.; Lovegrove, Woods, Skinner, and Weeks.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Swain being the candidate. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed. The First Section of the Lecture was then worked by the brethren, questions by Bro. Farwig. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. at the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the future meetings of the lodge be held at the Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria-street, and that the first meeting be held there on the 21st inst. It was also agreed to unanimously that Bro. Cottebrune occupy the chair of W.M. on that occasion. Bro. Farwig was unanimously elected an honorary member. All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maidenhill. There were present Bros. Wickens, W.M.;

Scattergood, S.W.; Guterboch, J.W.; Baker, P.M., Treas., and Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Secretary; Mellier, S.D.; Stratton, J.D.; Page, I.G.; Williams, P.M.; Kempton, P.M.; Harvey, Davie, Wright, and Hutchings.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Kempton having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly instructed. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Kempton as candidate. Lodge called off and on. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed by the W.M. The lodge was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Bro. Scattergood, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be entered in the minutes, to Bro. Wickens for the able and efficient manner in which he worked the ceremony of installation for the first time in this lodge of instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, 4th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. H. Price, W.M.; Craggs, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W.; Geo. Gardner, Treas.; W. Alting, Sec.; Topper, S.D.; D. Stronk, J.D.; R. Hill, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Johnstone, P.M.; H. Furze, and S. Brown. Visitor: Bro. H. Hill. The lodge opened was in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened in First and Second Degrees, and Bro. Weeks, answered the usual questions. The W.M., assisted by his officers, worked the First Section of Third Degree, and afterwards the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Price for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M., and the great treat afforded the members. Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. Williams and Furze for gifts of aprons. This was one of the grand nights of this lodge. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the first Saturday in May, at 7 o'clock.

Royal Arch.

GUERNSEY.—Loyalty Chapter (No. 243).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous chapter was held in the Masonic Temple, on Monday, the 30th ult., for the purpose of exalting Bro. Richard, son of the M.E.Z., and Bro. Mugford. Amongst those present were Comps. Richard, Z.; H. Strickland, P.Z., acting H.; J. Le Huray, J.; Emra Holmes, P.Z.; J. Pengelly, J. Quick, P. Sof.; Courtenay, Parsons, and others.

The impressive ceremony was gone through admirably, the Principals each delivering the lecture, mystical, symbolical, and historical, appropriate to his chair and office, and the newly-exalted companions were evidently very much impressed with the beauty and dignity of this exalted Degree. The usual banquet followed, and the M.E.Z. announced that there were five other candidates for election and exaltation at the next regular chapter meeting. In proposing "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z., alluding to Comp. Emra Holmes' lecture on Freemasonry, recently delivered in Guernsey, said he hoped it would soon be delivered again before the chapter and the united lodges. In reply Comp. Emra Holmes said he had delivered his lecture "Random Notes on Freemasonry," at the invitation of the Mariners' Lodge, and he should be very happy to deliver it again when invited to do so by any other of the chapters or lodges in the Island. A very harmonious evening was spent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly responded to.

Mark Masonry.

LANCASTER.—Moore Lodge (No. 146).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. Gregson, I.P.M., as W.M.; Wm. Hall, P.P.G.S.W., as S.W.; A. Stanley, J.W.; F. C. Turner, M.O.; R. Stanton, P.M., Sec.; Hy. Longman, P.P.G.J.O.; Capt. Garnett. Visitor: Bro. Armitage.

A Board of Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. Rev. Stanton, P.M., was duly installed into the chair of H., in due form by Bro. Gregson, I.P.M., after which he invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. Stanley, S.W.; C. H. Garnett, J.W.; W. W. Wilde, M.O.; J. H. Irvin, S.O.; F. C. Turner, J.O.; J. Aldous, Org.; W. Hall, Treas.; B. Gregson, Sec.; H. Longman, D.C.; J. Stanley, I.G.; A. R. Allinson, Tyler. Bro. S. P. Bayley, I.P.M. 281, who had been previously balloted for, was then admitted and duly advanced to the degrees of M.M. and M.M.M., by the W.M. There being no further business the lodge was closed.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The installation and investiture of the Earl of Rosslyn as Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Monday last, with unprecedented grandeur and imposing ceremony. The Knights Companions in attendance, who wore their quaint and appropriate costume, were all arranged in their stations by the Grand Marischal, the Earl of Kintore. The Deputy Governor announced the object of the meeting, and the Earl of Rosslyn was duly installed in the throne of Grand Lodge. We shall give a full account of the proceedings in our next.

A statement having been circulated to the effect that the American rights of the Drury Lane drama, "Freedom," have been purchased for two dollars, we have authority for saying that such is not the case. Messrs. Brooks and Dickson had entered into an agreement to produce the play at the cost of several thousand pounds, and to pay the authors, Messrs. Augustus Harris and G. F. Rowe, ten per cent. on the gross receipts. This agreement, which has another year to run, was all that was sold, and the purchaser will have to carry out all its conditions.



"Jo" is nearly over at the Strand, where a new play is to take its place at an early date.

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At the Avenue, in conjunction with "Tact," a new one-act operetta is to be brought out, but the date is not fixed definitely. The music is by Mr. J. M. Glover, and words by Mr. Harry Paulton and Mr. J. Moore.

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Miss Kate Santley re-opened her old theatre, the Royalty on Saturday last, with comic opera, amongst her company being Mr. L. Kelleher, Bro. Henry Ashley, and Miss Mullholland. The title of the opera is "Francois the Radical."

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Bro. J. L. Toole took possession of his own theatre on Saturday last, and for the present produces "The Upper Crust" and "Mr. Guffin's Elopement." During the evening Bro. Toole made an announcement as to the future pieces. Bro. Byron's unacted play will follow soon.

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The Adelphi drama, by Bro. G. R. Sims, is called "The Last Chance," as the title "Against the Tide" has already been used. It was brought out on Saturday last, Bro. Chas. Warner being the principal actor. We hope to notice it in a future issue.

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Miss Violet Cameron, after an absence of more than twelve months from any stage, returned to her old quarters—the Comedy—where for a time "The Mascotte" has been revived, with Mr. Arthur Roberts in Bro. Lionel Brough's old part. Mr. Walsham is the tenor. Miss Cameron received an enthusiastic welcome.

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It would be impossible to praise too highly Mr. Pinero's successful play, "The Magistrate," produced at the Court last week. It certainly is a big jump from serious comedy to farce—for such the new play is—but we do not think Messrs. Clayton and Cecil need offer any apology for the violent change in the conduct of their pretty little house. Every criticism and individual speak in unison of the fortune which is likely to reign upon the management for some time to come. Mr. Pinero has dealt with his materials with a master hand. The play is sufficiently probable in its wild absurdity not to take it wholly out of the region of everyday life, and it succeeds in keeping the audience in roars of laughter throughout its three acts. There is nothing disagreeable in "The Magistrate," or which need shock Mr. W. S. Gilbert's "young lady of fifteen," and we hope managers will now encourage English authors, as it is proved that we need not adapt French pieces—which always lose some of their brilliancy in the adaptation—when we have at our own doors authors who can write just as funny, and evidently far cleaner, plays than their neighbours. Mr. Pinero says his play is original, and we take his word. Mr. Pocket is a magistrate at Mulberry-street Police Court, has married a widow who has given her age as 31, and that of her son as 14, whereas she should be 36, and the lad 19. Here at once is the ground for a lot of amusement out of the complications which arise. Master Cis is kept in an Eton suit, and among other things is provided with a pretty girl of 16, as his music mistress. Naturally, they fall in love with one another; but Master Cis has other weaknesses. He is a "man" "about town." He actually rents a room in the Hôtel de Prince, Mecklenburg, where he gives supper parties and gets into heavy debt. He has also learned the profession of gambling, and shows his stepfather and his brother magistrate Mr. Bullamy, a new game by which he of course contrives to make the others lose. He induces Mr. Pocket to go with him to Mecklenburg to enjoy himself, his object being to get the gov'nor to pay off his debts. The magistrate informs his wife that an old friend of his, Col. Lady, is coming to dine the next night. Mrs. Pocket is troubled beyond measure at the announcement, for it so happens that Col. Lakyn was a friend of her first husband as well, and is godfather to Cis. She is afraid he may innocently disclose the boy's age, and so her own too. She and her sister set off to find the Colonel to beg him to make no allusion to dates, but he has left his chambers and is at Mecklenburg entertaining a brother officer at supper. Thither they proceed, where in the next room are Mr. Pocket and Cis. The whole party stay until after closing time. The police enter and demand names and addresses, both parties having taken refuge in the same room, but being in darkness do not recognise one another. The military men are enraged at the civil officers of the law and assault them. The magistrate and stepson escape by the window, but not without bruises. The police do not trust the addresses given for the ladies—which are false—and take them into custody. Next morning Mr. Pocket arrives only just in time at Mulberry-street Police Court, having been chased into the suburbs as far as Kilburn, and, still in his evening dress, is in a fearful condition. His wife and sister-in-law are brought before him; but he is so agitated that he summarily sentences them to seven days, without the option of a fine. How his colleague, Mr. Bullamy, ultimately rescues them in a legitimate manner we need not relate. Our readers will see that there is material here to drive all London and our country cousins to see it. Mr. Arthur Cecil has the best part, so he is afforded plenty of opportunities for the display of his comic vein. Mr. Clayton is almost unrecognisable as the Indian colonel; he astonishes everybody. Mr. Eversfield, the precocious boy, acts naturally. Mr. Kerr deserves praise for his acting as the modern swell. Little Miss Harvey, the governess, plays her part well, and Miss Marion Terry, who plays with less consciousness than any, is very quaint. Mrs. John Wood is responsible for many of the fits of laughter the audience cannot help having, and we think is quite equal to any of her former representations. Messrs. Clayton and Cecil are to be congratulated on the undoubted success they have made in changing from serious comedy to extravagant farce.



Bro. Jasper More has been chosen to contest the Oswestry division of Shropshire in the liberal interest at the next election.

Bro. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Hertfordshire, has been selected to contest the Watford division of the county at the next election.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has been invited to attend the annual meeting of the Brighton Young Men's Christian Association on Tuesday, the 21st inst.

Lady Wolseley left London on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., for Cairo, where she will meet Bro. Lord Wolseley on his return from the Soudan.

News was received last week of the death by drowning at Karrarami Point, Australia, of Mr. J. E. Rylands, nephew of Bro. Peter Rylands, M.P.

The equestrian performances at Covent Garden Theatre will come to an end on Saturday, the 18th inst., with a special performance for Bro. Wm. Holland.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., has accepted the invitation of the Committee of the Cobden Club to preside at the Greenwich dinner of the Club this year.

At a meeting of cyclists held early last week, Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson delivered an interesting address on "Cycling as a National Development; or, the Cycle of Cycling."

Bro. the Lord Mayor was to preside at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the thirty-first annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, Aldersgate-street.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice arrived at Aix-les-Bains on Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., and have since been taking carriage and walking exercise in the neighbourhood.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, with the Countess of Carnarvon and Lord Porchester, spent Easter at Pixton Park, Dulverton, where his lordship entertained a numerous party of visitors.

Bro. Earl Granville was on a visit last week to his brother, Bro. the Hon. E. Leveson-Gower, M.P., at Holmby, near Dorking. During his stay there his lordship had a slight attack of gout.

The Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., who is at Rawal Pindi, with the Viceroy of India, visited the Ameer on Wednesday, and has since been presented by his Highness with several gaily-apparalled horses.

Bro. Henry Irving took his farewell of the American public at the Star Theatre, on Saturday last, his reception and the plaudits at the close of the performance being of a most enthusiastic character.

Bro. King Oscar and the Queen of Sweden passed through Vienna en route for Bucharest on Saturday last, the object of their journey being to visit their second son, who is lying ill of typhoid at Constantinople.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. O. and Mrs. Trevelyan spent the Easter holidays at Welcombe House, near Stratford-on-Avon, the residence of Mr. R. N. Phillips, M.P., father-in-law of the right hon. gentleman.

Bro. Viscount Ranelagh presided last week at the 130th quarterly meeting of the Conservative Land Society, when the rate of interest was declared to remain at 4 per cent. on shares, and 3½ per cent. on deposits.

On Wednesday, the 1st inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor was the recipient of a decoration from the King of Serbia, whose minister waited upon his lordship at the Mansion House for the purpose of presenting the gift.

Bro. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., appeared for the Metropolitan Board of Works in a compensation case between Mr. Phillips, brewer, and the Board, which was submitted for arbitration on Wednesday to Bro. Sir Henry Hunt, C.B.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., visited Liverpool on the 1st inst., for the purpose of inspecting several American liners which it is intended to convert into armed cruisers in the event of war breaking out. The inspection gave every satisfaction.

Bro. A. J. Altman presided at the Guildhall Tavern on Wednesday, the 1st inst., at the dinner of the City of London School Committee, Bros. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas., Sir John Bennett, C. E. Soppet, and W. J. Mallett being among the guests.

On Saturday evening, Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson read an important paper at a meeting of the Association of Public Sanitary Inspectors, the subject, which was dealt with very capably, being "The Sanitary Inspection of Homeless and Nomadic Population."

Bro. Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P., formally opened on Thursday, the 2nd inst., the South Eastern Railway Company's new Winter Gardens, in connection with the Pavilion Hotel, Folkestone. Lady Watkin, and Bro. Lord Hothfield, were among those present to witness the ceremony.

Bros. the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Jersey, and Earl Ravensworth were among those present at the meeting on Wednesday, the 1st inst., of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. A number of candidates were proposed for election, including 69 by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and 84 by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton.

It was announced at the meeting on Wednesday, the 1st inst., of the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation of London, that Prince Albert Victor of Wales would visit the City early in the month of June to receive the freedom, which will be presented to his Royal Highness in a gold casket to be especially manufactured for the occasion at a cost of £250.

3,000,000 tons of CHAMPION'S MUSTARD was sold in London alone during the past year. Why was this so? Because the public, having satisfied themselves it was the best and cheapest, gave it a preference over all others.—ADVT.

Bro. Lord E. Pelham-Clinton, Colonel of the London Rifle Brigade, has been elected a member of the Volunteer Service Club.

Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Ermytrude Malet left London for Berlin, where his Excellency will resume his duties as ambassador at the German Court.

It was reported on Tuesday last that a slight improvement had taken place in the condition of R.W. Bro. Sir W. Watkins Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop.

Prince George of Wales joins the Excellent gunnery ship, at Portsmouth, on the 11th inst., for the purpose of going through a series of training in torpedo, gunnery, and pilotage.

The installation meeting of the Langton Lodge, No. 1673, will take place at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when Bro. J. Turquand Fillan, W.M. elect, will be installed.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., has so far recovered from his recent illness that he hopes to be able to take the chair at a lecture on Cremation at the Parkes Museum, on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., will preside at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at the second annual dinner of the City of London College Parliament.

A grand bazaar will be held next month in aid of the Female School of Art, Queen-street, Bloomsbury, under the patronage of the Lady Mayoress, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and other ladies.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., attended the 22nd annual meeting on Wednesday, the 1st inst., of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company, and moved the re-election of the retiring directors.

The Countess of Crawford and Balcarres, and the Countess of Lathom, have joined the Ladies' Committee of Major Gildea's fund for the relief of the wives and families of men of all branches of the land and sea forces of the United Kingdom.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, Chairman of the City Lands Committee, has issued invitations for a banquet at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, the 5th of May, when Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Sheriff Phillips will be the guests of the Committee.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, and the Right Hon. J. G. Shaw-Lefevre attended the Cabinet Council held in Downing-street, on Saturday afternoon last; Bro. Earl Granville returning to his brother's residence at Holmby, when the Council ended.

The 78th Annual Festival of the City of London Truss Society is fixed for Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. the Lord Mayor will take the chair, and among the guests who will support his lordship, there will be Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Alderman Stone, P.G.W.; and Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.

Bro. the Duke of Leinster, K.P., presided at a meeting held in the theatre of the Royal Society of Dublin, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., of the fellows and members of the Royal Historical and Archaeological Association of Ireland, when an address of welcome to the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their visit to Ireland was submitted and approved.

The next meeting of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, K.T., will be held on Monday, the 4th May, at 33, Golden-square, when several members will join and candidates will be installed. A Priory of Malta will be afterwards held for the admission of candidates and the installation of Priors. The E.P. (H. Lovegrove, 26, Budget-row, E.C.), will answer any questions.

The Royal Maundy was distributed in the Royal Chapel, Whitehall, during divine service on Thursday, the 2nd inst., the recipients being 66 men and 66 women, the number corresponding with the age of Her Majesty. The distribution was made by the Dean of Worcester, Lord High Almoner to the Queen, assisted by the Sub-Almoner and other officials. Bro. C. S. Jekyll, P.G. Org., presided at the organ.

The Keystone, Philadelphia, has just published Bro. Emra Holmes' story "The Worshipful Master," which first saw the light in the "Masonic Magazine." It has since been published by permission of the author in the Sydney Freeman, the Canadian Craftsman, the Five Free Press, South Durham Mail and Herald, the Cornishman, and Gwynsey Advertiser, and is about to appear in the Victoria Freeman, and other papers.

At the usual spring dinner of the Leathersellers' Company on Wednesday, the 1st inst., there were present among the guests Bro. the Hon. Justice Cave, P.G.W.; Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W.; R. B. Martin, M.P.; Alderman Staples, H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), Capt. George Lambert, P.G.S.B. (Master of the Pattenmakers' Company); Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P. (Master of the Merchant Tailors' Company), Alderman Evans, and others. The musical arrangements were in charge of Bro. Chaplin Henry.

Bro. W. E. B. Kendall will give his successful concert-lecture at several fashionable centres during the coming season, and will practically explain the use and abuse of the voice, by the aid of anatomical diagrams and auto-laryngoscope, in the manner that has made his lecture, "The Voice in Speaking and Singing," so popular in the United States and Canada, and recently at the Crystal Palace. Bro. Kendall will be assisted by well-known artists, and the interesting nature of the entertainment will ensure it the success it deserves.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As spring approaches a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters forbad by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fullness after eating, lassitude, gout, and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.—ADVT.

Bros. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., are members of the Committee of the Fawcett Memorial Fund.

The future meetings of the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, will be held at the Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria-street, after the 14th inst.

The Prince of Wales has graciously consented to preside at a dinner in aid of the funds of the North London or University College Hospital, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 13th of May.

A farewell banquet was given at Delmonico's restaurant, New York, on Monday last, to Bro. Henry Irving, over 200 distinguished Americans from different cities of the Union being present.

Bros. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P. (Chairman), and Lord Carrington were present at the 64th meeting at Edinburgh, on the 4th inst., of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Working Classes.

The Osterley Park sale of books, which are to be disposed of by order of Bro. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., will take place from 6th to 14th May, Messrs. Sotherby, Wilkinson, and Hodge being the auctioneers.

We regret to hear that Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., was prevented by severe indisposition from attending a meeting at Barrington Park, on Monday last, which it was his intention to have addressed.

Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Ermytrude Malet broke their journey from London to Berlin at Paris, where they stayed as guests of Lord Lyons, our ambassador, by whom a dinner was given in their honour on Thursday last.

Bros. W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., and Baron de Worms are among the contributors to the fund for providing compensation for damages caused on the occasion of the Volunteer Review at Brighton, and for defraying other expenses incident to the same event.

Tuesday being the anniversary of the birthday of his late Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, P.G.W., the Duchess of Albany visited the Royal Vault at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, where her late husband's remains are interred, and placed several wreaths near his tomb.

Bros. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Sir E. W. Watkin, Bart., M.P., Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., and Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., are among the Patrons of the International Exhibition, which was opened on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.

By command of the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., the annual Provincial Grand Chapter of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Friday, the 17th inst. Also, the half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Craft Lodge will be held under the banner of the Bective Lodge, No. 1552, at the same place and date.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed at the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, 1604, at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., by Bro. Jas. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, P.M., P.Z., &c., Sec. R.M.B.I., on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at 6 p.m. precisely, to be followed by a banquet, at which the W.M. of the mother lodge will preside.

Bro. the Earl Dunraven will be Chairman at the dinner to be given at the Criterion on Wednesday, the 29th inst., to Bro. Henry Irving, and among the members of the Dinner Committee will be found Bros. the Earl of Fife, the Earl of Onslow, P.G.S.W.; Lord Londesborough, P.G.S.W.; Sir Algernon Borthwick, Sir John Monckton, P.G. J.W.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; and J. L. Toole.

Bro. J. L. Toole, the popular comedian, returned on Saturday evening last to the theatre which bears his name, and experienced a very hearty welcome. Bro. Toole has been absent in the provinces during a period of about seven months. The other members of his company were also well received, and at the close of the performance, which, it is needless to say, went admirably, Bro. Toole delivered a brief characteristic address, which was frequently interrupted with bursts of laughter and applause.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and Prince Albert Victor of Wales, left the Euston Terminus for Dublin, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., shortly after 6 p.m., among the suite in attendance on their Royal Highnesses being Bros. Lord Suffield and F. Knollys, C.B. Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., also attended in his capacity of a director of the London and North Western Railway Company, and travelled with the Royal Party to Holyhead, which was reached soon after midnight. Their Royal Highnesses immediately went on board the Royal Yacht Osborne, which left for Kingstown at sunrise on Wednesday morning.

The boys of Christ's Hospital paid their annual visit to the Mansion House on Easter Tuesday, when they were regaled with buns and wine, or lemonade, and were presented by the Lady Mayoress with sundry new coins of the realm, the Grecians receiving a guinea each, probationers half a guinea each, the monitors half a crown each, and the rank and file each a shilling. The civic authorities afterwards attended divine service at Christ Church, Newgate-street, where the Spital sermon was preached by the Bishop of Lichfield. As Bro. the Lord Mayor was suffering from pleurisy, his lordship was represented by Alderman Sir T. S. Owden.

A meeting of the Montague Guest Lodge took place on Wednesday evening last at the Inns of Court Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Capon, occupied the chair. Dr. E. C. Fenoulhet, of Herne Bay, was initiated, and Bros. Emmett, Fenn, and Prestige were raised to the degree of M.M. The S.W., Bro. Slyman, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. G. P. Festa, P.M., re-elected as Treasurer. Ten guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the list of the W.M., who will represent the lodge at the next Festival. A jewel, of the value of ten guineas, together with a collar and jewel, were voted to the retiring W.M.

£20.—Tobaccoists commencing.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to open respectably from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., Cigar and Tobacco Merchants, Euston-rd., London, Telephone No. 7541.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the week ending Saturday, April 18th, 1885.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 13.

Quarterly Gen. Court and Election Boys' School, at 12.
Lodge 29, St. Alban's, Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 99, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1861, Claremont, School Room, Esher, Surrey.
" 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., West Kensington.
" 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
" 2012, Chiswick, Bolton Hot., Chiswick.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Tav., Highgate.
Mark 44, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.
" 239, Royal Naval, Sa, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.
West Smithfield, City Boundary Tav., 109, Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
" 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tav.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House, London Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Beantree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15.

General Committee Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Flds.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Town Hall, Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar.

Lodge 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
" 109, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, Essex.
" 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
" 1327, King Harold, Four Swans Hot., Waltham Cross.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1681, Londresborough, S, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Mark Bon Accord, Sa, Red Lion-sq.
" 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Vitruvian, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge, at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
City of London, Tiptree Tavern, 6, Leadenhall-st., 6.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Ebury, 12, Pensonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.
North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's
" 201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond
" 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.
Chap. 92, Moira, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.
Rose Croix, 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.

Old Kent Mark, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7 to 9.
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1194, Villiers, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
" 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh-st., Walthamstow
" 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Eccleston, Crown and Anchor 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King-st. W., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Lilly Chapter, Greyhound Hot., at 8.

SEWER GAS IN THE SYSTEM.

For several years the public press has been filled with articles relative to the deleterious effects of sewer gas. Sanitary engineers have racked their brains to devise means for preventing its entry into our houses, so as to avoid the many fatal diseases which are traced directly to its poisonous influences upon the human system. While we have been diligent and watchful in preventing sewer gas from entering our houses, we have been neglectful and allowed its formation within our own bodies. Sewer gas is as fatal in its effects upon the system whether formed inside our bodies or without. The food taken into the stomach, if not properly digested, ferments, decays, and becomes putrid. The effect of this putrefaction is the production of a gas precisely like sewer gas, and just as poisonous. This poisonous substance enters the circulation, and pervades the whole system, and then people wonder they feel tired and languid, with a swimming, dizzy head—wonder why the appetite has failed, and that they feel weak and feeble—they wonder why the breath has become offensive, and that they have pain and distress. But when this matter is fully understood there is no cause to wonder, for this foul gas has poisoned the whole system. The food we eat should be digested, or it does us injury. The familiar saying that "it is not what we eat that makes us strong, but what we digest," is a truthful saying, and we cannot be too particular about the digestion of our food. *More than nine-tenths of all our diseases arise from imperfect digestion.* When we know that imperfect digestion is followed by the production of this foul gas within the body, and that it is absorbed into the system as fast it is formed, is it a wonder that we are ill? *The wonder is that we are alive.* How important it is, then, that the digestive organs should be made to perform their functions by the timely use of Seigel's Curative Syrup, which has proved an unfailing remedy in such cases. Its reputation is based upon a trial that has extended over a period of many years. It seldom fails.

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