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WE have alluded to remarks about the Grand Officers which, of course, as we foresaw, could not be assumed to be perfectly correct. We think, however, that the following list will be found if not altogether, pretty near to the truth: The two Grand Wardens, rumour again assures us, are the Marquis of HERTFORD and the Hon. SACKVILLE WEST; the two Grand Chaplains are Canon PORTAL and the Rev. R. W. SANDERSON; the Grand Deacons are Bros. GOLDNEY, Dr. MEADOWS, WATSON, and R. C. DRIVER; Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. PAUL; Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Major HARDING; Grand Sword Bearer, Bro. HAMMERTON; Grand Standard Bearers, Bros. BUTLER WILKINS and G. P. BROCKBANK; and Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Bro. A. LUCKING.

THE Quarterly Court and Election for the Girls' School took place on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, Grand Treasurer and Treasurer, and the Hall was well filled during the day. The Election was very animated, and the polling was very high. There were the usual number of careless and ridiculous mistakes as regards the voting papers, which almost sometimes seem to cast a reflection on the intelligence and good sense of the Craft. Still, a great deal of this is owing undoubtedly to the incurable apathy of our good Order. Worthy brethren who support cases think they do all that is useful and proper if they keep back their votes until the last possible moment, forgetting that in the hurry and excitement of a crowded gathering, with many applicants and countless talkers, "mistakes will occur in the best regulated" set of workers. When even large numbers of votes are in question, it is difficult sometimes to obtain them until the very last moment. In the Girls' School Election the highest successful candidate polled 2396 votes, and the lowest 1490. Altogether 38,656 polled for the successful, and for the unsuccessful 5799. Thus, as 48,699 votes were issued, there were 4340 votes remaining unpolled. Further comment seems needless.

THE Election for the Boys' School took place on Monday last, when, under the presidency of Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, a very numerous gathering filled the hall. Bro. GODSON moved the repeal of Law 57, which motion after some discussion was carried. Bro. CUMBERLAND moved the removal of TAPPENDEN from the list, and which proposition was seconded by Bro. MOORE. After a long discussion the motion was rejected by an overwhelming majority. Bro. EDGAR BOWYER'S motion for increasing the numbers from 25 to 26 to be elected, was unanimously agreed to amid cheers. The poll then opened, and the voting was animated and high, though not so high as had been anticipated. Indeed, the calculations of the most experienced in such matters have been rudely shaken by the results of Saturday and Monday last. On the former day those who judged the possibility and probability of success by arithmetical figures, more or less infallible, were out 150 on their estimate—the lowest number successful being 1490. On Monday the highest number was 2155, the lowest 859, a drop of 300 from the last but one, and of nearly 800 from the last but two. It is a very long time since any boy succeeded in being elected at so low a figure. Thus we have another proof, if proof were needed, of the glorious uncertainty of calculations and elections, and a warning against those persistent efforts to affix an extravagant value on different kinds of votes, or as between two different sets of voting of equal monetary value. There were 49,890 votes issued for the Boys' School Election; 17,643 brought forward. There were 45,819 votes polled for the successful candidates, and 6146 for the unsuccessful, leaving 4968 unpolled votes. The simple fact that in our two great Educational Institutions there were really over 10,000 unpolled votes, is a matter deserving of serious attention.

WHEN among the crowd assembled in our Hall for the School Elections, on Saturday and Monday last, we strongly felt not only how good and useful our Educational Institutions have become; and what a striking commentary they offer on the reality and true meaning of Freemasonry. If any one asks us what is the good of Freemasonry; and who or what is a true Mason we feel inclined to reply in the Mason, language of old ROB MORRIS—

To suffer long, and yet be true and kind;
To bear the slight, and yet retain the love;
To hope whate'er betide, and still to hope
Through gloomiest days and years that life may yield;
This is the love of Masons—brotherly love—
This binds the old Fraternity with brass and iron fetters.

Now that the Elections are over, the undivided attention of the Craft, or that active portion which devotes its energies to Masonic charity, will be concentrated on the coming Festivals. We had hoped to have recorded that Bro. HEDGES' list of Stewards was bidding fair to be an exceptionally large and promising one, but we have reason to believe that such is not the fact, and that, therefore, a considerable accession to the list is needed to bring it within "measurable distance" of success. In view of the approaching Festival, the Chairman, Sir WALTER BURRELL, will, accompanied by the Sussex Stewards, visit the Schools on Tuesday, the 21st inst.

OUR readers will have heard with regret of the death of our esteemed Bro. NOTTAGE, Lord Mayor of London. Esteemed as a man, and Mason, he will be deeply regretted as a Magistrate and citizen, above all as a relative and a friend, and to his mourning family and many admirers we offer respectfully our sympathetic condolences. It is not often the Lord Mayor dies in his year of office. The last, it seems, who did so was Lord Mayor BECKFORD in 1770; five predecessor Lord Mayors had also died "in harness," it seems, in 1740, 1741, 1749, 1751, and 1753. The great bell of St. Paul's announced to the citizens that their worthy and distinguished Lord Mayor had passed away, and he will receive a public funeral on Saturday and be interred in St. Paul's. He will be truly a missed man, and his death is a great loss to all. Bro. FOWLER, P.G.W., succeeds him in the distinguished post of Lord Mayor for the remaining portion of the year.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treas., Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present, among others:

Bros. J. Stevens, G. Bolton, H. Smith, W. Marsh, Lacey, J. G. Le Feuvre, R. Wylie, C. H. Webb, F. Tyerman, H. Bartlett, F. Adlard, Storr, H. E. Dehane, J. J. Berry, W. Hilton, J. Holmes, G. Ward Verry, J. Newton, J. Terry, A. C. Spaul, G. P. Festa, F. Richardson, P. Manson, W. Roebuck, W. Lake, G. Singer, Platt, F. Walters, F. E. Pocock, M.D., J. L. Mather, H. W. Hamsworth, and Spaul.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, another vacancy for the day's election was declared. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall was again elected Treasurer of the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was impossible for him from his many engagements to give that time and attention to the duties of Treasurer of this Institution that had been given by his lamented predecessor, Bro. Col. Creaton, but such time as he could spare he was willing to devote in conformity with the efforts of the managers in their labours of love, by which they had brought the School to its present state of perfection. As a manager of more than a quarter of a century of many of our orphan establishments he could state emphatically, and without fear of contradiction, that the girls of the Masonic Girls' School at Battersea, in their general bearing, their ladylike deportment, and in their scholastic acquirements were excelled by the girls of no other similar establishment. To be a manager by virtue of the office in which they had placed him that day was indeed a great honour to him, for which he thanked the brethren.

The following brethren were then elected on the General Committee:—

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron, said it was quite unnecessary for him to say many words in bringing forward the next motion, as he felt he had the sympathy of the brethren in the matter, and that they would readily give their consent. The motion he had to make was—

That in pursuance of notice this Court accept the sum of one thousand guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire 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 Colonel 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 authorised person, in accordance with the terms of a similar Presentation, made in 1880, and named the "Bentley Shaw Presentation."

He would add that as he had been in correspondence with Bro. Frank Richardson on the subject of this presentation, the matter and all its arrangements should be left in Bro. Richardson's hands.

Bro. SAMUEL RAWSON, Past District Grand Master of China, seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., in place of Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., Patron, moved—

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

He said that very few of the brethren were aware of the great services Mrs. Howell, the wife of the honorary surgeon of the Institution, rendered to the School. In an Institution like that it was not customary, nor would it be proper, that the children should be taught singing at the expense of the subscribers. But Mrs. Howell, who was a very beautiful singer, attended constantly at the School and taught the girls singing, and it was an accomplishment in which the pupils were making excellent progress, as any one visiting the Institution would acknowledge.

Bro. CHARLES LACEY seconded the motion. He had been anxious to know what this lady had done for the Institution, and he was glad to hear from Bro. Richardson what the nature of the services was.

The motion was carried.

Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the meeting proceeded with the election of 23 girls out of an approved list of 30 candidates. The following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Watson, Marien Grace M. ...	2396	Obey, Florence Jane... ..	1632
Holmes, Margaret E. M. ...	2129	Bromley, Maude Mary	1592
Tucker, Mary Sybil	1965	Dunlop, Florence Ellen	1585
Cooke, Jessie Edith	1838	Lockwood, Gertrude	1581
Wheeler, May Amelia	1786	Whitaker, Leila Constance... ..	1576
Allen, Mary Louisa Culy	1720	Wrightson, Hetty July	1573
Marlow, May Emily	1708	Relph, Florence Eleanor	1560
Patience, Mary Scott	1703	Hutchings, Jane Wheeler	1522
Gillet, Ethel Clara	1688	Tanner, Edith Fanny	1511
Beilby, Jessie Louisa	1679	Sharland, Kate	1495
Woodforde, Rose Isabel Marian	1673	Speed, Myrtle	1490
Greenwood, Gertrude Frances	1658		

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Fitt, Maud Emily	1403	Wells, Lillian Frances	574
Smithers, Louisa Adelaide	1326	Smith, Mary Alice G.	197
Read, Mary Frances	1219	Smith Rose Adelaide Marsac	98
Mansell, Minnie Madeline	982		

Votes brought forward from October Election	12,184
Votes issued for this Election	36,515
Total	48,699

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

QUARTERLY COURT AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., V.P., in the chair. Among the numerous brethren who attended were

Bros. F. R. Spaul, R. Wylie, Wordsworth, W. D. Dugdale, A. E. Gladwell, Curteis, G. Dixon, G. Gardner, T. Sickerott, C. Millboure, Platt, H. Hacker, C. F. Matier, R. Barton, T. Bull, A. Holmes, H. Roberts, H. Bartlett, J. H. Roberts, H. Carman, G. Bolton, G. Bunney, Boney, E. F. Storr, F. Garbutt, March, Ovenden, H. Dicken, W. A. Scurah, H. Moore, C. H. Webb, F. Adlard, J. Cox, H. Smith, H. Massey, G. W. Verry, A. C. Spaul, R. Parks, F. J. Wragg, Cumberland, W. Westcott, M.B., J. J. Berry, W. Snowden, J. E. Le Feuvre, A. Perkins, H. Ratcliffe, J. J. March, H. Cox, W. Morgan, A. F. Godson, J. F. Roberts, C. F. Hogard, J. Bell, S. P. Patterson, F. Hilton, J. Stevens, F. Davison, C. L. Lane, Harvey, A. Tisley, J. G. Stevens, A. Annett, J. Pearce, J. Terry, W. Brett, P. Rawle, G. Coles, G. Snow, J. Clever, W. Dawson, T. Humphries, Neville Green, C. Hilliard, F. Stewart, G. P. Festa, G. Mickley, R. Vassar Smith, G. Coops, G. T. Wright, and P. Wallis.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. George Plucknett was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Institution, on the motion of Bro. W. ROEBUCK, seconded by Bro. J. L. MATHER.

Bro. A. F. GODSON, Vice-Patron, proposed that Law 57 be erased. He said it had now become useless. It was no longer necessary that children should attend before the General Committee for the purpose of reading. The children from the provinces were not required to attend, and there was already a special rule requiring that a certain standard should be attained before a child could be placed on the list.

Bro. C. F. HOGARD seconded the proposition.

Bro. C. H. WEBB opposed. Law 61 specially referred to all candidates. Before an applicant was placed on the list they ought to be satisfied that he was proper to be so placed. As an old attendant at the Committees of the two Schools, he was able to say that they had seen children of an age when they should read fluently referred back further to qualify themselves in reading. That was a frequent occurrence. He thought they ought to have a candidate before the Committee. When they were once placed on the list it became a question of influence whether they were elected or not.

After some further discussion,

Bro. J. E. CURTEIS, Plymouth, suggested the matter should be adjourned to the next Court so that the brethren might have an opportunity of studying the question in all its bearings.

Bro. RATCLIFFE supported the suggestion.

The CHAIRMAN ruled that the amendment could not be put.

Bro. RATCLIFFE thought that the sooner they got rid of a law which made an invidious distinction between children being within six miles of London and those living in the provinces the better. If they trusted people in the provinces they might trust those in London.

The law was erased.

On the motion of Bro. J. L. MATHER, V. Pres., seconded by Bro. W. ROEBUCK, it was unanimously resolved that the House and Building Committees be empowered to spend a sum not exceeding £750 in providing laundry accommodation 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 establishments.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND moved that the name of William Edward Tappenden, No. 35, be removed from the list of candidates for the election to-day, and adduced as his reason that the boy's late father had not left him penniless. He urged that there was enough to support the child, and that to admit him would be to shut out a boy who was not so well provided for.

Bro. HENRY MOORE, P.M. No. 73, seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN wished the brethren to remember that the Masonic Schools were not pauper schools.

Several brethren spoke against the motion, and contended that to throw out a case like this was to encourage a father not to provide for his offspring.

The motion was ultimately put to the meeting and lost by a large majority.

On the motion of Bro. EDGAR BOWYER it was resolved to elect 25 boys from a list of 44 candidates, and Scrutineers of votes having been appointed the election proceeded.

At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Chamberlain, Neville Innes... ..	2155	Lester, Isaac Harold... ..	1797
Wurr, Charles Henry	2112	Hamerton, Cecil Taylor	1780
Richards, Walter John	1995	Richardson, Arthur Taylor	1757
Walker Harold John	1933	Harvey, Lewis John T.	1736
Moore, Arthur	1903	Pattison, Fredk. Wm.	1730
Food, Thomas Robert	1895	Roddam, Cuthbert John G.	1713
Tappenden, William Edwd.	1889	Hickenbotham, Edwd. B.	1711
Morley, William Forrest	1887	Cole, Wm. Percy	1677
Reynolds, Edward Lloyd	1879	Dawson, Stanley Claude	1619
Warren, Ambrose C. H.	1879	Sturray, John Stephens	1617
Perkins, Frank	1868	France, Frederick H.	1605
Allan, John Sinclair B.	1831	Watkins, Frank Murley	1162
Oscroft, James Hall	1830	Scarfe, J. T.	859

UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
Musgrave, Percy White	840	Warner, Arthur	238
Kent, Fras. B. Brocksopp	780	Green, James Murray	192
Hilbred, Benjamin Meeds	772	West, Algernon Sackville	188
McMillan, John Nicol	744	Senior, George James	188
Henshaw, Harry Edwards	719	Mushens, Alfred Thompson	17
Higgison, Francis Walford	426	Taylor, Albert	17
Haxthausen, Charles E.	415	Cannon, George	16
Knight, Samuel William	311	Davis, Frederick Tello	7
Astington, Alfred Ernest	275	Gibbs, Percy	1

CONSECRATION OF THE HAMMERSMITH LODGE, No. 2090.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Board room of the Board of Works, Broadway, Hammersmith, on which occasion there was a very large gathering of the brethren to witness the ceremony, which was performed by V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., assisted by W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.D., as S.W.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., as J.W.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, M.A., P.G.C., as Chap.; and W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Dir. of Cers.; the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. F. J. Oliver.

The lodge was opened by the Grand Secretary shortly after four o'clock, and after the hymn "Hail, Eternal by whose aid" had been sung, the Presiding Officer addressing the assembled brethren said that they had met there that day on a very important and interesting occasion, their business being to consecrate a new lodge, No. 2090 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. There were now nearly 350 London lodges, and it was not desirable that the number should be increased, the result being that many petitions had been declined. There were, however, exceptions, and the petitioners for a warrant for the Hammersmith Lodge had to congratulate themselves that their petition had been successful. They were, he believed, all residents in the neighbourhood, which, as regarded Masonry, appeared to be unoccupied territory, and the Grand Master had therefore been pleased to grant the petition. The position and acquirements of the brethren who had been selected to preside over the lodge gave assurance that the lodge would be conducted in a very satisfactory and able manner. He wished, however, to give them a word of warning, not to be in too great a hurry to go ahead—not to think it absolutely necessary to become a large and numerous lodge, because that might place them in a difficulty. Some lodges looked to quantity rather than quality, and in their haste let in undesirable members whom they would afterwards be very glad to be rid of. It was very easy to get an undesirable member into a lodge, but very hard to get him out. In this day all the minutiae of Freemasonry was so much before the public, and all the benefits obtainable were so much in evidence that many men attempted to get in from unworthy motives; and he, therefore, made it a practice to warn all lodges against such men. The previous history and the temperament of every candidate should be found out, that the members of the lodge might fully consider whether he would be a desirable brother. If this simple rule were followed a lodge would become a band of brothers indeed. He trusted that this would be the case with the Hammersmith Lodge, and that after a certain number of years they would arrive at a successful position among the lodges of London.

The V.W. CHAPLAIN, at the conclusion of the Presiding Officer's address, offered up prayer, after which the Dir. of Cers. ranged the petitioners before the Master's chair, the officers named in the warrant, namely: Bro. Howard Henry Room, W.M. designate; Bro. Harry Tipper, S.W. designate; and Bro. David Stroud, J.W. designate, being in front.

The DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES then proceeded to read the petition and warrant, and the petitioners in replying to the demand of the Presiding Officer signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant.

V.W. Bro. AMBROSE WM. HALL, Chap., then delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution.

The delivery of the oration was followed by an anthem sung by the musical brethren, and the Presiding Officer proceeded to give the invocation, after which the lodge board was uncovered and consecrated in due form, and, after dedicating the lodge formally, constituted the petitioners to whom the warrant had been granted, its first members. The brethren then sang the hymn "Glory to God on High," and the Presiding Officer pronounced the final benediction.

The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree; Bro. Howard H. Room, W.M. designate, was presented by W. Bro. Richardson to the Presiding Officer for installation, and after Bro. Room had been duly obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, in whose presence the ceremony of installation was completed, and Bro. Room was invested with the badges of office. Bro. Room nominated Bro. Geo. Read, P.M. 511, 1767, &c., to act as I.P.M., and invested him with the collar of that office. The Board having been closed, the lodge was resumed, the brethren admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. W. P. Cockburn was elected Treasurer by ballot, and Bro. Verry, Tyler, by show of hands, and the appointment and investiture of the officers was proceeded with. The officers for the year are as follows: Bros. Howard H. Room, W.M.; George Read, P.M. 511, 1767, &c., I.P.M.; Harry Tipper, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; W. P. Cockburn, Treas.; Arthur J. Barclay, Sec.; F. Mander, S.D.; F. R. Hayes, W.M. 1767, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; W.

Watson, P.M. 834, D.C.; H. G. Penney, A.D.C.; R. Wimpey, W.S.; and R. H. Williams, A.W.S.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were never better performed by Bro. Col. Clerke, who rendered the beautiful ritual in a most impressive manner. Too high praise cannot be given to the W.M., Bro. Room, who was no sooner master of the gavel than he proved himself, by the fluency and skill with which he addressed his officers and invested them, a thorough master of his work. It is most unusual to see a brother who has never before occupied the position of Master do his work so perfectly. At the conclusion of the ceremony, he said he wished to take the earliest opportunity of expressing his gratitude to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Officers who had assisted him, for the services they had performed. He should have to refer to the subject more fully at a later period; but in the meantime he proposed that a vote of thanks to the Grand Officers present be entered on the minutes.

This vote having been seconded by the I.P.M. and passed, and the GRAND SECRETARY having acknowledged the compliment,

Bro. TIPPER, S.W., proposed that those Grand Officers be made honorary members of the lodge.

This was seconded by the J.W., and

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in returning thanks, said that it would give him and the other Grand Officers included in the vote much pleasure to come from time to time to witness the progress they expected the lodge to make.

Eight initiates and joining members were proposed by various officers, after which the lodge was closed in due form, and the company adjourned to the Windsor Castle, where an excellent banquet provided by Bro. Gilbert, the host, awaited them. The banquet was admirably served, musical selections being performed by a string band in an ante room during the repast.

Subsequently the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who in proposing "The Health of the Grand Master" remarked, in reference to the recent introduction of his eldest son into the Order, that it came upon the Craft with satisfaction not unmixed with surprise to find that H.R.H. had had time amongst his manifold engagements to master the ritual so as to be able himself to perform the ceremony of initiation. He also referred to the patriotic duty which he was now performing in his visit to Ireland, and included in the toast a wish that he might have a safe return to his native country.

With the toast to "The Health of the Grand Officers," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER coupled the name of the V.W. Bro. the Rev. AMBROSE HALL, who replied, not only as a Grand Officer, but as a neighbour, and made reference to various lodges in the district with which he was more or less connected.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The health of the Consecrating Officer," which he designated the toast of the evening, and expressed his admiration of the manner in which they had performed their work, and the obligation which he felt himself under to them for having undertaken it.

To this toast the GRAND SECRETARY replied, and said that the services he had rendered would have been of little avail but for the able manner in which he was assisted by the other Grand Officers who were associated with him in this toast. He then said that, notwithstanding what the W.M. had said, the brethren would agree with him that the toast which he was about to propose was the toast of the evening, for that toast was "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Boom was not an old Mason but he was a very industrious one, and they owed the formation of this lodge very much to Bro. Room's energy.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. PURDUE, CUBITT, KEEBLE, BRYCE, BIRD, JUBAL WEBB, TRUMAN, WOOD, and others; after which the toast to "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The following brethren were among the visitors present:—

Bro. R. S. Lewis, P.M. 834; H. Purdue, W.M. 834; J. H. Lewis, 834; Edw. Terry, P.M., P.Z., 1319; Danl. S. Long, 1275; H. Breitbart, 1228; J. H. Taylor, P.M. 1762; B. Wright, J. W. Barker, P.M. 1767; Alfred Bird, F. J. Oliver, P.M. 834; W. J. Coplestone, John C. Morgan, W. A. Cubitt, W.M. 193; Wm. Mann, P.M. 1868; J. E. Cooney, 834; Rich. Daxe, T. H. W. Fry, 1692; Lewis Ascott, P.M. 733; Wm. Williams, S.W. 1828; F. Walden, 975; Geo. Gardner, S.W. 2012; Thos. T. Frauce, 207; W. C. Williams, Fredk. Keeble, 1426; J. G. Doncaster, 834; H. B. Wheatley, 1159; C. Chaffourin, I.G. 1201; G. P. Wood, 1201; F. Pedler, 1201; Philip Perry, 1891; Lewis Bryett, 1828 and 1302; C. J. Foakes, I.P.M. 1821; C. W. Fletcher, 2029; Alfred C. Bean, P.M. 834; Edwin Gilbert, 1326; J. A. Wright, 1767; Geo. W. Harris, 2045; Wm. Game, 511; Edwd. Bird, 14; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; A. Ramsay Stuart, 926; F. E. Pocock, M.D., W.M. 1891; F. Bevan, W. B. Fendick, P.M. 1321; Sebn. W. Myer, H. W. Smith, J. Brown, D.C. 2012; Edwin Lucas, T. C. Allingham, S.D. 858; J. Webb, W.M. 55; Cordingly, P.M. 45; H. T. Wood, P.G.S., W.M. 99; Pearce, and E. C. Massey.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

More than the usual amount of pomp and circumstance appears to have attended the installation and investiture of the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G. Master Mason of Scotland, as Deputy Grand Master and Governor of that distinguished body, the Royal Order of Scotland, whose re-establishment is attributed to Robert the Bruce and assigned to the eventful year 1314. The event took place in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were gathered together in honour of the occasion a very full muster of the most distinguished members of the Masonic Order in Scotland. Among those present, in addition to the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the Earl of Kintore, and the Earl of Haddington, were the following office bearers of the Grand Lodge, Royal Order, namely: Bros. Alexander Hay, G.S.W. and Deputy T.R.S.T.A.; W. Hay, G.J.W.; Rev. T. N. Wannop, G. Chap.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; G. Dickson, M.D., G. Treas.; A. Mitchell, D.G. Marshal; R. S. Brown, G. Introductor and Examiner; W. Edwards, G. Constable of the T.W.R.; H. J. Shields, G. Guarde; W. N. Fraser, of Tornaveen, J. E. Webster, A.C.S., and F. E. Villiers, of Cloxburn, G. Stwds.; W. M. Bryce, D.G. Guarde; and others.

The preliminary proceedings included the reception into the Order of the Earl of Haddington and eight other brethren, after which Bro. W. Mann, Depute Governor and T.R.S.T.A., took the chair. Grand Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of the day was carried out in a most impressive manner and on a scale of grandeur rarely, if ever, witnessed before. The members having been assigned their proper stations by the Grand Marshal, the Earl of Kintore, Bro. MANN declared the object of the meeting to be

the installation and investiture of the Earl of Rosslyn as Deputy G. Master and Governor in succession to the late Bro. Whyte-Melville, and a deputation, consisting of the G. Wardens and other G. Officers, was at once formed for the purpose of ushering in his lordship.

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the minute of election and the DEPUTY GOVERNOR having offered a few remarks suitable to the occasion, the oath of fidelity was administered, and Lord Rosslyn was formally placed on the throne of Grand Lodge and invested with the insignia of his office.

The event having been duly proclaimed, the D.G. MASTER returned his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

A banquet followed in the Great Hall, the chair being occupied by the Earl of Rosslyn, who was supported right and left by the Earls of Kintore, Mar and Kellie, and Haddington, and the Grand Office Bearers, while the croupiers' chairs were filled by Bros. W. Mann and Alexander. There were also present Bros. R. F. Shaw-Stewart, F. A. Barrow, Glasgow; Dr. Winchester, J. H. Balfour, W.S.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow; Captain F. W. Allan, Glasgow; W. Officer, S.S.C.; James Crichton, Edinburgh; W. Maclean, jun., Glasgow; E. Armitage, Dr. Lilburne, R.N.; Dr. Levies, London; G. P. Brockbank, Bolton; David Kinnear, Edinburgh; Dr. James Carmichael, Dr. John Falconer, ex-Provost Christie, Stirling; Lindsay Mackersy, W.S.; and others.

Apologies for absence were read from Bros. the Earl of Breadalbane, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart.; Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart.; J. T. S. Elliot, jur., of Wolfelee, Grand Banner Bearer; Captain Russell Colt of Gartsherrie, Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart.; Captain Charles Hunter, North Wales, and others.

After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been honoured, that of "The Memory of Robert Bruce, the Hero of Bannockburn, and Restorer of the Royal Order," was drunk in solemn silence.

The Earl of MAR and KELLIE proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn, Deputy Grand Master and Governor," and the toast was very heartily received.

The noble CHAIRMAN, in reply, thanked the companions for the great honour they had conferred on him by electing him to his high office. The fact that this Order was a purely Scottish Order had, he said, something in it which to him brought something of the old ring of, he might almost say, clanship, and bore with it a token that the Scotsman who accepted that purely Scottish office was likely, as he hoped to be, to do his duty in it. He was not only inspired by national feelings, but he was also inspired by a deep love and regard for that good man who was his predecessor. For many years Bro. Whyte-Melville was almost as a father to him. They lived in the same county. He had known Bro. Whyte-Melville for fully 40 years, and during all that time he might say he looked on him as his adopted Masonic child. From the earliest days of his Masonic initiation—just 35 years ago—when he presented and initiated him, he looked forward with their favour to the fact of his being able some day to succeed him in those honours which he bore so well and so bravely. By their favour he had succeeded to some of them, and if he was successful in doing his duty as well as their late Grand Master did he should, he hoped, satisfy them. Some of the pleasantest moments of his life had been spent in Scottish Masonic company. His lordship looked forward to spending more happy days in their society. During the time he was Grand Master Mason he had to contend with difficulties which perhaps were unknown to those who came after him; but he was glad to say that now they had gallantly surmounted those. He would further say in the presence of his noble friend on the right (the Earl of Mar and Kellie), who had succeeded one who was an honour to the Craft, that they had raised Scottish Masonry to a more flourishing condition than he had ever hoped it would be in. It was an institution socially or financially unexampled in the annals of the country, and for that thanks were due not only to the heads of the Order, but to the working officers who had come in since his time. And that success was shared by all those Orders of which Grand Lodge might be said to be the head. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Prov. G. Lodges" having been acknowledged by Bros. F. A. BARROW, Glasgow, and G. P. BROCKBANK, Lancashire, and that of "The Youngest Members of Grand Lodge" by Bro. ex-Provost CHRISTIE, of Stirling,

The Earl of KINTORE gave "The Health of the Countess of Rosslyn."

The CHAIRMAN, in replying, said the Countess took an interest not less than that of any lady in Scotland in Masonry as one of the most charitable and philanthropic institutions in the world, and had a sincere sympathy with those who practised it. She had done the honours at Roslin on the occasion of a Masonic visit, and her proudest hope was that at no distant date she might welcome the Masons at Roslin again. (Applause.)

The Earl of MAR and KELLIE, in replying for "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," proposed by Bro. J. H. BALFOUR, W.S., mentioned that it was during the reign of Lord Rosslyn that light began to dawn on Grand Lodge affairs, and that if there had been a Grand Secretary then such as there was now the remedy would have come sooner. It was his Lordship also who first suggested the extension of the fund of Masonic benevolence, and he congratulated the brethren on the near consummation of his Lordship's hopes in that direction. (Applause.)

The Earl of ROSSLYN having acknowledged the toast of "The Supreme Council," proposed by Bro. VILLIERS, and the Deputy-Governor, Bro. MANN, having been toasted and expressed his thanks for the compliment, Bro. Captain F. W. ALLAN proposed "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland," and said that the Earl of Kintore was doing great work in that chapter, and expressed the hope that it would be continued. (Applause.)

The Earl of KINTORE, in replying, said that the companions in the East owed much to those in the West of Scotland for what was being done in the chapter.

The toast of "The Companions" having been proposed and honoured, the CHAIRMAN, in proposing that of "The Memory of Bro. John Whyte-Melville," said that, so far as he knew, this was the first time this toast had been proposed in an influential meeting of that body, which their late brother in his life loved so well and served so faithfully. They felt that on such an occasion as the present there was a blank among them, and a void which it was difficult indeed to fill. The long and honoured life of their dear departed friend had not been vainly spent when it had enshrined itself in the hearts of all true Scottish Masons, and had formed a memorial in their bosoms which would never be allowed to perish; and he thought that so long as Masonry existed and flourished in Scotland this melancholy but just tribute to departed worth would always be paid.

The toast, which was drunk in solemn silence, closed the proceedings.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this
Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-
fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, April 11th, 1885, Bro.
H. B. Marshall, C.C., Treasurer, in the chair, after the
general business was disposed of, the Governors and Sub-
scribers proceeded to the Election by ballot of 23 Girls into
the Institution from a list of 30 approved Candidates, when
the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED.	Votes.
1	16	Watson, M. G. M.	2396
2	7	Holmes, M. E. M.	2129
3	19	Tucker, M. S.	1965
4	22	Cooke, J. E.	1838
5	2	Wheeler, M. A.	1786
6	17	Allen, M. L. C.	1720
7	20	Marlow, M. E.	1708
8	26	Patience, M. S.	1703
9	18	Gillett, E. C.	1688
10	4	Beilby, J. L.	1679
11	8	Woodforde, R. J. M.	1673
12	13	Greenwood, G. F.	1658
13	6	Obey, F. J.	1632
14	3	Bromley, M. M.	1592
15	24	Dunlop, F. B.	1585
16	27	Lockforde, G.	1581
17	25	Whitaker, L. C.	1576
18	23	Wrightson, H. J.	1573
19	5	Relph, F. E.	1560
20	1	Hutchings, J. W.	1522
21	10	Tanner, E. F.	1511
22	14	Sharland, K.	1495
23	29	Speed, M.	1490

The numbers of votes recorded for unsuccessful candi-
dates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's
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Stewart in the chair, a Ballot took place for the election of
26 Boys from an approved list of 45 Candidates, the follow-
ing being declared

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	SUCCESSFUL.	Notes.
1	33	Chamberlain, N. J.	2155
2	22	Wurr, C. H.	2112
3	20	Richards, W. J.	1995
4	32	Walker, H. J.	1933
5	7	Moore, A.	1903
6	25	Foord, T. R.	1895
7	35	Tappenden, W. E.	1889
8	26	Morley, W. F.	1887
9	38	Reynolds, E. L.	1879
10	36	Warren, A. C. H.	1879
11	9	Perkins, F.	1868
12	4	Allan, J. S. B.	1831
13	40	Oscraft, J. H.	1830
14	19	Lester, J. H.	1797
15	24	Hamerton, C. T.	1780
16	18	Richardson, A. T.	1757
17	10	Harvey, L. J. T.	1736
18	44	Pattison, F. W.	1730
19	15	Roddam, C. J. G.	1713
20	42	Hickenbotham, E. B.	1711
21	29	Cole, W. P.	1677
22	6	Dawson, S. C.	1619
23	39	Scurray, J. S.	1617
24	30	France, J. H.	1603
25	34	Watkins, F. M.	1162
26	31	Scarfe, J. T.	859

List of candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full
particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

I beg most respectfully and gratefully to thank those
Ladies and Gentlemen who, by their Votes and Interest,
kindly assisted in procuring the success of the Election of
my Nephew,

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Rev. J. A. CHAMBERLAIN, begs most sinerely to
thank those kind friends who assisted towards the success
of his Grandson's election.

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In returning you my sincere thanks for your great
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To Correspondents.

WILLIAM HARDAKER.—We do not consider it either wise or expedient to give publicity to your letter. It would no doubt be very satisfactory if the old relations between the two bodies could be restored, but, in our judgment, it rests entirely with the Grand Lodge to determine when and under what conditions such restoration should take place.

The following communications stand over—

CRAFT LODGES—Robert Burns, 25; Arboretum, 731; Ranelagh, 834 (installation); Temple, 1094; Saville, 1231; Era, 1423 (installation); Wanderers, 1604 (installation); Creton, 1791.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—Wanderers, 1604.

Consecration Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, No. 352, at Ripon.

CORRESPONDENCE—"A Student in Masonry," "A Lancashire Freemason."

NOTES AND QUERIES—Inverness Lodge.

French Freemasonry.—Masonic Concert at Cookstown.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Court Circular," "El Taller," "Masonic Truth," "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Orient," "Report of the Punjab Masonic Institution for Educating the Children of Indigent Freemasons for the Year 1884," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Buxton Advertiser," "Jewish Chronicle," "New Zealand Freemason," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Liberal Freemason," "The Freemason" (Detroit), "New Zealand Craftsman and Masonic Review," "New York Dispatch," "Masonic Advocate," "Keystone" (Philadelphia), "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times" (London), "Citizen."



SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 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 BALLOT—ITS USE AND ABUSE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The correspondence on this subject reminds one of the West country farmer and his estimate of light wines when first introduced at an audit dinner. In the course of the evening he was asked "how he liked the Claret?" "I don't altogether dislike it," he replied, "but I don't seem to get any forwarder with it." So with this subject of the ballot, "we don't seem to get any forwarder with it," as shown by the letters in your last issue.

To say "the essence of the ballot is secrecy," is simply to say the ballot is the ballot; it does not help us as regards the question uppermost in the minds of most of your correspondents, viz., if the ballot be abused to black ball candidates, not for any reason connected with such candidates, but;

(a.) To prevent the W.M. having any ceremonies;

(b.) Out of petty spite to the proposers of said candidates;

(c.) Out of retaliation to the majority of a lodge which has duly carried a resolution, to which the blackballers objected.

(I forbear to amplify the above reasons, which were cited as actual experiences by "Ballot," in his letter to the Freemason March 28th.) If the ballot be thus abused what constitutional redress have the lodges or brethren injured by the abuse? According to "S. M. M. C. O." absolutely none. According to a "P.G. Sec." complaint

* See Dr. Johnson's folio dict., s. 1755:—BALLOT. A little ball or ticket used in giving votes, being put privately into a box or urn. To ballot. To choose by ballot, i.e., by putting little balls or tickets x x x privately in a box; by counting which it is known what is the result of the poll, without any discovery by whom each vote was given.

to the P.G. Master, according to others, "if conspiracy to black ball can be shown, or if a brother has threatened to black ball," then a Masonic offence has been committed, and the offenders can be punished by the proper Masonic authorities.

But, Sir, I humbly submit that if it be a Masonic offence to threaten or to conspire, the overt act, which fulfils the threat, or carries out the conspiracy, must be a still greater offence.

To threaten, or conspire to murder, cannot be a greater offence than murder itself.

The inviolability of the ballot is sound so long as the ballot is rightly and properly used, viz., to defend and protect the members of a lodge from the admission of candidates whose presence might disturb its harmony, or otherwise injure its prosperity and usefulness; but plainly it should not be abused in the manner above noted, nor used as a weapon to attack and injure the lodge or any of its members.

In the cases (a) (b) (c) above cited, what constitutional redress do our Constitutions or our practice and customs provide?—Yours fraternally,

G. T. BUDDEN.

P.S.—A "Master Mason," anent this subject, remarks: "Respecting a candidate not being in a good financial position, I differ," &c. He misquotes "Ballot," who used the constitutional phrase, "not in reputable circumstances." Unless a man is in reputable circumstances, he cannot be a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, according to our Constitutions.—G. T. B.

THE WORD HELE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Although both Bros. Whytehead and Stevens refer to Chaucer as using this word, neither give the chapter and verse. Indeed, Bro. Whytehead cautiously says, "I believe the word is to be found in Chaucer."

Two or three years ago, in a letter which you kindly inserted in the Freemason, I pointed out that the word was used by Langland in the "Vision of William, concerning PIERS THE PLOWMAN," as well as by CHAUCER, in exactly the same sense as used by us Freemasons. In "Piers the Plowman," Passus V, lines 166, 167, and 168, we have the following passage,

"Seint Gregorie was a gode pope and had a gode forwit, That no priouresse were prest for that he ordeigned. That had thanne ben infamys the firste day"

—they can so yuel hele conseil." i.e.—they can so ill hele counsel.

Our modern idiom would be—They cannot keep counsel; the word concealed being understood though not expressed.

Chaucer uses the word in the "Wyf of Bathes Tale," line 6532: "Pardy, we wyymen can right no thing hele, wites on Mida."—And she then tells the tale of Midas with the asses ears—in support of her assertion.

Years ago my attention was arrested by the word "Verhelen," in a German translation of the English Book of Common Prayer. In the Confession the phrase, "not dissemble nor cloak them," is rendered, "sic—weder verhelten moch bemanteln." In GRIEB'S German Dictionary VERHELEN is English to hide, to secrete; VERHELEN, a hider, concealer, dissembler. Its primitive HEHL, is English—secrecy; the verb HEHLEN, to conceal; and HEHLER, a concealer, a receiver of stolen goods. The difference between our old hele and hale is similar to that between the German Hehl and Heil.

There does not appear to be much obscurity about the word hele; cowan seems far more difficult to trace—whether it has any other relation than that of sound to the Hebrew Cohen. I am not recondite enough to hazard an opinion.—Yours fraternally,

G. T. BUDDEN.

AN ENQUIRY.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should like to know the rule (if any) or custom which applies to the following case:—

A candidate is initiated in Ireland, leaves the country to reside permanently in England, in a town where there is a lodge, in which he wishes to get his Second and Third Degrees, with the consent and assistance of his original lodge.

What steps are necessary to effect his purpose legally and constitutionally?

Assuming that he receives his Third Degree, which lodge obtains his certificate?

Also, having paid the full initiation fees in Ireland, would an English lodge (as a rule) confer the other Degrees free of charge?—Yours fraternally,

HIBERNIAN.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As it is "very important that there should be no mistake on such a prevailing point," I venture to trespass on your patience again, as I have not yet had a satisfactory answer to my question.

With all due deference to Bro. "S. M. M. C. O." and yourself, I think that Bro. Whytehead and I have a clear idea of what is to our mind the "point of the matter."

Bro. "S. M. M. C. O." rather begs the question. He quotes Laws 272-274, as the authority of the Board for dealing with the matter, but that authority I never questioned. On the contrary, I assumed that the Board had proceeded according to the Laws (via Law 273). My point arises under Law 276, which lays down that "when the Board has . . . decided on any case which . . . requires . . . suspension, the offence shall be fully stated in the minutes, shall be declared proved, the law relating thereto, if the offence is provided against, quoted, and the decision recorded."

As no law was quoted in the report of Grand Lodge I do not think I made an improper request in asking for a little explanation as to what is that "principle of the ballot" which was said to be nullified.

I do not think the dictionaries quite bear out Bro. "S. M. M. C. O." for his one meaning given is "a secret method of voting at elections." Yet other meanings given are simply "a vote," "act of voting" without reference to secrecy.

A Club, of course, goes by its own laws only, and in case

of an abuse of the ballot can take its own steps. In a parliamentary election I would remind "S. M. M. C. O." that in certain cases it is possible to go behind the ballot.

I should hardly have thought my questions in my first letter could be considered "conundrums." Surely there must be decisions of the Board bearing on the points I raised. But I shall be quite satisfied if I can get authoritative answers to these two questions to begin with.

(a.) Is the "principle of the ballot" absolute and inviolable secrecy under all circumstances?

(b.) What law did the Board quote in their minutes as the one under which they acted?—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

THE ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

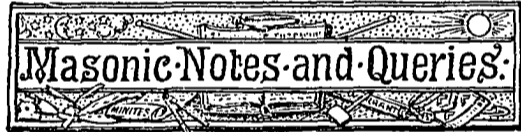
Dear Sir and Brother,

Without doubt many brethren will have been deeply interested in perusing the correspondence which has lately taken place in your paper on the above subject, and I feel confident that many, like myself, will agree with the remarks of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, wherein he states that any brother who threatens to misuse the ballot should be summoned to appear before his lodge, so that his conduct may be made the subject of investigation.

I have, during the time of my connection with the Craft, known several most worthy individuals who might to-day have been useful members of, and ornaments to, our good old Fraternity but for the threatened misuse of the ballot. But there is one way to deal with the question, and one which, if more frequently acted on by the misused applicant for admission, would, in my humble opinion, do more to abolish this abuse than anything else, and that is, to knock at the door of some other lodge.

I know a person who, some years ago, was desirous of becoming a Mason, and at that time, and for about seven years previously, had been living in a small provincial town. He did not contemplate seeking admission into the local lodge, but had always preferred joining one in a neighbouring town, wherein several members of his family had been initiated and had been through the various offices; but on his mentioning the matter to a Mason, he was advised to offer himself to the local lodge as a matter of courtesy. He at once saw the soundness of the advice, and a brother of the local lodge undertook his proposition; but, for some unexplained reason, that proposition was never made, and it at once became clear that he had "a friend" in the lodge. He at once applied for admission to the lodge in the neighbouring town, was gladly received, and in due course took his degrees. And now comes the peculiar part of the whole affair. When it became known that he had been admitted by the neighbouring lodge, several of the local brethren declared that he had acted badly in going away from the town for initiation. But, Sir, I have a very strong impression (and I might with safety use a stronger expression) that the very men who said so were those who had been against his admission in the first instance. This was not the first time that an eligible candidate had been so treated; but I personally know that up to the present time he was the last.—Yours fraternally,

JUSTICE.



PASCHALIS AND CONTI.

567] Would "G. C. D. 1744" (Paris) inform me what authority there is for saying that Paschalis was propagating Masonry in 1738? Also how were Conti and Clermont related to each other? Some historians confuse the two, or make them the same person. JOHN YARKER.

HELE.

568] If your readers will refer to Webster's Dictionary, revised by Chauncy Gooderich and Noah Porte, D.D., they will there find: "Héle (verb trans.) [Anglo-Sax. and old High German helan, and new High German hehlan, allied to Latin celare; whence Gothic and old High German hullen; Icel., hylia; Sweden, hölja; Dan., hylle; to cover, veil, c. f. hill, verb trans. 2, and conceal]. To hide; to conceal; to cover; to roof gower." This appears to me to meet the case.

MARK NATHAN, 599.

569] This word is derived from the Anglo-Saxon verb hélan, to cover, hide, or conceal. In Sussex we retain many purely Saxon words, and amongst them the term heal (or hele), which is generally connected with roofs. Thus an architect certifies for advances to be made to a builder when a house is healed-in, i.e., covered in, and a particular kind of stone found near Horsham, in Sussex, is used for roofing purposes, being split up and used like tiles, and known as healing stone. The word hell is from the same source, and originally signified the grave or a place where a person was hid or covered over. (See Sir Geo. Cox's "Mythology of the Aryan Nations.") No Sussex Mason would have any doubt that the pronunciation is like that of heal (to cure).

FREDERICK E. SAWYER, R.S.A.,

Steward St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 1636.

NOTES ON SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY.

570] I know it is much easier to ask for some more "Scottish Notes" by my good friend brother "W. O." than it is to write them, but knowing the facilities my friend has had for so many years to obtain special information, I feel quite certain, that if he will kindly look up some more notes of the same kind, he would not only oblige the "Masonic Student," but also many other Masonic students. Also, if Bro. J. H. Neilson, of Dublin, would follow with notes on Freemasonry in Ireland, I should be especially glad, as he is one of the very few conversant with the early history and customs of the Irish Craft. It is much to be regretted we know so little of the spread of Freemasonry in the "Emerald Isle" from 1725.

W. J. HUGHAN.

KLOSZ OR KLOSS.

571] In answer to "A. F. A. W.," I am afraid I can only plead habit or a whim in justification of Kloss. There is a certain German character which is usually rendered by

double s in Latin type. This compound letter is, however, nothing more nor less than a long s followed by a z, and is the final letter of our author's name. Hence in German characters his name is Klossz, and in Latin, Kloss. I am so in the habit of writing German characters when treating of German matters that I involuntarily, even in Latin characters, use the same combination, and write Klossz, Grosz, Dasz, &c., instead of Kloss, Gross, Dass. Great writers are allowed their whims—why not little ones? In the genitive, Bro. W. writes Kloss's. I think Klossz's looks better. I don't like the sss. I should, however, prefer Klossz', only the printer never will indulge me, and always adds another s. G. W. SPETH.

572] COWAN.

I cannot agree with "Masonic Student" that "the alleged Greek derivation of Cowan is one of those absurdities for which there is no excuse." In default of any better evidence of its certain derivation, Mackey's appears to be the most reasonable deduction. We have read of the "Christian Mysteries," and are familiar with the epithet "dog," as applied by the profane, even at this day, in Eastern countries, to those who profess Christianity. Since the Greek for "dog" is *Kyon*, and it was evidently intended to apply the disparaging epithet to those outside the pale of our Masonic mysteries, it can be readily conceived that the term was, as Mackey says, "borrowed by Freemasons, and in time corrupted into Cowan." *COVIN* is an English word in frequent use now, witness the legal expression "with covin and fraud," and is analogous to the Latin word *Collusio*, which has a different meaning altogether to that sought to be expressed by the term "eaves dropper," which is intended by the use of the word Cowan. We must go much further back than 1599, and the minutes of Mary Chapel, to find a derivation for the word more reasonable than that which Mackey gives us. JAMES STEVENS.

573] FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

May I suggest to "G. C. D. 1744," that communications of the nature of his last should be addressed to Notes and Queries, and not to correspondence, where those most interested may possibly overlook them. "G. C. D.'s" postscript interests me. I have for weeks sought information in vain respecting this Grande Loge Symbolique of 1880. The Grand Sec. of Grand Orient does not even acknowledge receipt of my letter of enquiry. Can "G. C. D." help me? I want information as to its origin, rise, and present position. Will "G. C. D." write me direct? Margate will be sufficient address for postal purposes. Most Masonic authorities publish periodical reports of proceedings. Can "G. C. D." supply me with a set of this Grand Lodge? I will gladly reimburse his outlay. Let me advise "G. C. D." to put no trust whatever in accounts connecting the Stuarts with Freemasonry. We have it in the Young Pretender's own written and verbal statements that they are absolutely baseless, pure inventions. Spurious charters exist in which the Chevalier St. George actually styles himself "Pretender," a glaring proof of the forger's clumsiness. G. W. SPETH.

574] UNITY LODGE, FRANKFORT.

I have been much interested in reading the particulars afforded by our indefatigable Bro. G. W. Speth, of the Unity Lodge, from 1743. Can he give us a copy of the original warrant (which is still preserved) in the "Masonic Notes and Queries?" I feel sure myself that the warrants for Germany, granted by the Grand Lodge of England, are similar to those issued for this country, but am anxious to see reliable copies of the oldest documents of this class, because of the remarks by the late Lord Tenterden, in Grand Lodge, on Dec. 5th, 1877. There was a long and most interesting discussion on the proposition of the Rev. R. J. Simpson, G.C., that the 300 petitions in favour of the Grand Lodge of England seeking to obtain the initiation in Germany of others than professing Christians "be received" Lord Tenterden, our representative from the German Grand Lodges, declared that "The Three Globes Lodge was constituted in 1740 as a Christian Lodge." Also that "when Freemasonry was first introduced into Germany last century it was constituted on the Christian system of St. John. Now, it is quite evident this lodge and Grand Lodge became *Christian* only; but was it so, and were other German Lodges Christian only from 1740 to 1750? If they had similar warrants to lodges in this country, and the same books and Constitutions, I should like to know how these brethren could legally alter their unsectarian basis. W. J. HUGHAN.

575] THE INVERNESS CHARTER.

I see Bro. Hughan's reply, and am obliged by the reference. Owing to the Elections, I cannot this week look into the matter; but I would just remark, does he not prove too much? If Bro. Gould be correct that the actual full recognition of the Third Degree is in Scotland confined to the last two decades of the eighteenth century—from 1780 to 1800—how is it that we have the word "raised" used in 1737 and 1739, as if of common understanding and common use? Had it a different signification then to what it has with us, Masonically, now? If it had not, the inference is, I think, plain and incontestable—the word referred technically to the Third Degree. I quite understand Bro. D. M. Lyon's argument as regards the 1721 Desaguliers' theory, about which a good deal may be said; but I confess I cannot realize this later suggestion at all, or even conceive what it means, or to what it tends. As regards the Third Degree being "Modern," this is begging the whole question. The third edition of the Sloane MS. contains a recent study of it, which seems to show that chorographically even the MS. may date from 1680, and archaically it is clearly mid-seventeenth century. If that is conceded by "experts," as I believe it will be, the argument that the Third Degree is the result of the Revival in 1717 only must fall to the ground. "Verbum sat sapientibus," that is, "bright Masons."

MASONIC STUDENT.

The Princess of Wales has forwarded a picture of considerable value from Marlborough House to the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital at Eastbourne. This hospital was opened some years since by her Royal Highness and the Prince of Wales, and has always been regarded with great interest by the different members of the Royal Family.

REPORTS OF OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met on the 31st ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those in attendance were Bros. R. F. Jordan, W.M.; Fromholtz, S.W.; Coop, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Hakim, acting S.D.; Steng, acting J.D.; Hudson, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Maskell and Lange were duly raised to the Degree of M.M.

Among the visitors were Bros. F. Smith, S.D. 1305; R. Raymond, 1305; and O. H. Arnold, 10 (U.S.). Several communications having been read, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—The usual meeting of the above lodge took place at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. There was present a very large attendance of the brethren of the lodge, and also a numerous gathering of Past Masters and brethren from the metropolitan lodges. The principal event of the evening was the installation, by Bro. Terry, P.M., of Bro. J. H. Pringle, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction in connection with the above lodge, as W.M. of the lodge for the year 1885-6. The ceremony of installation having been performed in Bro. Terry's usual impressive manner, Bro. Pringle appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Gaisford, S.W.; Palmer, J.W.; Daniels, P.M., Treasurer; Breden, P.M., Secretary; Bull, S.D.; Clements, J.D.; Shepperd, I.G.; Timson, D.C.; Varcoe and Passfield, Stewards, and Bowler, as Tyler. At the conclusion of the investiture, Bro. F. Robinson was presented with a magnificent Past Master's jewel for his services during the past year.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the large banquetting room, where a choice repast was provided by the host, Bro. P. Frankland, at which, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and received, the 26th installation of this prosperous lodge was brought to a successful termination.

DUDLEY.—Harmonic Lodge (No. 252).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Stone-street. Present: Bros. G. T. Owen, W.M.; Jas. Turner, S.W.; Robert Stevenson, J.W.; W. E. Walker, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Smith, P.M., Sec.; S. Baggott, S.D.; W. Warham, J.D.; M. Smith, D.C.; Wm. Swallow, I.G.; Francis Garner, Tyler; S. Spittle, Asst. Tyler; Past Masters Bros. R. G. Walker, I.P.M.; Edwin Turner, Wm. Smith, Wm. Waring, and T. F. Higgs; Bros. Hy. Baggott, T. P. Hanson, John Bywater, E. Pewtress, H. Swinchatt, E. J. Lloyd, E. J. Chambers, James Jones, G. G. Brown, J. H. Jevons, A. J. Baird, J. Sidaway, R. Preece, and Thomas While (after initiation). Visitors: Bros. Wm. Waldron, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Wm. Perry, jun., S.W. 564; and Walter J. Chambers, 376.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas While, and being favourable, he was regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the work in good style, and afterwards delivered the charge in an impressive manner. Bro. George Morgan, whose name was on the agenda as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was unavoidably absent, so that ceremony was necessarily deferred till next meeting.

The general business being duly disposed of, and the visiting brethren having expressed their "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and all assembled at banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily proposed and responded to, and the pleasure and gratification of the brethren much enhanced by recitation and song.

RUGBY.—Lodge of Rectitude (No. 502).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there was a large attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. J. Lawrence, assisted by the officers of the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. W. Clarke, who being duly elected was then initiated by the W.M., the charge being given most impressively by Bro. Richardson, P.M. By command of the W.M. the brethren were called off to refreshment, and on their return Bros. Payne and Bromwich were duly passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Chamberlain, P.M. and Sec., the Tracing Board in the First Degree being able given by Bro. T. Hipwell, P.M. Bro. Brooks, P.M. 502, P.P.G.S.B., acted as I.P.M. A vote of thanks to the Auditors, Bros. Bird and Patey, was proposed by the W.M. and carried unanimously, for their kindness in auditing the lodge accounts, which showed a most satisfactory balance.

HUDDERSFIELD.—Truth Lodge (No. 521).—The regular monthly meeting was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Fitz William-street. Present: Bros. J. W. Turner, W.M.; Abraham Armitage, S.W.; Abraham Graham, J.W.; James Brierley, Treas.; James Eccles, S.D.; J. H. Sterry, J.D.; S. Butterworth, Org.; George Jackson, A.D.C.; Humphrey Wood, I.G.; George Marshall, P.M.; Allen Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; George Horsfall, P.M.; John B. Matthewman, I.P.M.; Wm. Henry Jessop, P.M.; Henry Shaw, P.M.; William Wood, E. A. Beaumont, J. Swallow, J. W. White, J. Firth, S. Crossley, J. W. Sawden, Seth Dalton, and the following visitors: Bros. Geo. H. Robinson, W.M. 275; James Kaye, P.M. 275; R. H. Inman, 275; James Hopwood, I.P.M. 439; Henry Blackburn, S.W. 827 and T. K. Robinson, I.G. 827.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two candidates, which in both cases proved favourable. Mr. Thomas Harrison was initiated into our mysteries in a very impressive manner by Bro. Geo. Marshall, P.M. Bros. Dalton and Swallow answered the test questions leading to the Second Degree, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. S. Dalton was passed by Bro. W. H. Jessop, P.M., and Bro. J. Swallow by Bro. J. Turner, W.M.; the S.W. presenting and explaining the working tools. Lodge closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Jessop, P.M., proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. John Varley, Past S.D., Mayor of Huddersfield, on the great bereavement he had sustained by the death of a daughter. The proposition was seconded and carried. The W.M. also instructed the Secretary to write to Bro. Eccles, S.D., and convey the sympathy of the brethren with him on the death of his wife. The thanks of the brethren were given to Bro. Sterry, J.D., for a handsome present to the lodge. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. George Marshall, P.M., seconded, that the sum of 10 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund (Males), which was unanimously carried.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, when the brethren adjourned to supper, on the conclusion of which the usual toasts, including "The Newly-initiated," were proposed and responded to. Bros. J. Varley, P.M.; Allen Jackson, P.M.; Jas. Kaye, P.M. 275; Henry Blackburn, S.W. 827; and others entertained the brethren with some capital songs, Bro. B. Walker accompanied them on the piano in his usual masterly manner.

FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—This lodge met at the Town Hall on the 7th inst. Among those present were Bros. Joseph, W.M.; Pettis, S.W.; Crane, J.W.; Holbein, P.M., Treas.; Kennett, P.M., Sec.; Flint, S.D.; Waite, J.D.; Goddard, I.G.; Sherwood, Hart, Francis, and Klatt, Past Masters; Bros. Cole, Jenner, Worsell, Goulden, Eldridge, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Sherwood, jun., English, and Griffin, which proving unanimous, they were then initiated in a masterly manner by the W.M. The lodge was then called off for refreshments. On resuming labour Bros. Jenner and Goulden answered the questions for passing, were instructed, and retired. The lodge then opened in the Second Degree, and, at request of the W.M., Bro. Francis, P.M., took the chair and passed Bros. Jenner and Goulden to the Second Degree. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M., Bros. Joseph Hart, I.P.M.; and Crane, J.W., for the handsome presents they had made to the lodge, the same being a new chair each for the S.W., J.W.; and a kneeling stool. After the lodge closed the brethren adjourned to the new Queen's Hotel, and the usual toasts concluded a very pleasant evening.

CHIPPENHAM.—Lansdowne Lodge of Unity (No. 626).—An interesting meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., on the occasion of the initiation of Bro. J. M. Swayne, of New College, Oxford, and The Island, Wilton, Wilts, who was proposed by Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and seconded by Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Cowley, W.M., P.P.G.J.D. The large gathering of brethren included V.W. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M. Wilts; Bros. F. H. Phillips, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. Eyres, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Dr. Briscoe, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. Canon Millar, P.M. 592, P.P.G.C.; G. Collen, P.M. 1363; Dr. Sudlow, P.M. 1363; Rev. H. K. Anketell, Chap.; J. Lane, Treas.; E. R. Henley, P.G.S.B., Sec.; Rev. G. Elliott, and many other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. Alexander, P.M. 197; G. Prior Goldney, S.W. 259; and His Honour Judge J. T. Goldney, from British Guiana. The ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. This very flourishing lodge holds a leading position amongst provincial lodges.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 8th inst. Among those present were Bros. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.G. Chap. Middx., W.M.; Briggs, S.W.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.G.S. Middx., acting J.W.; the Rev. L. D. Orsey, P.P.G.C. Middx., Chaplain; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treasurer; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M., Secretary; Gurney, S.D.; Bunn, acting J.D.; H. Jenkins, I.G.; and others. The visitors were Bros. Tanqueray, W.M. 1965; and Wilde, 1820.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. the Rev. S. Buller, M.A., and J. A. Alleyne were impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. Alleyne, 956, as a joining member, and it proved unanimous. The revised bye-laws were then read and approved. The sum of five guineas being voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. Taylor, P.M., Steward at the forthcoming Festival, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts followed.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 1st inst., when, in the absence of Bro. Bell, W.M., Bro. James Harper, I.P.M., P.G. Std. Br., presided, supported as follows: Bros. James Routledge, S.W.; F. T. Allatt, J.W.; R. Wilson, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Harvey, S.D.; J. Dickson, J.D.; B. Craig, I.G.; J. Johnston, Tyler; Daniel Tolson, J. Wilkinson, James Garnett, and Wm. Swain. The lodge was opened and the minutes passed, when the acting Master called upon the Secretary to read the bye-laws, that no member might plead ignorance of them. The following brethren were then announced as visitors from Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, &c.: Bros. George Kyrie, W.M., P.P.G.D.C.; John Barr, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Wm. Sandwith, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 1660, P.G.J.W.; R. Miller, S.W.; W. C. Johns, J.W.; A. Parker; Dr. Jas. McNab; George Starkey; Harold Bonser, 460; Ed. Dryden, 1400, and others.

The visitors having been admitted, the Present and Past

Provincial Grand Officers were greeted according to their rank. Bro. Harper then informed the brethren that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to call upon Bros. Barr, Kyrie, and Sandwith for the following lectures, namely, the First and Second Tracing Boards, the First Sections, and six working periods, which have been delivered in a few lodges of the province as well as 119 during the present season, and have been at all times well received; in short, they have been quite a treat to both the senior and junior members of the Craft, and are already being felt to inspire the young minds for a further research into the hidden mysteries.

The lectures were ably delivered by the brethren named, and a vote of thanks, to be recorded, was unanimously passed to them for their services, and with "Hearty good wishes" from Lodges 119, 460, and 1400, the lodge was closed in good harmony, and a very agreeable hour was afterwards spent in the banquet hall.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Fountains Abbey, Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Webb, W.M. 55, W.M.; J. H. Wood, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; Jas. Lichtenfeld, S.D.; E. F. Ferris, J.D.; W. Batley, I.G.; F. Chandler, Stwd.; D. Cama, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; W. H. Chalfont, I.P.M. 1425; G. Davis, P.M. 167; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; D. Stroud, C. S. Mote, N. D. Fracis, M. J. Green, S. J. Humfress, H. P. Gilbert, W. Mathews, J. Cliburn, and W. Harris. Visitors: Bros. M. D. Cama, 1189; E. Dodd, 1310; and E. Coleman, 145.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. M. D. Cama candidate. The Second and Third Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Cama, Dodd, and Coleman were elected members, and Bro. Wood was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., will give a lecture to M.M.'s only. Brethren are invited to attend. A vote of condolence with Mrs. Nottage and family was adopted. The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., when there were present Bros. Hume, W.M.; Fraser, S.W.; Coleman, J.W.; F. J. Wray, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, S.D. and Treas.; Geo. Musson, Sec.; Ogg, J.D.; A. Hayes, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cross, P.M. 1194; Glover, Carter, Chilcott, Power, Caughlan, Holland, Pope, Green, Morgan, Whitehead, Saunders, Hawksford, and Brindley, W.M. 1604.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pope being the candidate. Bro. Pope having answered the questions leading to the First and Second Degrees, was duly passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. S. Pope was unanimously elected a member. The S.W. having been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and there being no further business, lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

The Charity Association afterwards met, when two ballots were taken, which proved favourable to Bros. Baker and Whitehead.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—At the weekly meeting held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 9th inst., there were present Bros. W. C. Smith, J.W. 1563, W.M.; E. Farwig, P.M. 180, S.W.; G. Boulton, P.M. 1604, J.W.; W. Fowles, I.G. 1348, S.D.; T. A. Dickson, J.W. 1614, J.D.; M. Skipton, I.G.; G. Reynolds, I.G. 1614, Sec.; J. Pinder, P.M. 15, 1662, 1997; J. Holmes, 1608; G. Coleman, P.M. 1914; G. A. Laundry, 188; J. Rowe, 1559; F. Kedge, 749; J. Rayner, 1681; F. Dusterwald, 1586; C. Holland, 1681; G. Secker, 179; F. Rook, 1681; J. Woodward, 1614; H. C. Ball, P.M. 144; S. Renaut, 1623; H. W. Kedgley, 1614; F. Green, 1614; F. Green, 1614; G. H. Brodihurth, 1563; Captain A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; C. Corby, 957; Wilkie Jones, 890; John Cumming, 890; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; W. Brindley, W.M. 1694; J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687; J. Hurdell, P.M. 1348; J. Rhodes, W. C. Smith, and Shannon, 1614.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction: First Lecture, 1st Section, Bro. G. Reynolds, I.G. 1614; 2nd Section, Bro. F. Kedge, 749; 3rd Section, Bro. G. A. Laundry, 188; 4th Section, Bro. H. C. Ball, P.M. 144; 5th Section, Bro. W. C. Smith, J.W. 1563; 6th Section, Bro. W. Fowles, I.G. 1348; 7th Section, Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 15. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. Second Lecture, 1st Section, Bro. G. Coleman, I.P.M. 1614; 2nd Section Bro. C. Corby, J.W. 957; 3rd Section, Bro. J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687; 4th Section, Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180; 5th Section, Bro. Hardell, P.M. 1348. Lodge resumed to the Third Degree. Third Lecture, 1st Section, Bro. A. Clark, P.M. 1227; 2nd Section, Bro. W. Brindley, P.M. 1604; 3rd Section, Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 15. Lodge resumed to the First Degree.

The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge: Bro. Renaut, 1613, proposed by Bro. Coleman, P.M., seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds; Bro. Rowe, 1559, proposed by Bro. J. Woodward, seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds; Bro. Boulton, 1604, proposed by Bro. Brindley, P.M., seconded by Bro. E. Farwig, P.M.; Bro. Rayner, 1681, proposed by Bro. Kirk, seconded by Bro. Holland; Bro. Dusterwald, 1586, proposed by Bro. Kirk, seconded by Bro. Holland; and Bro. Holmes, 1661, proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. G. Reynolds.

Bro. G. Coleman, I.P.M. of the mother lodge, proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. W. C. Smith, their worthy Preceptor for his kindness in taking the chair that evening, and also for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the working of the Sections, which had been a great treat

to the brethren. The proposition was seconded by Bro. A. Clark.

Bro. W. C. Smith, in reply, said that he heartily thanked the brethren for their kindness, and also for the attention that had been paid during the working of the Sections, and to the officers and brethren who had so ably assisted him. It was the first time of his occupying the chair in that lodge of instruction on such an occasion. He felt it was a great honour being chosen Preceptor of the lodge to succeed their late worthy Bro. W. C. Richardson, from whom, and Bro. E. Farwig, S.W., he had gained much of his Masonic knowledge.

The lodge was then closed in due form, the brethren expressing themselves as having enjoyed a pleasant and instructive evening.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street. Present: Bros. Brindley, W.M.; Glover, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Green, jun., S.D.; Green, sen., J.D.; Wade, P.M., I.G.; Chilcott, P.M.; Nice, P.M.; Pope, P.M.; Edwards, P.M.; and W. C. Smith, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Nice answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired, and Bro. Pope, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pope being the candidate. Bro. Pope, a Fellow Craft, answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The ceremony of installation was most ably rehearsed, Bro. Gibson, W.M. elect 1604, being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Wade was installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The chair was then vacated by Bro. Wade and taken by Bro. Gibson; the Master Masons were then admitted and saluted the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, the Fellow Crafts were admitted and saluted the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the E.As. were admitted and saluted the W.M. The W.M. then invested his officers, and the Installing Master gave the charges in a most efficient manner, the W.M. having risen for the first time. Bros. Pope and Nice, 1624, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. W. C. Smith was unanimously elected an honorary member of this lodge, and Bro. Glover was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was also ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Installing Master for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of that office. Nothing further offering the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Craggs, S.W.; J. Brown, 2012, S.W.; H. Furze, 2012, J.W.; G. Gardner, 2012, Treas.; A. H. Strong, 2012, Sec.; Wood, 1612, S.D.; A. Tilbury, 975, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; W. Mann, P.M. 186; H. Tipper, 2090; D. Stroud, 2090; J. Sims, 834; H. Perdue, W.M. 834; and W. W. Williams, 834.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of initiation, which was done very well, Bro. W. W. Williams being the candidate. Bro. Brown was duly elected to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing week. The Preceptor promised to make the necessary arrangements for the working of the Fifteen Sections, which will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, and the following have consented to assist: Bros. G. Reed, P.M., as S.W.; W. Mann, P.M., J.W.; Causton, P.M.; Sanfield, P.M.; Westley, P.M.; H. Perdue, W.M.; J. Greenway, A. Steng, J. Brown, H. Furze, R. Harvey, H. Price, D. Stroud, W. W. Williams, and A. Williams. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in perfect love and harmony.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The April meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The following companions were present: Comps. T. Cohu, M.E.Z.; H. Cuff, H.; W. Medwin, J.; C. Arkell, S.E.; Hughes, P.S.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Cheese, P.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; Orchard, Harmsworth, J. Gibbs, Holland, Bickley, Dickson, and Dr. Dingle. Visitors: Comps. George Abbot, Bolton, and Salmon.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and two brethren were proposed for exaltation. A gold jewel was presented to the outgoing M.E.Z., Comp. Cheese, and the companions afterwards dined together, the M.E.Z., Comp. Cohu, presiding. After dinner the companions adjourned to a concert in the great hall, given by the Excelsior City Musical Society, of which Bro. Fredk. H. Cozens is the director, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. We may mention that this society, which is so ably conducted by Bro. Cozens, has Bro. J. Harvey, C.C., for its president, the vice-president being Bro. John Gibbs.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 2nd inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. W. P. Webb, M.E.Z.; C. H. Köhler, H.; Appleton, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Ayling, P.S.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Asst.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; James Terry, P.Z., &c. (Hon. Mem.); Gardner, Buxton, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Dowling, 177, and it proving unanimous, he was most ably exalted into the Degree of the Royal Arch by the M.E.Z. and his officers. Ex. Comp. J. Terry then impressively installed the Principals, Ex. Comps. C. H. Köhler as M.E.Z.; Appleton as H.; and Ayling as J. The officers elected and invested for the ensuing year are Comps. H. Higgins, S.E.; H. J. Lardner, S.N.; Gardner, P.S.; George Everett, Treas.; Cruse and Dowling,

Assts.; and Reinardt, Janitor. A hearty vote of thanks was then given to Ex. Comp. Terry for his kindness in acting as Installing Officer for the seventh consecutive year in this chapter. A vote of condolence was then passed, with many expressions of sympathy, to Ex. Comp. Everett for the great loss he has recently sustained on the sudden death of his wife. A Past Principal's jewel having been presented to Ex. Comp. W. P. Webb in recognition of his efficient discharge of his duties as M.E.Z. during the past year, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts were honoured and a most agreeable evening spent. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

GUERNSEY.—Loyalty Chapter (No. 243).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, when there were present Comps. T. M. Richard, Z.; F. S. Weyson, H.; H. M. Stickland, P.Z., as J.; J. H. Parsons, Scribe N.; R. M. Smythson, Scribe E.; Emra Holmes, P.Z., P.P.G. Soj. Cornwall; W. Courtenay, T. Pengeley, H. Richard, jun., J. S. Surath, E. M. Le Huray, A. C. Quick, and others.

The companions below the chair having retired, a Board of Installed Principals was duly formed, and the following companions, having been previously elected to office, were duly installed: Comps. Weyson, as Z.; Le Huray, as H.; and A. C. Quick, as J.; the impressive ceremony being conducted by Comp. Richard, assisted by Comps. Stickland and Emra Holmes. Subsequently Comp. Pengeley was invested as P. Soj., and nominated as his Assistants Comps. Quant and De Jausserand. Comps. Parsons and Smythson were appointed and invested to the chairs of N. and E. respectively. Comp. Bowden was temporarily appointed Janitor in the room of Comp. Barter, who, much to the regret of the chapter, has suddenly been struck down with paralysis. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter having been closed, the companions retired to the banqueting room below, where the usual banquet was held, and a very agreeable evening spent by the companions of this prosperous chapter, under the presidency of the First Principal.

The toast of "Her Majesty the Queen" was, of course, received with due honour and loyalty, as became a chapter dedicated to that conspicuous virtue of all true Englishmen.

The toast of "The First Principal," coupled with the names of Comps. Stickland and Holmes, who assisted the Installing Principal Z.; Comp. Richard, was proposed by that companion, and duly responded to by the companions, who concurred, however, in saying that the name of the First Principal should never be given alone, but always in conjunction with those of the other two Principals, his co-equals in Royal Arch Masonry, and whose health Comp. Holmes thereupon proposed.

Comp. Richard responded to the toast of "The Installing Principal" in his usual characteristic style. Other toasts followed in due course.

Mark Masonry.

COLCHESTER.—Constantine Lodge (No. 145).—The annual festival of this lodge took place on Thursday evening, 9th inst., when Bro. Thomas Eustace, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. N. Tracy, P.M. 70, P.G. Sec. East Anglia. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. P. Lewin, Prov. G.J.W., I.P.M.; Thos. G. Mills, S.W.; Richard Clowes, J.W.; J. T. Bailey, M.O.; George A. Eustace, S.O.; Wm. Sowman, J.O.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.G. Chap. England, Chap.; Fred. A. Cole, Treas.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M., P.G.D. England, P.P.G.S.O., Sec.; Thos. Rix, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Reg.; J. G. Renshaw, S.D.; R. D. Poppleton, J.D.; H. J. Skingley, Org.; A. H. Bowles, I.G.; S. Munson, Tyler; F. Quilter and H. C. Welch, Stwds.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Tracy for his kindness in attending, and so ably performing the ceremony of the day; and to Bro. J. P. Lewin, for the able and energetic way he had presided over the lodge for the last two years.

At the close of the lodge business, between 20 and 30 brethren dined at the George Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Mark toasts were given and responded to.

In returning thanks for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Matier, Asst. G. Sec., said the Mark Degree never was in a more flourishing condition than now; and it was a remarkable fact that more certificates had been issued during the first quarter of this year than in any previous three months since the Degree was established. He appealed to the brethren to support the Benevolent Fund, as they had just incurred a heavy loss owing to the failure of their bankers.

"The Health of the Installing Master" having been heartily drunk, Bro. Tracy returned thanks, and announced that he proposed to represent the Province of East Anglia at the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, on which occasion he hoped to have a good list. He urged upon brethren to support the Fund, which was doing a good work amongst indigent brethren of the Order, and widows and children of Mark Masons. Eventually between seven and eight guineas was subscribed in the room.

Several brethren contributed songs, and altogether the whole meeting passed off most successfully. Among the brethren present were Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Asst. G. Sec.; N. Tracy, P.M. 70, P.G. Sec.; S. R. Anness, I.P.M. 70, P.G.D.C.; C. T. Tyler, H. J. Wright, S.D. 70; and J. Potten; and the following members of 145, in addition to those already mentioned: Bros. J. E. Wiseman, S. D. Ablitt, J. H. Miller, A. J. Ward, A. P. Ginn, W. Pepper, L. F. Manley, A. F. Hart, and B. Barber.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—A meeting of this old chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Ex. Bros. T. C. Walls, M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., Prelate; Tayleur, First General; H. J. Lardner, Recorder; Ill. Bro. Anderson, Raphael; Ex. Bros. Graveley, C. of Gds.; W. B. Kidder, D.C.; Ill. Bros.

Lott (Hon. Org.); Alfred Williams, I.P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; and Ex. Bros. Belton, Goldney, Stohwasser, and others. Ex. Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M.W.S. 10; Frye, P.M.W.S. 25; and Dr. Ramsey, P.M.W.S., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Ex. Bro. F. W. Driver, Prelate, was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the year ensuing, and Ill. Bro. Paas re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Stohwasser and Belton having been appointed Auditors, a Past Sovereign's jewel was unanimously passed to the M.W. for his services during his year of office, and a vote of thanks was also ordered to be entered on the minutes. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Ill. Bros. Paas, Roebuck, C. H. Driver, D. Nicols, Gardener, and Ex. Bros. Williamson and Andrews. The resignations of Ex. Bros. R. Stewart and J. J. Murray were received with regret.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, where an excellent banquet was provided. The usual toasts followed.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—Obligatory Meeting.—The fratres assembled on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present M.W. Frater W. R. Woodman, M.D., Supreme Magus; R.W. Frater George Lambert, Master of the Temple; J. W. Foulger, Dep. Master of the Temple; R.W. Frater Dr. Wm. Wynn Westcott, M.B., Sec.; Fratres J. Lewis Thomas and W. J. Ferguson, Past Masters of the Temple; Fratres Rooks, Walls, and Collinson, as the Ancients; S. L. Mathers, as Conductor of Novices; W. Dodd, as Sec. General; also Fratres T. W. Coffin, J. J. Thomas, W. Ackland, W. G. Lemon, and others.

The M.C. was duly formed, and the minutes of the last meeting on January 9th were read and confirmed. Apologies for absence were received from Fratres Col. Burdett, Buss, Thiellay, Hunter, Hughan, Mickley, Lardner, Brett, Norris, and Richardson, and from two candidates—Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and Rev. T. W. Lemon. Bro. Jones-Parry, M.P., and Eugene Street having been duly elected members of the Society, were exalted to the degree of Zelator in a most skilful and impressive manner by the Supreme Magus. M.W. Frater George Lambert was formally installed in the VIII. Degree as Master of the Temple by the S.M. R.W. Frater J. R. Foulger was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and was duly installed in the chair of the college by the retiring Master, M.W. Frater Lambert. The Treasurer, S. Woodman, S.M., was re-elected, and the Secretary, Dr. Wynn Westcott, was again unanimously chosen by the fratres. The Master then appointed Fratres Thiellay, Dep. Master; Ellison Macartney, 1st Ancient; G. A. Rooks, 2nd A.; R. Roy, 3rd A.; T. C. Walls, 4th A.; J. Collinson, 5th A.; Thos. Massa, 6th A.; W. Westcott, 7th A.; J. E. Anderson, Preceptor; H. J. Lardner, Org.; G. Mickley, Conductor of Novices; S. L. Mathers, VIII^o, Torch Bearer; G. Cockle, Herald; T. W. Coffin, Guard of the Temple; Wm. Ackland, Medallist; and J. Gilbert, Acolyte. The accounts were audited by Fratres J. Lewis Thomas and Ferguson, and a large balance was declared to be in hand. It was proposed by Frater Lambert, seconded by Frater Lemon, and carried unanimously, that the names of three candidates for the novitiate be removed from the list, on account of their repeated absence without explanation. Bro. Wm. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, was proposed for membership of the Society, and he will be balloted for in July.

Frater S. L. Mathers gave notice of a motion that in future the Secretary of the college be not required to contribute to any of the expenses of the college. Frater W. G. Lemon gave notice of a motion with reference to the qualification necessary for the officers of the college. The M.C. was dissolved in due form.

The fratres then assembled at a repast, after which there was a discussion on matters connected with the occult sciences, and the evening was concluded by several mystic songs and recitations.

THE RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

A meeting of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Council to revise the Statutes of the Order, was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst., under the presidency of Sir Knight A. M. Broadley, Dep. Intendant General Malta and Tunis. There were also present Sir Knights W. R. Woodman, Grand Recorder; T. C. Walls, A.G.T.; C. F. Hogard, G. Preceptor; Foulger, Moon, G. Std. Br.; and W. Lake, Assistant Grand Recorder.

The whole of the laws were dealt with seriatim, and after some discussion the alterations proposed, were unanimously agreed to, and ordered to be printed.

A vote of thanks to Sir Knight Hogard, who had prepared an exhaustive draft of proposed alterations, and whose suggestions were nearly all carried out, was carried unanimously, as well as a similar vote to Sir Knight Broadley for presiding.

Another meeting will take place to day (Friday). The establishment of officers for the Executive in London, and the improvement effected in the laws of the Order will we believe, give renewed life to a Degree which is second to none of the Chivalric Orders either for beauty of ritual or the historical interest of its origin.

THE FIRST LADIES' FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

One more of these popular events in Freemasonry, or more correctly speaking, slightly connected with the outer life of it, took place on Saturday evening, the 11th inst., at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, under the presidency of Bro. A. Eade, W.M., and achieved such a success that it cannot fail to take deep root with the brethren and to be annually kept up. After the usual routine of work in the lodge, which consisted principally of electing Bro. Mollindina, the S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year, the brethren adjourned to one of the large drawing rooms to be found in this convenient hotel, and there, awaiting the conclusion of their labours, was a very notable change from the ordinary adjournment of a

usual lodge night. About 30 ladies were there assembled with a goodly number of brethren whom duty had not detained in the lodge room, and the oft dreaded "quatre d'heure" was, from its actual novelty, transformed into a most enjoyable time.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.; Hyams, W.M. 487; Kemp, W.M. 1706; Mrs. Alfred Eade, Miss Packer, Mrs. and Miss Reed, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Fox, Bro. Scudamore, 749, and Mrs. Scudamore, Bro. Wright, 1962, and Miss Wright, Bro. Kemp, 1906, and Miss Kemp, Mrs. Sparrow, Miss Bohers, Miss Felin, Mrs. Belhomme, Mrs. Chamberlayne, Mrs. Stait, and many others, making a very brilliant gathering.

The dinner was served under the superintendence of Bro. Begbie, and gave the ladies a practical idea of how the brethren fared upon other occasions. The usual loyal toasts were loyally drunk by all, but a certain portion of the usual reception of the same was on this occasion of course omitted; the W.M. sincerely trusted the visit of the M.W.G.M. to Ireland would dispel many clouds, for the Prince and Princess could not fail to win the hearts of many thousands there.

Bro. SPARROW, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." and congratulated him on the success of this, the first of a series of ladies' meetings.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, stated that as one of the founders he had taken office as an Assistant Steward and had gradually worked his way through all the offices to the esteemed position he now held, during the whole of which time there had been no semblance of any dissension in the lodge, and the crowning part of all was the inauguration of such a series of meetings as the present one.

Bro. MOLLINDINA, in reply to the toast of the W.M. elect, said that he had quite determined to deserve well of the lodge during his coming year, but the puzzle to him, at present, was what red ink the Secretary would find of sufficient brilliancy to record the events of this evening.

In proposing "The Health of the Ladies," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he felt greatly honoured at the privilege of presiding, and esteemed their company as a great compliment.

This toast was received with three times three, and Bro. FREDK. BINCKES being asked to reply, said: Although he felt some difficulty to know the reason why, being a stranger, a pilgrim, and almost an intruder (cries of no, no), he saw no reason why this example should not be largely followed by other lodges; it might be an advance in the furtherance of women's rights, but as the bread-winners knew full well the honoured presence of women at home, they must be proud to introduce them to a certain portion of our Masonic life.

Bro. JOHNSON, J.W. of the West Kent Lodge, replied on behalf of "The Masonic Visitors, and Mr. CATTELL on behalf of "The Non-Masonic Visitors," and at present thought he should claim the privilege of saying "sisters and gentlemen," but trusted, after what he had seen that evening, he should soon be a brother amongst them.

"The Health of the Past Masters," also that of "The Treasurer and Secretary" were duly proposed. In the reply to the latter Bro. C. E. FERRY said that the present gathering, as compared to an ordinary lodge night, reminded him of walking through an old kitchen or cabbage garden, and from thence suddenly coming into a garden of beautiful flowers.

During the evening Miss Leins played a solo upon the piano, and songs were sung by Miss A. Leins, Miss L. Leins, and Mrs. Elliott. Bro. Packer gave "Sally in our Alley" very brilliantly; Bro. Binckes recited a portion of "Othello," and Bro. Tasker "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

The Tyler's toast brought the evening so far to a successful finish, and naturally some found their way into the drawing-room, and there was even time for a short carpet dance.

CENTENARY OF THE TYRIAN LODGE, No. 253.

It was very natural that our Derbyshire brethren should make the most of the unusual event which was celebrated on Thursday, the 9th inst., in the good old town of Derby. Centenary festivals are not of every day occurrence, and though, as we get older, it is in the order of things they should become more numerous than in former years, yet, in a province especially, such a gathering as was held on the day referred to must always possess exceptional attractions, and our friends in the district which has Lord Hartington for its chief are to be congratulated most heartily on the success with which the ceremony of the day passed off. Everything went well, and there was only needed the presence of the Prov. G.M. in order to make the pleasure of the meeting complete. He, however, was engaged elsewhere, in the more serious duties of a Cabinet Minister, and it devolved on his kindly deputy, Bro. Okeover, P.G.W. England, to supply his place and discharge those functions which we are satisfied Lord Hartington would only too readily have undertaken but for the pressure of his more serious engagements. With this exception there was no limit to the pleasure experienced by the members of the Prov. G. Lodge, who mustered in great force, by the brethren of the Tyrian Lodge, whose centenary was the cause of the gathering, and by the numerous visitors from other Derbyshire lodges and elsewhere. The proceedings were characterised throughout by the utmost harmony, while the principal address of the day was a model of what such addresses should be—clear, concise, and to the point, but without unnecessary detail. But our readers shall judge for themselves of what passed, though before affording them scope for the exercise of their judgment we purpose introducing a few remarks of our own on the rise and progress of Freemasonry in the Province of Derby.

The Tyrian Lodge, which has just received its centenary warrant, was constituted on the "Regular," or "Modern," side of Freemasonry in 1785; but though at the present time it is by upwards of 30 years the oldest of our Derbyshire lodges, it must not be supposed that the year in question marks the earliest introduction of Masonry into this province, or that in the years which elapsed between 1785 and 1817, when the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 353, of Winshill, was warranted, it was the only Masonic lodge in the county. It appears from the lists published as an Appendix in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," that a lodge was established at the "Virgin's Inn, Derby," as early as the 14th September, 1732, being No. 104 on the lists of those days. This lodge

which, by successive alterations of numbers, became in 1740 No. 92; in 1756, No. 54; and in 1770, No. 45,—when it is given as meeting at the "Royal Oak," mentioned by Bro. Hall in his very interesting address—was erased from the roll of Grand Lodge on 12th April, 1780, or only five years before the Tyrian Lodge was founded.

It is thus by no means improbable that the latter owes its existence to the zeal of sundry among the surviving members of the earliest Derby lodge, and, if so, considering the shortness of the interval between the death of the old and the birth of the new—and, happily, still existing—lodge, the event of Thursday, the 9th inst., may be looked upon as the celebration of what happened more than a century and a half, instead of a century since. In any circumstances, it will be well to remember that the earliest trace which we have of our modern system of Freemasonry in Derbyshire belongs to the year 1732, and that the lodge then founded was not struck off the roll of Grand Lodge "Moderns" till after an existence of close on half a century.

Nor were the 1732 lodge and the Tyrian the only lodges which were set up in Derbyshire, or for a time, at all events, held their meetings within its borders. In 1793 there was founded by the "Moderns" the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 519, meeting at the Angel Inn, Chesterfield; while from Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges" we gather that the "Ancients" had two lodges in Derbyshire, namely, "No. 106, Three Cranes, Chesterfield, Derbyshire," which, however, does not figure in the 1807 list of that Grand Lodge; and "No. 165, Derby Lodge, King's Head Inn, Buxton," which was founded in 1770 and met for a few years in the London district; and then, after being, in 1810, a long time in abeyance, it appears to have established itself at the aforesaid hostelry in Buxton. These are the only traces of the Craft in Derbyshire which we have met with in the course of our researches, but, meagre as they are, they will doubtless be regarded with some interest by the members and well-wishers of the Tyrian Lodge.

Passing to the arrangements for the Festival itself, we note that the proceedings commenced with a lodge of emergency, held in the beautiful hall in Gower-street. At the appointed time the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Treas., one of the oldest and most widely esteemed brethren of the province, who has on two previous occasions filled the chair of the Tyrian. The other officers present were Bros. J. B. Coulson, P.P.G.S.W., I.P.M.; F. Campion, P.P.G.S.W., S.W.; T. Carter Wigg, P.P.G.D. Essex, J.W.; Rev. C. T. Bromwich, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Wm. Naylor, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; W. Silver Hall, P.M., Sec.; R. L. H. Mole, S.D.; Percy Payne, J.D.; E. R. Ward, P.P.G.R., D. of C.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.G.S.W., Org.; J. H. Clarke, I.G.; J. Wright and M. Attwood, Stwds. The other members of the lodge present were Bros. W. Giles, P.M.; R. Waite, P.M.; Thos. Hall, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Grimwood Taylor, P.M.; F. J. Robinson, P.M.; T. Horsley, sen., P.M.; W. Welbourn, P.M.; T. Horsley, jun., P.M.; J. Cutting, P.M.; Fitzherbert Wright, P.P.G.S.W.; J. O. Manton, P.M.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D. of C.; John Smith, P.P.G.S.W.; A. J. Flint, H. Davis, H. A. Bemrose, John Evans, F. E. Taylor, E. Sutton, T. H. Boam, A. Woodiwiss, H. V. Edwards, H. Woodiwiss, E. McInnes, J. H. Richardson, and H. Price. It had been hoped that the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, would have honoured the proceedings with his presence, but he was unavoidably detained in London by important State business. His lordship, however, was worthily represented by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Haughton C. Okeover, of Okeover Hall, P.G.W., whose genial presence is always a source of pleasure to the brethren and who was supported by Bros. Walters, P.G.S.W.; Maltby, P.G.J.W.; the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, P.G. Chap.; Naylor, P.G. Sec.; E. Belfield, P.G. Reg.; James Crossley, P.G.S.D.; J. Bland, P.G.J.D.; W. Butterfield, P.G.S. of W.; P. Wallis, P.G.D. of C.; T. Parker, P.G. Purst.; and others. Amongst the numerous visiting brethren present were Bro. Major John Woodall, G.Treas. elect.; Col. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancs.; C. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. Leicestershire; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; H. R. Hatherley, P.G.S. Notts.; G. Bech, P.G.S. Warwick; C. F. Wood, P.G.S. Leicestershire; J. Chadwick, P.G.S. E. Lancs.; H. Smith, P.G.S. W. Yorkshire; James Terry, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; W. B. Hextall, P.P.G.S.W.; G. T. Wright, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Copestick, W.M. 731; A. J. Waller, W.M. 802; J. E. Russell, W.M. 1085; besides representatives from nearly every lodge in the province.

After the preliminary formalities had been observed, a hymn sung, and prayer offered up by the Chaplain, Bro. Bromwich, Bro. Naylor, P.G. Sec., read the centenary warrant from the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, certifying the completion by the Tyrian Lodge of a hundred years of Masonic labour, and authorising all subscribing members to wear a centenary jewel in honour of the occasion.

Bro. THOMAS HALL, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., then delivered an address, furnishing a brief historical sketch of the Tyrian Lodge since its formation. Bro. Hall repudiated any intention to explore Masonic history, but intimated his intention to try and throw some light on the events which had transpired during the hundred years the lodge had been in existence. An interesting document which had been brought under his notice served to establish the fact that a Masonic lodge existed in Derby at least twenty years before the date of the Tyrian warrant. It was a small piece of ancient-looking parchment, on which was plainly written the following: "This is to certify that the bearer hereof, William Sparkes, is a regular registered Mason, in our lodge, No. 104, held at the Royal Oak Inn, in Derby, and has behaved himself as becomes a worthy brother of this lodge. Given under our hand, and the seal of the said lodge, this 6th day of May, in the year of Lord God 1766, and in the year of Masonry, 5766. Samuel Brown, Master; Richard Rutland, Senior Warden; and Henry Pratt, Junior Warden; Secretary, Thomas Greasley." The speaker added that this document was in the possession of Bro. John Smith, and was left by a Mr. Sparkes (presumably the son of the person referred to in it), who died some thirty years ago, at an advanced age. The warrant which authorised the foundation of this lodge, a hundred years ago, was issued in the name of the Grand Master, H.R.H. Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III. He was elected Grand Master in 1782, three years before the warrant of the Tyrian was granted. The Earl of Effingham was appointed acting Grand Master, and his

name appeared upon the warrant. Two years after the Tyrian was established, the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., and his brother the Duke of York were initiated. Their brothers, the Duke of Kent (father of our present Queen) and the Duke of Sussex, afterwards Grand Master, had been received into the Craft shortly before, on the Continent, and on the death of their uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, in 1790, the Prince of Wales was elected Grand Master. He was not installed until two years later, and shortly after that event, on January, 1793, the Tyrian Lodge voted an address to his Royal Highness expressing the loyalty and attachment of the lodge to his person, his family, and his constitution. The Tyrian Lodge gave further proofs of its loyalty. In 1798 an address protesting against revolutions and treasonable practices was adopted, and contributions raised in aid of the Government "in the alarming crisis." In 1813 the Tyrian sent to London £42 5s. towards the purchase of a jewel for the Earl of Moira (a distinguished Mason), on the occasion of his being appointed Governor General of India, whilst in 1815 no less a sum than £80 was contributed by the lodge towards the relief of the families of the soldiers who fell at Waterloo, and five years later the death of the Duke of Kent was made the occasion of holding a lodge of emergency, when an oration was delivered by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Chas. S. Hope. The Tyrian three years after its consecration was 468 on the roll of Grand Lodge; but by the dissolution of older lodges it now ranked as 253. At the time of its foundation the town did not contain more than a tenth of its present population. Reviewing the connection of well-known Derby merchants and public men with the lodge, the speaker mentioned that the son of the celebrated William Duesbury, the founder of the Derby China Works, was initiated in the Tyrian Lodge in the first year of its existence, whilst his grandson, Henry Duesbury, architect, who designed the Derby Town Hall and the Derby Waterworks, was admitted in 1832. In 1825 William Corden, the artist, was initiated. Joseph Strutt, youngest of the three sons of the famous introducer of the Derby rib-stocking, was admitted to the lodge in the first year of its existence, and Jedediah Strutt and George Henry, of Belper, in 1810. These were grandsons of the first Jedediah, and the former was the father of Mr. G. H. Strutt, of Bridge Hill. The connection of the lodge with the industrial development of the town was further illustrated by the initiation in 1794 of John Whitehurst, sen., described as "clockmaker," and who placed the chimes in All Saints' Tower. The application for the Tyrian warrant was headed by John Hollis Pigott, physician, who was Master for six years after its foundation. Daniel Parker Coke, M.P., and barrister at law, was initiated in 1787, and was W.M. in 1794, and again in 1796. He sat for Derby with the Lord Frederick Cavendish of that time a few years before he entered the lodge. In 1813 and 1814 William Spencer, sixth Duke of Devonshire, whose portrait adorned the Derby Town Hall, occupied the chair of the lodge. His grace had been initiated in 1809. The chair now used by the I.P.M. was his gift, and he also presented his banner to the lodge. He was for many years Grand Master of the province, and was succeeded in the title and estates by the present Duke, and as P.G. Master by the heir to the dukedom, the Marquis of Hartington. Bro. Henry Browne, whose name frequently occurred in the annals of the lodge, must have been a very zealous and able Mason, as from 1785 to 1817 he was eight times W.M. and seven times acting W.M., when the office was held by brethren of high social position. In 1810 Viscount Tamworth, eldest son of the seventh Earl Ferrers, was received into the lodge, and two months later Nathaniel, second Lord Scarsdale, his father-in-law, was initiated. The Hon. Augustus and the Hon. Edward Curzon, of Kedleston, became members in 1815, and the Hon. Francis Curzon, of Kedleston, joined in 1825, and was elected W.M. in 1826. Earl Howe was initiated in 1815, the Hon. Augustus Stanhope, son of the third Earl of Harrington, in 1815, and Earl Ferrers in 1858. In 1791 Mr. Charles Sedley Burdett, of Foremark, second son of the fourth baronet, was initiated. Of other members, he might name three Poles, of Radbourne, and two of the Heathcotes, an old Derbyshire family, formerly of Littleover. The father and grandfather of the present Sir Henry Wilmot were members. Amongst other well-known names were two Gells, of Hopton, W. Pole Thornhill, of Stanton, the present Sir Henry Allsopp, the late Michael Thomas Bass, two members of the old Bainbridge family, and last, but not least, Bro. C. R. Colville, formerly M.P. for South Derbyshire, and D.P.G.M. for many years. For many years the Tyrian was the only lodge in Derbyshire. The Royal Sussex was consecrated in 1817, and no other until 1844. There were now in the province 20 Craft lodges, six chapters of the Royal Arch, three Mark Mason lodges, and a chapter of the Rose Croix. Bro. Hall, in conclusion, said he would spare his hearers a narrative of the migrations of the lodge from hostel to hostel, from its first home, at the Bunch and Grapes in the Market Place, until 10 years ago it found an abiding place in that handsome hall, of which they were all proud, and for which they were grateful to those brethren to whose untiring perseverance and profuse liberality its erection was due, and particularly to the Provincial Senior Warden of last year—Bro. John Smith—whose name must always be associated with this material evidence of the prosperity of Derbyshire Masonry.

Bro. WOODALL, Grand Treasurer elect, then delivered a short address, in the course of which he reviewed the vast progress made by Freemasonry during the past century. Socially, intellectually, and in every sense the Craft had made extraordinary strides. The opposition to which the Order had been subjected was due to ignorance; but let it be their duty to answer the baseless charges of their critics by deeds of Charity and love, and thus show the world that the aspersions cast upon them had their origin solely in the prejudices of their opponents. (Applause.)

The hymn "Maker and Father of us all," having been sung, the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. E. R. Ward, unveiled a mural tablet which had been erected in a conspicuous part of the building in commemoration. The tablet contained the dates of the foundation of the lodge, the completion of its centenary, and of the centenary festival, together with a list of the officers of the lodge. It was also mentioned that in a cavity at the back of the tablet a number of Masonic documents had been deposited.

The CHAPLAIN having read an appropriate passage of Scripture,

The D.P.G. MASTER distributed the centenary jewels, and delivered a short address to the brethren. Bro. Okeover remarked that he was in hopes the P.G. Master would have been present, and he regretted his absence sincerely. This was a gathering in which he felt the utmost pleasure.

The interest of it would never be effaced from his memory. But, interesting as the occasion was, he could not but feel that it suggested many grave thoughts to their minds. There was something solemn in the lapse of 100 years. It led them to think of all the different phases and experiences this lodge had gone through, and of the many eminent members it had been instrumental in introducing to the Craft. These men had included representatives of all classes of society, and it was evident that they had worked hard, in less favourable times than those in which we now found ourselves, to promote the honour and usefulness of the Craft. The interesting record they had listened to could not fail to make them ponder over the work done by those who had gone before them, the zeal and fidelity they had shown, and the useful lives they had led. Then the contemplation of the past led them, as Masons, to think of the future, and the responsibilities which rested upon them. The D.P.G. Master, in solemn terms, exhorted his brethren to feel that in the discharge of their duties as citizens and as Masons their best and surest guide was the G.A.O.T.U.

Bro. the Rev. E. HILLYARD, P.P.G. Chaplain, followed with an address of much earnestness. He repudiated the right of any body of men professing to call themselves Christians, or the right of any potentate, to cast aspersions upon the Masonic body. It was to him a matter of concern and deep sorrow that an Order to which he was affiliated, and in which he had the fullest trust and confidence, should be openly derided as a means for propagating the doctrines of infidelity, and for engaging in acts subversive of all good government. Some of his hearers might be disposed to feel less keenly on this subject than he did, but he reminded them that the most baseless charges, if constantly repeated, were calculated to impress themselves on the minds of some, and be the means of keeping apart from them men eminently calculated to advise the Craft and carry out its principles. The strangest and saddest feature in connection with these aspersions was that no attempt was made to support them with a grain of evidence. Let them, for example, turn to the record of a hundred years' work which had been given them to-day. Did they find in it the names of any regicides? Did they meet with treasonable plots, or the names of those who had been disturbers of the public peace? On the contrary, they found mention made of those whose aim it had been to cultivate deeds of brotherly kindness and charity, and who had lived in the affection and esteem of their fellow citizens. This was no exceptional experience, but the experience of Masonry generally. It was perhaps the best answer that they could give to those who spoke of them as a disloyal and a materialistic body; but, nevertheless, it was wise now and then to protest against the aspersions which were cast upon them by men who had no knowledge of the Order to guide them. Referring to the spirit of the Order, the speaker said it was the principle of uniting men of all grades in the one idea of a common brotherhood, and the common service of humanity in the name of that brotherhood. Amid sympathetic cheers Bro. Hillyard said if he were asked "What is Masonry?" he should say "Brotherhood;" and if he were asked "What is its principle?" he should say "Love."

A hymn having been sung, a liberal collection was made in aid of the Masonic Charities, and the lodge was closed.

The musical arrangements were under the able direction of Bro. W. L. DODD, P.P.G. Organist, the singing being effectively led by Bro. Bickley's glee party from Birmingham. The instrument used upon the occasion was lent by Bro. Edgar Horne, and it was generally suggested that it might with advantage be added to the furniture of the hall. Subsequently the brethren dined together in the Shareholders' room of the Midland Station, the banquet being served by Mr. W. Towle, manager of the Midland Hotel.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The annual meeting of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, the 6th inst. W. Bro. TREVENA, 159, presided. W. Bro. the Rev. W. Whittley was unable to be present. The following, originally his proposition, was therefore proposed by W. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies:—"That in consideration of the valuable services rendered to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund by W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past G.D. of England, his name be placed on the list as an hon. vice-president of the institution." This was seconded by W. Bro. Samuel Jew, and carried unanimously. The election of officers followed. W. Bro. C. Cooper and Bro. J. B. Skinner were elected the auditors, W. Bros. L. D. Westcott and J. B. Gover were re-elected the treasurer and secretary respectively; W. Bros. R. Lose, W. E. Warren, H. Stocker, and W. Powell were re-elected, and John Brewer, the P.G.S., added to the list as the Finance Committee. The members of the General Purposes Committee were re-elected with the exception of Bro. John Baxter, who has left the neighbourhood. His name was therefore withdrawn and that of W. Bro. T. Goodall substituted. It was resolved that for the future on the voting papers should be recorded the number of votes by which the successful candidates at the previous election had been returned. The election of the children then took place. There were two vacancies and seven candidates. The first was a boy aged 12, from Lodge Benevolence, No. 666, fourth application; votes brought forward 88, additional votes tendered 7—total 95. Second, a boy aged 11, from Lodge Elms, No. 1212, third application; votes brought forward 323, additional votes tendered 109—total 432. Third, a girl aged nine, from Lodge Metham, No. 1205, second application; votes brought forward 115, additional votes tendered 124—total 239. Fourth, a boy aged nine, from Lodge Fortitude, No. 105, second application; votes brought forward 91, additional votes tendered 381—total 472. Fifth, a girl aged 11, from Lodge Brunswick, No. 159, second application; votes brought forward 54, additional votes tendered 69—total 123. Sixth, a boy aged seven, from Lodge Huyshe, first application; votes tendered 18. Seventh, a girl aged seven, from Lodge Prudence, No. 1550, first application; votes tendered 126. No. 4, Martin Stanley Williams, and No. 2, Thos. Henry Trounce, were declared the successful candidates. Bro. C. Cooper was appointed the guardian of the lad Williams, and Bro. F. Hooper the guardian of the lad Trounce. Bros. T. Goodall, R. Cawsey, and Warren acted as the scrutineers.—*Western Morning News.*

* These lectures have so far produced about 25 guineas, but Bro. Hughan will continue them until 50 guineas are obtained.



"The Magistrate" is such a success that at the Court Theatre during the last week of Lent, which is generally about the duller week in the theatrical year, the house was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the demand for seats has been almost without a parallel. We do not wonder.

On Saturday "In His Power" will be withdrawn from the Olympic, its place being taken by "Heartless," a version of Ouida's "Puck." Mr. Kyrle Bellow will play the hero, and Mr. Philip Beck will be in the cast.

His Majesty "The Silver King" is being received at the Princess's with all the loyalty he obtained before. The renewal of this fine melodrama for a run of some length seems certain. On its production it was recognised as one of the best pieces of its class, and a second visit is likely to confirm this opinion. The cast has only been changed in one small particular. Mr. Wilson Barrett will find this play much more remunerative than Lord Lytton's "Junius;" but we hope he will not be deterred from bringing out a new classical play of the "Claudian" stamp.

"Ours" is to be revived at the Haymarket on the 25th inst., as one of the farewell performances. Bro. Bancroft, when he gave a series of the late T. W. Robertson's comedies a year or two ago, did not include "Ours." He has made arrangements with the late author's family to give it now, and we know it will be welcomed. We think "Ours" was last played at the Haymarket when Mrs. Langtry made her debut on the stage. Messrs. Russell and Bashford will bring out a dramatised version of "Dark Days," with Miss Lingard and Mr. Barrymore in the cast, when they assume command of the theatre.

Miss Violet Melnotte has opened the Avenue, where she cannot be doing much business. Of the "Fashionable Beauty" musical burletta we cannot say anything in praise, except it be that an opportunity is afforded for a number of pretty young ladies to appear in very pretty costumes. From beginning to end there is not a line of dialogue or music worth hearing, and the sooner such trash is taken off the better. "Tact," the farcical comedy preceding it, has plenty in it to amuse, though it is weak in itself. Some of the dialogue is smart and the business funny. Mr. Chas. Groves and Miss Sophie Larkin play with their usual zest, and between them pretty well carry the piece on their shoulders. Bro. Walter Everard plays his part with great élan, and is the cause of many a laugh; but he has hardly scope for his natural flow of vivacity. "Tact" is not strong enough to last long; but it has many a funny point in it.

"The Mascotte," by M. Audran, has been revived at the Comedy, and is being received with all its old favour. Miss Violet Cameron, after her prolonged absence from the stage, once more assumes her old part of Bettina, singing and playing with all her old grace and charm. Miss Cameron looks none the worse for her recent illness, and nightly is securing a reception from her audiences little short of rapturous. Mr. Arthur Roberts appears as King Laureat, and if he does not stick close to the text he makes his part extremely funny. Mr. H. Bollini is the shepherd lover, formerly played by M. Guillard. Mr. H. Walsham repeats his impersonation of the Stuttering Prince, and sings his fine tenor song, "Love is blind," with real art. Mr. T. P. Haynes is still the farmer Rocco. At the end of next week Bro. A. Henderson produces "Clara Soleil," in which Miss Violet Cameron, Miss Constance Gilchrist, Mr. Arthur Roberts, and M. Marius will play. The original is in full swing just now at the Vaudeville in Paris.

Mr. David James has not attended so well to the stage, as to the front of the house at the Opera Comique. We will say nothing further about "The Excursion Train," except, that we hope it is an express one, and will soon run off the Opera Comique stage, and give place to something worth seeing. We understand it is in contemplation to revive "The Guv'nor," which was highly popular at the Vaudeville under the James and Thorne management. Why does not some enterprising manager revive the series of burlesques which were played at the Strand some years since, with so much success? Mr. James has converted the dress circle into the pit, and sent the dress people into the balcony. The Opera Comique has now by far the best pit in London. For two shillings one has a better seat there than for six shillings. When Mr. David James brings out something with an interest in it, he will doubtless meet with plenty of support. Since writing the above we are pleased to learn that "The Guv'nor" will be revived on Saturday.

Mr. Thorne has made so few mistakes—we think this is his first—that we really regret to record any failure at the Vaudeville. Dr. Westland Marston's play, "Under Fire," should have been produced twenty years or half a century ago. The author was many years since a great favourite, since which time he has remained dormant, and on emerging to the public gaze has made a huge error. The ground work of "Under Fire" is a terrible secret a lady who is in the fashionable world labours under. We think the author has made a mountain out of a molehill. In the first place, we do not think any one need or would be in fear of the fact of her having once been a public singer being discovered by Society, much less allow another woman to levy black mail to keep her mouth shut, nor in these days does it matter much who or what one's ancestors were, even if one of them has been executed for being a murderer, especially when his innocence is assured. We shall welcome a change in the Vaudeville programme, and only hope we are at last to see the late Bro. Byron's comedy, "Open House," produced here, of which we have frequently heard mention. "Under Fire" is so utterly devoid of interest that no one would regret if the MS. itself be placed "Under Fire."



Bro. A. M. Broadley's article on "British Interests in North Africa," in the recent number of the *Fortnightly Review*, has excited much notice in political circles, and has been very favourably reviewed by all sections of the press.

Bro. G. T. Salmon was installed W.M. of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, on Wednesday last, the 8th inst.

Bro. Lord and Lady Egerton of Tatton have left London for the purpose of spending a month on the Continent.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie has resigned his position as Chairman of the London Municipal Reform League.

Bro. Captain Helsham, H.A.C., was one of the guests at the dinner, at the Cannon Street Hotel, on the 9th inst., of the Candlewick Ward Club.

It is announced that Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., will not in future hunt the district known as the Quantock Country with the Devon and Somerset Staghounds.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., and J. C. Dwarder were elected members of the vestry of St. Dunstan-in-the-West on the 9th instant.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer, was elected senior churchwarden of St. Bride, Fleet-street, on the 9th inst., having previously held the office of junior churchwarden.

Bro. Dr. J. E. Northmore-Whitlock, I.P.M. of the Walden Lodge, No. 1280, was unanimously re-elected Churchwarden of St. John's, Kensal-green, W., on the 9th inst.

During the closing days of last week, Bro. the Earl of Northesk had the honour of entertaining H.R.H. the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, at his seat near Winchester.

Bros. Deputy E. Dresser Rogers and J. Cox were present at the Easter vestry meeting of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft, Bro. Dresser Rogers being re-elected junior churchwarden.

Bro. Major-General Lawrie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, is second in command of the forces which have been dispatched by the Canadian Government to put down the revolt in Manitoba.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon is one of several noblemen and gentlemen, who have agreed to give their support to an association formed for the purpose of assisting labourers to acquire allotments, and to aid small farmers in the cultivation of their farms.

Mr. G. A. Thomson, youngest son of Major Thomson, late Royal Artillery, was married on the 9th inst., at St. Mark's Church, Lewisham, to Miss Anna Maria Frances, only child of Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., Master of the Turners' Company.

It is proposed to hold a Lodge of Instruction at Carr's Restaurant, Strand, to meet at 5.15 p.m., in the evening. Brethren who would be willing to join the lodge are requested to communicate with 1539, care of Mr. C. Laver, Carr's Restaurant, 265, Strand, W.C.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on Monday, the 20th instant, at the "Moorgate," Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. J. Paul, D.C. 1287, W.M.; Jas. Hemmings, J.D. 1287, S.W.; D. T. Davies, 72, J.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744, on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, W., at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. J. W. Ager, W.S. 957, W.M.; Jas. Hemmings, J.D. 1287, S.W.; and J. W. Smith, W.M. 1744, J.W.

Bro. W. Window, Tyler of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wolton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, was recently presented with a handsome Tyler's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, in recognition of his services. The presentation was made in the Tyndal Lodge, No. 1363, Chipping Sodbury, by Bro. W. Clifford, P.M. 855.

We learn that a warrant has been granted for a new lodge in the Province of Surrey, to be held at Caterham, under the style of the "Caterham" Lodge, No. 2095. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman being the W.M. designate, Bro. Alfred Savile Tomkins, Senior Warden, and Bro. George John Eady, M.D., Junior Warden. The new lodge will probably be consecrated towards the end of May.

On Monday, the 6th inst., Mr. Williams Wynn, of Wynnstay, was initiated into Freemasonry, in the St. Oswald's Lodge, No. 1124, Oswestry, there being a numerous gathering of members and visitors from other lodges, and the ceremony being very ably performed by Bro. G. J. Morgan, W.M. At the banquet which followed, Bro. Williams Wynn returned thanks for the toast of his health.

Bro. G. Borlase Childs, Surgeon to the City Police, presided at a meeting of the officers and men of the force on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when a silver tea and coffee service, and a silver salver were presented to Lieut.-Col. Bowman, who has recently retired on superannuation from the City Police. The presentation was made by Bro. Childs in a very neat, but complimentary speech, and very warmly acknowledged by Lieut.-Col. Bowman.

A special Court of Common Council was held at the Guildhall on Monday, under the presidency of Alderman Sir R. Carden, M.P. The Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, having read the official notification of the death of Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage, Bro. E. Dresser Rogers moved a vote of condolence with the family of our deceased brother. This having been unanimously adopted, and also one to the effect that the resolution be transmitted to the Lady Mayoress, it was further agreed, on motion by Bro. Rogers, that the funeral of his late lordship should be undertaken by the Court, and that application be made to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's to sanction the burial in St. Paul's Cathedral of the deceased.

Bro. E. C. Beedell has been elected an overseer of the poor and auditor for the parish accounts of St. Bene't Fink for the current year.

The *Contemporary* contains an article by Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., on "The Present Low Prices and Their Causes."

It is said that East Hampstead Park, Bracknell, the seat of the Marquis of Downshire, has been taken for the Prince of Wales during Ascot week.

We are glad to see it announced that Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has made considerable progress towards recovery from his recent severe illness.

Bro. William Gayton, M.D., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, at a meeting of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, on Saturday last.

We are glad to hear that the health of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore has improved of late, and that the venerable ex-Sheriff both eats and sleeps well considering his great age.

The Court of Aldermen at their meeting on Tuesday unanimously passed a resolution of sympathy with the Lady Mayoress at the terrible bereavement she has just sustained.

The Princess of Wales has very kindly consented to open a bazaar in aid of the funds of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney-road, on the 24th of June next, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

Bro. Malthouse, C.C., has announced his intention of resigning his seat at the Lambeth Vestry. Bro. Malthouse finds the hours of attendance inconvenient in regard to his numerous other business engagements.

Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has so far recovered from his recent indisposition that he was able to be present in his place in the House of Commons on Monday, when the sittings were resumed after the Easter holidays.

The Royal Commission for the Housing of the Working Classes resumed its sittings in London on Tuesday, when Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., presided as Chairman, and Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., was among the members present.

A slight improvement has taken place in the health of Bro. Loveridge, who left London early in the present month for the purpose of spending Easter with a friend in the North of England, and was taken seriously ill during the journey.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury was to preside on Friday evening at a meeting in Exeter Hall of the Young Women's Christian Association, when Bros. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., and the Hon. A. Kinnaird were expected to be present to support his lordship.

A convocation of the Lion and Lamb Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held on Wednesday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, when Comp. George Kenning, P.Z., was for the fourteenth time invested with the insignia of Treasurer.

The Prince of Wales has announced his intention of opening in June next, the new buildings erected at a cost of about £80,000, in Queen-square, Bloomsbury, for the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic. The west block of the new hospital forms a memorial to the late Duke of Albany, P.G.W.

Bros. Henry Irving and J. L. Toole, Miss Ellen Terry, and other leading artistes have announced their intention of taking part in the dramatic performances which (by the kind permission of Bro. Aug. Harris) will be given at Drury Lane Theatre early in June, in aid of the Actors' Benevolent Fund.

Bros. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.S.W., Warden Puleston, M.P., Alderman Savory, Captain Lambert, P.G.S.B., Deputy Saunders, A. J. Altman, and P. Distin were among the guests at the court and livery dinner of the Wheelwrights' Company at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 10th instant.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury has promised to preside on Monday next, the 20th inst., at the opening of the new hall, library, coffee tavern, and industrial dwellings erected in Glengall-road, Old Kent-road, for the employes of the firm and their families by the directors of the Chubb and Son's Lock and Safe Company (Limited).

The installation of R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D. and D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, as Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, in succession to R.W. Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., C.B., will take place in the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Friday next, the 24th inst. The ceremony will be performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, and among the principal brethren who are expected to be present have been mentioned R.W. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, and Bro. J. Pearson, M.D., P.G.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master of West and East Yorkshire. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Tew will appoint his Deputy, who will be proclaimed, saluted, and invested, and will afterwards appoint and invest his officers for the year, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer having in the meantime been elected by the brethren. The other business of the meeting having been disposed of, the brethren will go in procession to the Parish Church, where Divine service will be held, and a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock, Prov. Grand Chaplain, the offertory being devoted to the Leeds Medical Charities. On their return to the Albert Hall, Prov. Grand Lodge will be closed, and a collation will be served in the Victoria Hall at 4.30 p.m., under the presidency of Bro. Tew.

£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.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Counsel for the Delicate.—Those to whom the changeable temperature is a protracted period of trial should seek the earliest opportunity of removing all obstacles to good health. This cooling Ointment, preserverily rubbed upon the skin, is the most reliable remedy for overcoming all diseases of the throat and chest. Quinsey, relaxed tonsils, sore throat, swollen glands, ordinary catarrh, and bronchitis, usually prevailing at this season, may be arrested as soon as discovered, and every symptom banished by Holloway's simple and effective treatment. This Ointment and Pills are highly commended for the facility with which they successfully contend with influenza; they allay in an incredibly short time the distressing fever and teasing cough.—ADVT.

Bro. Major Josephs, C.C., has been re-elected Senior Churchwarden of the parish of St. Antholin, Watling-street.

Bro. Brookman has caused it to be made known that the City Orphan School Committee Dinner, which was fixed for Friday evening, the 10th inst., has been postponed.

Very many of the late Lord Mayor's engagements, such as the dinners to the Metropolitan Board of Works, the Judges, and the Bishops, and others will be carried out by his successor, Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap., has kindly consented to give a lecture to Master Masons only at the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., on Monday next, at 8 p.m.

At the meeting of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538, on the 8th inst., Bro. G. Hatch, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Thos. J. Robertson, P.M., was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer for the same period.

We have to offer our best congratulations to our worthy Bro. T. W. Cosburn Bush, on his recovery from his late serious illness. So serious was it that at one period his medical attendants had almost despaired of saving him; we are happy to know, however, that all cause for anxiety is now past.

Bros. W. Malthouse, Deputy Saunders, Deputy East, A. J. Altman, F. P. Alliston, G. Shaw, S. da Costa Andrade, and J. Cox were among the members of the Commission of Sewers present at the usual fortnightly meeting on Tuesday. A vote of condolence with the late Lord Mayor's family was passed unanimously.

The banquet which was to have been held on Thursday evening the 9th inst., to commemorate the inauguration of the Chancery Lane Safe Deposit Company, has been postponed for a short time. When it does take place Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., will preside, as at first arranged, but in his new capacity of Lord Mayor.

Bro. Admiral Sir W. K. Hall, K.C.B., presided on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at a gathering in Exeter Hall of the senior members of the Metropolitan and Suburban Bands of Hope. The speeches were interspersed with performances by the Royal Holdfast Bell Ringers and the South London Temperance Prize Choir.

At the usual meeting on Thursday, the 9th inst., of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Southampton, the sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Bro. James Robertson, P.M., who will act as Steward at the approaching Festival under R. W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex.

The funeral of the late Lord Mayor will take place to-morrow (Saturday) in St. Paul's Cathedral. All the arrangements for the sad ceremony were promptly taken, the hour fixed for the cortege leaving the Mansion House being 11 a.m., the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and other representatives of the Corporation and public bodies leaving the Guildhall half an hour previously.

A Common Hall of the City of London was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday under the presidency of Alderman Sir R. Carden, M.P., for the purpose of electing a successor to Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage. The result was the election of Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., who will accordingly fulfil the duties of the Mayoralty during the remainder of what would have been Bro. Nottage's term of office.

At the annual meeting on Wednesday, the 8th inst., of the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478, Warminster, Bro. Thomas Reeves was installed W.M., and afterwards appointed as his officers for the year Bros. William Pullen, G.W.; W. H. Hardick, J.W.; J. Rawlins, P.M., Treas.; S. J. Haden, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Read, S.D.; and E. Cruse, J.D. A banquet followed at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

At the recent installation meeting of the Concord Chapter, No. 124, Durham, Comps. John Turnbull and John Sewell were installed as H. and J. respectively, Comp. Johnson, M.E.Z. elect, being too ill to be present. The consecrating officer was Comp. W. Coxon, P.Z. The other officers of the chapter are Comps. G. Richardson, S.E.; J. Logan, S.N.; Rev. J. Lawson, Pr. Soj.; J. Walker and T. A. Ramsay, Asst. Sojs.; and W. Donkin, Treas.; with Comp. John Carter as Janitor.

The Royal Kent Preceptory (K.T.) held its annual meeting in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when Sir Knight Watson, E.P., installed his successor, Sir Knight J. J. Wilkes. Among those present were Sir Knights C. J. Banister, Prov. Prior of Northumberland and Durham; T. B. Whythead, Winlaw, C. R. Fry, Dr. Drury, Hotham, and others. The usual banquet followed.

The Masonic Ball by the Derwent Lodge, No. Hastings, in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, came off on Wednesday, the 8th inst., in the Royal Concert Hall, St. Leonards, with a considerable amount of success. The hall was well filled without being overcrowded, and the Committee of Stewards appear to have done everything in their power to promote the comfort and pleasure of the guests. Bros. E. Bradnam, (Mayor of Hastings), Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., with Miss Brassey, and others, were present. Dancing was continued till a late hour.

The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday last, and will also be repeated on Tuesday next, at 6.30 p.m. Bro. Larchin, P.M. 1541, presided as W.M., with Bro. Fox, P.M. 201, as I.P.M.; Bro. Brown, P.M. 852, as S.W.; and Bro. Dodson, P.M. 862, as J.W. The Sections were worked by the following brethren, namely: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Wynn; Second, Bro. Main; Third, Bro. Jenkins; Fourth, Bro. Fox; Fifth, Bro. Corner; Sixth, Bro. Brown; and Seventh, Bro. Hardy. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Bond; Second, Bro. Tate; Third, Bro. Drury; Fourth, Bro. Larchin; and Fifth, Bro. Giddings. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Richardson; Second, Bro. G. E. Kearney; and Third, Bro. Dodson.