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THE Grand Festival of the English Grand Lodge is over for 1885, and the much coveted purple has been granted to its contented recipients. For twelve months longer, at any rate, the hopes of the aspiring and the claims of the anxious must remain only inchoate, not consummated. Let us remember, once for all, that every one cannot be satisfied, and let us also feel convinced that a most anxious desire prevails amongst those in authority to reward Masonic desert, and to recompense Masonic services. We now number amongst our Grand Officers' roll some most distinguished accessions, and we feel sure that they will be welcomed by their confreres with every feeling of goodwill and congratulation.

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WE regret to find ourselves compelled by the extraordinary demands upon our space to hold over till next week our usual series of sketches of the new Grand Officers, and the services they have severally rendered to Freemasonry. The chance coincidence of two such important events as the installation of the new Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, and the Grand Festival will explain this necessity.

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THE gathering in Leeds on Friday week was not an ordinary one; on the contrary, it was a very remarkable one in every sense. Twelve hundred brethren, it is said from many provinces and the representatives of 69 West Yorkshire lodges had assembled to do honour to our R.W. Bro. T. W. TEW, there installed Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, by the Deputy Grand Master, our honoured Bro. the Earl of LATHOM. Everything appears to have gone off with great éclat, and the ceremonial was most impressive. Bro. TEW has long acted as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this important province, and, therefore, knows it thoroughly. He is a zealous and accomplished Mason, and most friendly, happily, to that cultured movement which has latterly been setting in, with some energy. He is in the prime of life, the fulness of health and strength, and the Craft in Yorkshire and the Craft at large expect "good suit and service" from him in his most important and responsible post. Such a meeting, such an assembly, must have carried many present to other days and scenes. They would recall the genial sway of Lord MEXBOROUGH, the constitutional rule of Lord RIPON, and the kindly régime of Sir H. EDWARDS, as well as the many and invaluable services of Bros. CHARLES LEE, Dr. FEARNLY, BENTLEY-SHAW, and many good and faithful brethren, who have, alas, "joined the majority." The memories of J. HARGREAVES, R. R. NELSON, and many more "good and true brethren" must have supervened. Under Bro. TEW's careful and energetic rule we doubt not but that West Yorkshire will still ever be to the fore, foremost in the maintenance of the true principles of the Craft, foremost, too, in Masonic work and Masonic Charity, in zeal for the success of that good old Order, which in hospitality, friendship, sympathy, and toleration has cemented so many warm hearts in West Yorkshire together in a strong bond of unity, harmony, and goodwill. Bro. HENRY SMITH, the well-known and energetic Secretary of the province for many years, has been appointed the new Deputy, and he is succeeded in his important duties by his nephew, Bro. HERBERT GREEN, who has been his assistant for some time, and is well acquainted with the provincial organization. Bro. W. B. ALDERSON, of Wakefield, is also Assistant Grand Secretary. Thus Bro. TEW has, we think, well arranged for the unity and government of the important provincial body he is called upon to rule over, and we doubt not that the career of West Yorkshire in years to come, as in the years that are gone, will be marked by the same loyal adherence to the principles of true Masonry, as to the needful and prevailing claims of Masonic Charity. We may notice that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, is the Prov. G.S.D. for West Yorkshire.

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MANY, indeed all, our readers will be sorry to hear of the growing infirmities of our good old friend, Bro. HENRY MUGGERIDGE. Owing to a sense of weakness, he has now, we understand, ceased to be an active member of any

lodge or chapter, and has given up his long and able management of the Stability Lodge of Instruction. Few brethren have done more to advance the cause of Masonic order and effectiveness in respect of the ritual, and whether we prefer the Emulation or Stability working, (and each has its points of special excellence), all will concur in the debt of gratitude bright Masons owe to their venerable, and kindly, and impressive Preceptor, and remember warmly the long labours of a most useful and valuable Masonic career.

### GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall. It was the first occasion that the beautiful Temple was opened in a completely restored state since the disastrous fire in May, 1883, and the way in which the work of restoration and decoration has been carried out gave great satisfaction to the brethren assembled.

The numerous engagements of the Prince of Wales prevented H.R.H. being present, and in his absence the throne was occupied by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, as Past G.M. Lord Cremorne was in his place as Grand Senior Warden, and the Lord Mayor, as Grand Junior Warden. Amongst the other Grand Officers were:

Bros. Horace B. Marshall, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; T. Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purp.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Dr. Ernest E. Wendt, Grand Sec. German Correspondence; Baron de Ferrieres, G.S.D.; J. S. Eastes, G.J.D.; E. Letchworth, G.J.D.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Works; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G. Dir. of Cers.; Griffiths Smith, Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.; Major E. Locock, G. Sword Bearer; Lieut.-Col. J. E. Taylor, G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; H. Garrod, Asst. G. Purst.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire; Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Hon. W. W. Vernon, P.G.W.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; John Gibson, P.G. Supt. of Works; Revs. Dr. Cox, P.G.C.; R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; H. Adair Pickard, P.G.C.; C. W. S. Stanhope, P.G.C.; C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; J. Cochrane, P.G.C.; R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; W. C. Hutton, P.G.C.; C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Henry Maudsley, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; Beswick-Royds, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D.; H. J. Dumas, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Raynham Stewart, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Frank R. Green, P.G.D.; J. J. Collins, P.G.S.B.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; Alfred Richards, P.G.D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; W. S. Howe, P.G. Purst.; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.S.B.; Hyde Clarke, Rep. G.L. Columbia; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; and H. T. Littell, P.G.P.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened,

Sir J. B. MONCKTON rose and said, before the business of the evening commenced, he desired the permission of the Grand Master to say a few words of a most exceptional character, but still he thought words most appropriate to be brought in at that moment. It was just two years ago when the Hall the brethren now stood in was devastated by a great fire, and shortly afterwards Grand Lodge delegated to himself and certain other brethren the work of restoring and redecorating it. That work had now been done, and he now desired, on this most appropriate occasion, in the name of the Committee, to hand back to Grand Lodge and its Board of General Purposes, which ordinarily took charge of the building, the trust they had confided to them. In doing so he desired to express their warm acknowledgments to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Superintendent of Works for the able manner in which they had assisted them. He did not think he should be doing right if he failed also to acknowledge the services of those artistic brethren who, regardless of the question of adequate remuneration, threw their hearts and souls as well as their brushes and their time into the work of reproducing the pictures that adorned the walls to the right and left of the dais. He therefore trusted without trespassing further on the time of Grand Lodge, and without undue self gratulation expressed the hope, that the Committee to whom this work had been entrusted had discharged their duty with some credit to themselves and to the entire satisfaction of Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH thereupon rose, and said he desired to move a resolution which he was quite certain every member of Grand Lodge would thoroughly and heartily endorse—a vote of thanks to Sir John

Monckton and the other members of the Building Committee for the great artistic skill they had displayed and the success which had attended their efforts. When that great loss occurred two years ago, much anxiety prevailed as to what was the best course to pursue, but it culminated in the appointment of Sir John Monckton and a Building Committee, and he was certain they had an arduous and anxious task to perform. How they had performed it the brethren could best judge. He was quite sure that all the brethren thoroughly appreciated the efforts which the Committee had used and the success which had attended those efforts. It was no light matter to restore a building which had been built and decorated many, many years ago, and which was well worthy of those who had then decorated it; but he thought they might congratulate the members of the Building Committee on the skill they had shown and the taste they had displayed. He moved that the best thanks of Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Sir John Monckton, and the other members of the Building Committee, and also to Bro. Horace Jones, Grand Superintendent of Works, for the skill and ability with which they had carried out the trust imposed on them of restoring and re-decorating the Hall after its destruction by fire two years ago.

Bro. BARON DE FERRIERES, M.P., P.G.D., in seconding the resolution, said he was sure that the very appropriate, yet modest terms in which Sir John Monckton had presented the restored Temple on behalf of the Building Committee must commend itself to every brother present. The wonder must be that the work had been done in so short a time. Those brethren who attended last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge would remember that even then the walls were not painted and the hall was a long way from being complete. It showed that Masonry could effect anything. When they considered what a long time it took to complete other buildings it was astonishing how short a time had been occupied in finishing the present hall.

The Earl of LATHOM said that before putting the vote he begged to be allowed to offer his congratulations to Sir John Monckton and the Building Committee on the great success of their work. He was sure that all the brethren were to be congratulated when they found themselves once more in their old home, not a new one, but looking as if it was fresh from the builders' hands. But more especially he wished to congratulate the Building Committee, and the Grand Superintendent of Works especially, on the skill they had shown in adding to the accommodation of the Hall. That was, he thought, especially needed, and he was much pleased to see that above 100 more brethren could be accommodated. Many of the brethren must have felt the inconvenience of want of space at the meetings of Grand Lodge. This was his first visit since its restoration, and he must say that the work was admirable and successful. It was not only artistic as regarded the building and decorations, but in the way the portraits had been restored, and he heartily congratulated all the brethren who had been concerned in it.

The vote was carried unanimously, and with loud applause.

Sir J. B. MONCKTON, in the name of himself and the Building Committee, thanked the brethren for the vote.

The Earl of LATHOM moved that the vote be engrossed on vellum, signed by the Grand Master, and presented to Sir J. B. Monckton and the Grand Superintendent of Works.

Sir F. BURDETT seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, so far as regarded the election of the Grand Master, were then read, and

Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (Garter), G.D.C., then proclaimed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales re-installed as M.W.G.M.

The Earl of LATHOM then announced that the Prince of Wales had re-appointed the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, and himself (the Earl of Lathom), Deputy Grand Master.

The following brethren were then invested as Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. the Marquis of Hertford ...	...	G.S.W.
Col. Sackville West ...	...	G.J.W.
The Rev. Canon Portal ...	...	G. Chap.
The Rev. R. N. Sanderson ...	...	G. Chap.
Major John Woodall ...	...	G. Treas.
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. ...	...	G. Reg.
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ...	...	G. Sec.
E. E. Wendt, D.C.L. ...	...	G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
Alfred Meadows ...	...	G.S.D.
John Watson ...	...	G.S.D.
R. Collier Driver ...	...	G.J.D.
F. Hastings Goldney ...	...	G.J.D.
Horace Jones ...	...	G. Supt. of Wks.
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) ...	...	G.D.C.
Dr. John H. Paul ...	...	G.D.D.C.
Major Charles Harding ...	...	G.A.D.C.
Charles Hammerton ...	...	G. Swd. Br.
Butler Wilkins ...	...	G. Std. Br.
George P. Brockbank ...	...	G. Std. Br.
E. M. Lott ...	...	G. Org.
Henry Garrod ...	...	G.P.
A. Lucking ...	...	G.A.P.
Henry Sadler ...	...	G. Tyler.

GRAND SECRETARY read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. George Hughes, Charles Baxter Cousens, A. Taylor Day, George Ratcliff Steel, John Armytage Batley, Wm. James Ford, Baldomero Bertodans Lopez, Frederick Thos. Rushton, Edgar Figgess, Robert C. Grant, T. W. Chard Lentz, J. W. Robinson, Edward Terry, George Pitt Lewis, Arthur Josling, Thomas A. Logan, Henry Sutherland, M.D., and Charles Barry.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

At the Grand Festival which followed, at Freemasons' Tavern, a large company sat down to a choice banquet, provided with great liberality by the Grand Stewards. The Earl of Lathom presided.

In giving the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," the CHAIRMAN said: I give you the health of her Majesty the Queen, the patron of our Order.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and was followed by the National Anthem.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving the toast of "The Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family," said: The mere name of the Princess of Wales will provoke a cheer among all Englishmen. It invariably does so whenever we as Masons meet in England. We congratulate her Royal Highness on having returned safe from her visit to the sister isle. This toast is put down rather as an un-Masonic toast, but it bears strong

Masonic elements in it. In the first place we have the Duke of Connaught as a Mason; in the second place we have enrolled on our list very recently, as initiated an Entered Apprentice in this country, his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor. I think that our Order is largely indebted to the Royal Family for belonging to us and upholding us, and I think that in their doing so lies a great portion of our strength in the future.

The CHAIRMAN: I now have to propose to you the toast of this evening. This is the Festival of Grand Lodge, but I think we may more properly call it the Festival of the re-elections of H.R.H. our Grand Master. It is impossible for any Mason who watches the events of his Royal Highness's life to see how he continually, at a great expense of time, and with great difficulty to himself, contrived to attend Masonic meetings here and there. That it would be otherwise it was impossible for anyone to expect. His Royal Highness's avocations were so numerous, and he was so much engaged in performing every possible duty, that it was impossible for him to give more than its fair share to Masonry. His Royal Highness gave Masonry its fair share of his time, and he most heartily and thoroughly entered into Masonry. His Royal Highness had had the intention of being present that evening, but his very recent return—his happy return—from the sister isle, and the quantity of business he found waiting for him on his arrival, had prevented his being with the brethren, but he (the Earl of Lathom) had not the slightest doubt that, though he was not among the brethren in person, he was there in his heart.

The Earl of LATHOM next proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," who the brethren knew was a true Mason, and who would have been present but for a previous engagement.

Bro. BEACH, in proposing "The Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master," said the acclamation which greeted the announcement of the re-appointment of the Deputy Grand Master was sufficient indication of the popularity which attached to his name. Those brethren in the county palatine where the Earl of Lathom ruled—one of the most important provinces of England—could well appreciate the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, and all the brethren knew when he came to preside in that hall, and appreciated fully the geniality and the ability with which he did so. It was sufficient to say that whatever Masonic duty was assigned to him he performed it with courtesy and ability.

The Earl of LATHOM, in response, said he was much flattered by the kind words of Bro. Beach, and he only wished he thoroughly deserved them. He could only say that, as far as in him lay as Deputy Grand Master of England, he would always endeavour to do his duty. It was not often that he appeared among the brethren; in fact, it was about a triennial arrangement. The Grand Master occasionally honoured them, Lord Carnarvon occasionally honoured them; and therefore he (the Earl of Lathom) came in third; but whenever he came he was very glad to meet all the brethren. He then proposed "The Provincial Grand Masters." It was true that without these brethren the Grand Master could do nothing. He had the good fortune to have Col. Starkie, of East Lancashire, by his side, who installed him (the Earl of Lathom) in West Lancashire. Next to him he had the pleasure of seeing the last recruit to the ranks of Provincial Grand Masters—Bro. Tew, of West Yorkshire. Bro. Beach was too well known to the brethren to require a word. When they looked round the country and saw the brethren on whom the Grand Master's choice had fallen, they would think he had most admirably done his work, and provided most excellent Provincial Grand Masters.

Col. STARKIE, in reply, said the brethren might rest assured that he spoke the feelings of all the Prov. Grand Masters when he said they all took a deep interest in their work. He was deeply indebted for the trust reposed in him, and all the Prov. Grand Masters would endeavour to the best of their ability to fulfil it with honour and esteem. The country brethren were always to be found performing the good work of Masonry. He took that opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Prov. Grand Masters for the arrangements of the Building Committee in restoring and re-decorating the Temple. Long might all the brethren live to meet in it, to be true to the Order, true to its principles, and loyal to their chief.

The Earl of LATHOM next gave "The Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." The toast was one that signified more than generally appeared to the public eye. It meant that the Grand Master had collected from the whole body of Masons those men he thought most capable and fit for promotion in the ranks of Masonry. This occasion was especially interesting to him, because among the number of Grand Officers appointed that day he had the pleasure of noticing several old friends of his own. He would not be invidious, and he hoped those he did not name would not think he left them out from any disrespect. On his right he saw Canon Portal, a man whose name had been strong in Masonry for many years past, and he congratulated the Prince of Wales on having appointed him Grand Chaplain. There was another brother appointed to office that day of whom he spoke as a Lancashire man, and it filled his heart with joy to see Bro. Brockbank appointed to office in Grand Lodge. He knew no brother who had done more for Masonry than Bro. Brockbank had done in the province of East Lancashire.

The Marquis of HERTFORD, replying, said he could assure all the brethren that all the Grand Officers very highly and thoroughly appreciated the great honour done them by the Grand Master in appointing them. If anything could make them still more thoroughly appreciate the honour it would be the terms in which this toast had been proposed, because, if he could quote the words right, the Deputy Grand Master said that all the Grand Officers were picked out on account of their being efficient members of the Craft, therefore he thought they ought to be very proud of that. All he could say was he was a young Mason, of a few years' standing; but one thing he had had thoroughly drilled into him at starting, and he should not lose sight of it now—that at all Masonic banquets speeches were to be as short as possible. Therefore he should not detain the brethren, but for himself and all the other Grand Officers he could say they thoroughly intended to do their duty during their year of office in every way they possibly could, and would advance the interests of the Craft by every means in their power.

The Rev. Canon PORTAL proposed "The Masonic Charities," a toast which was more essentially Masonic than any that could be introduced to the brethren's notice. It was well-known that there was no country in Europe, and he supposed in the whole world, that was more distinguished for its munificent charities than England; and in England there was no body of men who were more distinguished for their Charity than the great body of English Freemasons. He need simply direct the brethren's attention to the magnificent amount of £23,000, which was on a very special occasion contributed to the Boys' School, and he would remind them that Bro. Terry succeeded in February last in getting together the magnificent sum of £17,770. Splendid at those sums were, he would venture most respectfully

to suggest that if the brethren of private lodges who were not able to contribute an amount that would bear to be quoted when those lists were read out in the hall would yet contribute but a small sum each to the honour of their lodge in general, there would be a more magnificent sum than they were able to speak of on these occasions. In a commercial country like ours, subject to ups and downs as they all knew commerce was, it was an enormous satisfaction to a Mason to feel that, should misfortune overtake him, his boys and his girls would be taken charge of by his brethren of the Craft, and if he should himself require it he would, in his old age, be supported by those whom in better times he had been proud to join with as brethren.

Bro. HEDGES, in acknowledging the toast, said the Charities owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Craft, and it afforded him sincere pleasure to respond for them. At the commencement of the year the Benevolent Institution celebrated a festival second to none in its annals, and now the Girls' and Boys' Schools stood before the brethren hat in hand, waiting for the verdict of the Craft on their behalf. The Girls would hold their 97th anniversary festival that day fortnight, when the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex would preside, and he hoped the announcement he should then have to make would be second to none. Up to the present time, however, their prospects were not so good as he could wish, the lists of Stewards were not so long as they might be, but still he hoped they would have an excellent result, and he threw himself entirely on the liberality of the brethren.

Alderman Sir REGINALD HANSON, replying to the toast of "The Grand Stewards," said the Grand Stewards followed in the wake of many great men in the Craft who had had the honour of serving as Stewards at Grand Festival, as they hoped many brethren would follow them for many years to come. The present Grand Stewards hoped they might vie successfully with those who had previously managed Grand Festival. If they had come short of their efforts it was not their fault. They hoped they were not making too much of their efforts when they thought they might safely compare their work with that of others, and they hoped that those who followed after them would do more than they had done. They could not try more, though they might do more.

This closed the list of toasts, and the company then proceeded to the Temple, where a charming concert was given under the direction of the Grand Organist, Bro. Edwin M. Lott. The artists were Miss Hilda Coward, Miss Margaret Hoare, the Misses Henrietta and Gertrude Nunn, Miss Minnie Kirtton, Bro. Harper Kearton, Bro. John Probert, Bro. Franklin Clive, Bro. T. Tremere, Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G.O.; Bro. Henry Lazarus, Miss Nellie Hamilton, and Bro. John Jefferys.

The whole of the arrangements of the festival reflected the greatest credit on the Grand Stewards, of whom the following is a list: Bros. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, 259 (President); Frederick West, F.R.G.S., 4 (Treasurer); James Ford, 58 (Secretary); J. Holah, 1; C. O. Tagart, 2; J. Hallett, 5; A. E. Craven, 6; E. W. Rushworth, 8; W. B. Liddiard, 14; S. Hill, 21; J. G. Boyd, 23; E. C. Stebbing, 26; C. C. Black, 29; W. E. Ramsden Wood, M.D., 46; C. E. Soppet, 60; T. Lough, 91; Chester Cheston, 99; and B. H. Paul, 197.

#### The decorating and furnishing of

##### THE GRAND HALL

being now virtually complete, we consider the time opportune, on the occasion of the Grand Festival, to give our readers a description of the work of restoration, and those brethren who attended on Wednesday, must have every reason to be satisfied with the taste exhibited by the Committee, and the skill with which its instructions have been carried out. There are no doubt many Masonic halls which, architecturally, and as regards their interior arrangement and fittings, are more pretentious than this; but we venture to say there are few, if any, in which the tone and character of the building more completely harmonise with those of the Society to whose uses it is devoted. The structure itself is substantially built, and as handsome as it is substantial; the work of decoration has been well, and even elaborately done; there is no lack of richness and colour, where richness and colour have seemed necessary or desirable; and yet the idea that strikes one most on entering is that it will be difficult to find another hall which furnishes a better illustration of that most difficult of all combinations—suitability, elegance, and simplicity. It is admirably adapted for the meetings of a deliberative assembly, and will be found commodious enough for the numbers which ordinarily attend Grand Lodge. The comfort of the brethren has been studied, and, while there has been no wasteful expenditure of money, no pains have been spared in order to make the building worthy in all respects of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. To have accomplished this is most creditable, and we are convinced the Committee who have had in charge the work of restoration and embellishment will receive from the Craft generally those hearty commendations to which the success of their labours so justly entitles them.

##### STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS.

An elaborate description of the Hall as it was is unnecessary. Its appearance must be so familiar to the majority of our readers that they will have no difficulty in following us as we note the more prominent points of difference between the old order of things and the new. Speaking broadly, we may state that in carrying out his duty the architect has followed closely the lines originally laid down. The dimensions remain necessarily the same; but as regards the interior a great improvement has been effected by doing away with the gallery above the dais and the massive pillars which supported it. The gallery facing the dais, which for many years was used only as a lumber room, is now comfortably furnished with seats for the accommodation of about a hundred brethren; and, what is of the greatest importance in the event of any accident or alarm of accident occurring, it has an exit of its own, opening out on to the upper corridor. It is also lighted independently, while those occupying it not only have an excellent view of what is going on, but can hear easily what is said by the different speakers. There are also two doors, one on either side of the Hall, to the rear of the dais, and as these as well as the main entrance leading to the Grand Corridor have all been made to open outwards, the chance of danger in the event of sudden panic occurring is reduced as nearly as possible to a minimum. Moreover, every precaution has been taken against a repetition of the fatality which occurred two years since, when the woodwork in the tavern kitchen flue caught fire and destroyed the Hall. There is no woodwork now, and the flue passes up the angle of the wall through a structure of fire bricks. These are the chief structural improvements which have been secured, and if we add that the vacant spaces to the rear of the dais

on either side of the throne, or rather of the recess behind the throne, have been made the most of, that on the proper left being occupied by the organ—the gift of Grand Chapter—we shall have noticed all the material points of difference as between the original and present buildings.

##### THE ROOF.

As regards the decorative portion of the work, which, as well as the furnishing, is, as we have already said, virtually if not actually complete, we would point out in the first place that the roof or ceiling, which was so striking a feature in the old Hall, has been as nearly as possible reproduced. We read in Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry," that "the roof of this magnificent hall is, in all probability, the highest-finished piece of workmanship in Europe, having gained universal applause from all beholders, and raised the character of the architect (Richard Cox) beyond expression. In the centre of this roof a most splendid sun is represented in burnished gold, surrounded by the twelve signs of the Zodiac, with their respective characters." The present roof is equally worthy of praise, on the score both of delicacy and the exquisite finish of the workmanship. It is unfortunate, perhaps, that so light a shade of blue should have been chosen for the ground-work of the ceiling. The height is such that a deeper tint would not have been too pronounced for the general harmony of the design, whereas the one adopted is hardly distinguishable from white. However, we have no desire to be called hypercritical. Even as it is, the roof is well nigh unsurpassable, and would certainly have had the effect of raising the character of Richard Cox still further beyond expression, had he been living to design it.

##### PORTRAITS OF THE GRAND MASTERS.

What we have described thus far must be more or less familiar to Grand Lodge, which has been in occupation of its new quarters for a full twelvemonth. Not so, however, the series of portraits of Masonic dignitaries, which were only hung in their appointed places in time for Wednesday's Festival. That the authorities have been able to make good this part of the loss caused by the fire of two years since will be a subject of general congratulation. The collection was by no means a numerous one, but there is this at least to be said in its favour, that it occupied pretty well the whole of the available wall space, so that had more portraits been forthcoming, the executive must have found room for them in other parts of the building. Moreover, the brethren depicted had all of them in their day exercised a beneficial influence on the fortunes of the Craft, while the exalted positions they had one and all occupied in Masonry fully justified the presence in our Hall of these memorials of their rule. All the pictures that were destroyed have been replaced by others taken from well-known paintings or engravings of the several personages, while the number has been increased by a three-quarter length portrait of our present distinguished Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, it having fortunately been suggested by the Committee that a vacant panel to the proper right of the dais afforded the requisite space for a counterfeit presentment of his lordship. This addition, however, to the series has not yet been completed by the artist commissioned to paint it, but as regards the *replicas*—though the term is not precisely applicable in all cases—taking them in the order of their succession as Grand Masters of the rival or united sections of the English Craft, we obtain the following list:—

##### GRAND MASTERS—"MODERNS."

1. Robert Edward, 9th Lord Petre, Grand Master 1772-7. It was during the Grand Mastership of this distinguished brother that the scheme of erecting a Freemasons' Hall was carried into execution, and it was he who laid the foundation-stone of the original Hall on the 1st May, 1775, and presided at its formal consecration to the purposes of Masonry on the 23rd May, 1776. The original portrait was painted and presented to Grand Lodge in 1785, by Bro. Rev. William Peters, subsequently Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and the only brother who has enjoyed the style and title of Grand Portrait Painter. The present picture is by the well-known artist Bro. Sydney Hodges, who is to be congratulated on the success which has attended his efforts.
2. George, 4th Duke of Manchester, Grand Master 1777-82. The original of this also was the work of Bro. Rev. William Peters, the copy being by Bro. Louis Desanges, an artist of well-established repute, whose works are no doubt known to and esteemed by the majority of our readers.
3. H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, a younger brother of George III., and the first member of the Royal Family who presided over the Grand Lodge of the Regular Masons. His Royal Highness was unanimously elected G.M. on the 1st May, 1782, and retained the position till his death in 1790. Two events will always be associated with the reign of this illustrious Prince, the first in order of occurrence being the foundation in 1788, by Bro. the Chevalier Ruspini, under the immediate patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland and other members of the Royal Family, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—originally known as the Royal Cumberland School for Girls; and the reunion in 1790 with the Grand Lodge of the old Time Immemorial Lodge of Antiquity—now No. 2—which had seceded some 11 years previously, and set up a Grand Lodge of England south of the Trent, in alliance with the Grand Lodge of All England at York. The original was painted by Peters; the copy is the work of Bro. Stephen Pearce.
4. H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales, initiated by his uncle and predecessor in 1787 and Grand Master from 1790 to 1813. The original was painted by Bro. Peters; the copy is by Bro. B. S. Marks.
5. Francis, 2nd Earl of Moira, subsequently created Marquis of Hastings, for his splendid services as Governor-General of India, who was Acting Grand Master from 1790 to 1813. Sir Martin A. Shee painted the original, and his pupil, Bro. Stephen Pearce, the copy.

##### GRAND MASTERS—"ANCIENTS."

6. John, 4th Duke of Atholl, G.M. 1791-1813, having previously held the same office 1775-81, and been likewise G.M. of Scotland during 1878-9. It was during his Grace's second term as G.M. that was established in 1798 what is now the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The original was painted by Mr. Thomas Phillips, R.A., in 1814, and has been restored—though we think an entirely new portrait would have been preferable—by Bro. Frankel.
7. H.R.H. Duke of Kent, father of the Queen, who in 1813 presided as G.M. during the brief period that elapsed between the resignation of the Duke of Atholl and the union of the "Modern" and "Ancient" G. Lodges. Sir W. Beechey, R.A., painted the original; the new portrait is by Bro. Wm. Hay.

##### GRAND MASTERS—"UNITED GRAND LODGE."

8. H.R.H. Duke of Sussex, who in 1813 succeeded his brother George, Prince of Wales, as G.M. of the "Modern" Grand Lodge, and; in con-



junction with his brother, the Duke of Kent, brought about the union of the rival G. Lodges. The Act of Union having been solemnly accepted, the Duke, on the nomination of his brother, the Duke of Kent, was unanimously elected Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge, and continued as such till his death in 1843. To his Royal Highness we are indebted for the establishment by Grand Lodge of the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Duke is represented in Highland costume, the original having been the work of Sir W. Beechey, R.A., and the present that of Bro. B. S. Marks.

9. Thomas, 2nd Earl of Zetland, Deputy Grand Master of England 1839-40; Pro Grand Master, 1841-3; and Grand Master, 1843-70. Sir Francis Grant, P.R.A., painted the original portrait, and Bro. Louis Desanges the one which has taken its place.

10. H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Grand Master since 1874. For this admirable portrait of our present illustrious ruler Grand Lodge is indebted to the generous kindness of the brethren of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6. Both the original picture and this were painted by the same artist—Bro. Louis Desanges.

11. Henry, 4th Earl of Carnarvon, D.G.M. of England 1870-4, and since then Pro Grand Master. This picture, which has been entrusted to Bro. Morris, is still in hand; when finished it will occupy the vacant panel to the right of the dais.

The series, as given above, has been arranged in chronological order; but in Grand Lodge they are hung as follows:—

On the proper right, reckoning, that is to say, from the dais, first of all the Earl of Carnarvon, to occupy the panel already described, and then George, Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cumberland, the Duke of Kent, the Duke of Sussex, and the Earl of Zetland.

On the proper left of the dais: Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Lord Petre, the Duke of Manchester, Lord Moira (Marquis of Hastings), and the Duke of Atholl.

It is not our intention to enter upon an elaborate criticism of these pictures. It is sufficient for us to know that the different commissions were entrusted to artists of known repute, who have severally carried out their allotted tasks in a style that must not only enhance their own fame, but will also compare well with many of the best examples of the same school of British art. We would suggest however, that it would have harmonised better with the character of the Hall in which they were intended to be placed if in each case there had been indicated some outward and visible sign of their connection with the fraternity of Masons. We have nothing to say against the civil costume in which most of the Grand Masters are portrayed, but a military uniform seems out of place in what is pre-eminently a Hall of Peace. It strikes us also that it would have been better to have had an entirely new portrait of the Duke of Atholl, instead of having the original one restored. A gloomier picture it would be difficult to imagine, and the gloom is all the more noticeable from the contrast it offers to the brightness and richness of colouring which characterise some of the other pictures.

In addition to the foregoing are to be seen at the bottom of the Hall, facing the dais, two new medallion portraits which, in our opinion, considerably enhance the value of the Grand Lodge collection, and cannot fail to attract the attention of all who are interested in the early history of the Order, the one on the right being Anthony Sayer, Grand Master in 1717; and that on the left Dr. Desaguliers, Grand Master in 1719. We congratulate the authorities on the acquisition of the portraits of two such distinguished Masonic worthies, the former representing the most prominent Mason of the Operative or pre-1717 period, and the latter a brother who is generally credited with having been the chief promoter, if not the originator of the new departure which culminated in the ranks of Masonry being thrown open to all trades and professions. These portraits, which are very striking and are well and carefully finished, were copied from scarce engravings by Bro. Beaufort, of Piccadilly-circus, and we gladly bear testimony to the skill and fidelity with which that gentleman has executed the work entrusted to him.

#### THE FURNITURE.

As regards the furnishing, there can be no two opinions that it has been done well and tastefully. The seats have been comfortably cushioned, those on the dais being purple, while those in the body of the hall, the bulk, intended for the blue Masons, are covered with blue rep, and the rest, for the members of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, with red. The chairs for the D.G.M. and Wardens have been completely renovated. Everything, in fact, has about it an air of genuine and even luxurious comfort. There is a complete absence of flimsiness and gaudy show, and all who have had a part in the work of furnishing, as in the work of decoration, are to be commended for the manner in which they have executed their tasks.

The Pedestals for the Grand Masters and Wardens are of massive walnut, handsomely carved and ornamented with the columns of the respective Orders. The emblems of each office in raised gold are placed on sunk panels on each. The cover for the triangular Altar is of royal blue Lyons velvet, with the arms of Grand Lodge in massive gold embroidery on the two front faces of the triangle, above which is a trimming of gold bullion fringe and rich gold oak leaf lace. The cover for the Grand Secretary's table is also of royal blue Lyons velvet, with the emblems of office in massive gold embroidery, surrounded by a wreath of laurel and wheat-ears, and trimmed with gold oak leaf lace. They were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

There is little further to be said. Our readers are aware that the work of decorating the corridors, staircase, and generally the other parts of the building has been in progress during the past 12 months. They have likewise had many opportunities of judging as to the manner in which all this has been done; but the ornamental gates, with brass mountings, at the top of the flight of steps leading down into the vestibule have only recently been added, and a very becoming and very useful addition they will, no doubt, prove, the particular purpose in erecting them being to prevent, as far as possible, anything like uncomfortable crowding as the brethren enter or quit the Hall.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that the Committee have fulfilled their duty in a manner entitling them to the thanks of the Fraternity. The account they will be in a position to give of their stewardship cannot fail to be a satisfactory one. Their great care has been that the task entrusted to them should be carried out well and thoroughly. They have been liberal without being lavish in their expenditure, and, as we suggested at the outset, it cannot be otherwise than a source of pleasure to the Craft to know that this new Hall, with its fittings and surroundings, is in all respects worthy of so ancient and honourable a Society.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business on the agenda paper to be transacted on Wednesday, the 6th day of May next:—

The Regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

#### THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 22nd January to the 14th April, 1885, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To balance Grand Chapter ...	£315 4 5	By disbursements during the quarter ...	£261 4 0
„ „ Unappropriated account ...	186 15 10	„ Balance ...	375 17 5
„ Subsequent receipts ...	327 5 0	„ „ Unappropriated account ...	192 3 10
	£829 5 3		£829 5 3

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Ed. Lytton Hitchins, as Z.; Chas. Bourne Airey, as H.; Wm. Hilston Pigott, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1653, Sydney, New South Wales, to be called the Prince of Wales Chapter, and to meet at Sydney, N.S.W.

2nd. From Comps. the Rev. Thomas Bartrup Nichols, as Z.; John Thomas Davison, as H.; Charles Wright Henzell, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, Tynemouth, to be called the Priory Chapter, and to meet at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, in the county of Northumberland.

3rd. From Comps. George Hudson Hibbert, as Z.; Thomas Fisher, as H.; John Angrave Howitt, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, Mansfield, to be called the Forest Chapter, and to meet at the Swan Hotel, Mansfield, in the county of Nottingham.

4th. From Comps. Thomas Cull, as Z.; William Sergeant Lee, as H.; John William Mash, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge, No. 1446, London, to be called the Mount Edgcumbe Chapter, and to meet at St. Botolph Chambers, No. 191, Bishopsgate-street, in the City of London.

5. From Comps. Thomas Charles Walls, as Z.; Henry Joseph Lardner, as H.; James Strugnell, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, London, to be called the Farringdon Without Chapter, and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also received the following petitions praying for Charters of Confirmation, the originals being lost:—

From the Principals and Members of the Enfield Chapter, No. 1237, Enfield.

From the Principals and Members of the Prince Frederick William Chapter, No. 753, St. John's Wood.

The Committee recommend that Charters of Confirmation for the above-named chapters be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that two chapters through neglect of the law as contained in Article 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations (Edit. 1879), having recently exalted brethren at a less period than 12 calendar months from the date of their becoming Master Masons:—

The Committee have admonished the chapters to be more observant of the law in the future, and have ordered the candidates in question to be re-obligated; and the Committee again call attention to this serious irregularity, with a view to greater care being taken in future that the "satisfactory proof" required by the above-quoted regulation be previously obtained, in every instance.

(Signed)

ROBERT GREY, P.A.G.S.,

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

President.

15th April, 1885.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

#### THE INSTALLATION OF BRO. T. W. TEW, P.G.M. WEST YORKSHIRE.

The ceremony which took place in the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Friday, the 24th ult., passed off brilliantly in a manner well worthy of the rarity and importance of the occasion. It is, of necessity, only at somewhat long intervals of time that a new Provincial Grand Master is installed in office, and it still more rarely happens that such an event occurs in connection with one of our largest and most influential provinces. Under these circumstances it will not surprise our readers to be told that no pains had evidently been spared to give it that effect and solemnity which it so naturally demands. Our West Yorkshire friends need no stimulating to extra exertion when the occasion requires it, nor was it at all likely that the Deputy Grand Master of England, and the Grand Officers by whom he was attended, would omit anything calculated to give emphasis to the appointment of the new chief or confer additional lustre on so great a province.

Any sketch in detail of the origin and progress of Freemasonry in Yorkshire would be out of the question and supererogatory; out of the question, because, in order to do the subject justice, we should require to have a volume instead of a very circumscribed amount of space at our disposal; and supererogatory because at different times and for different purposes, a general and tolerably sufficient idea has already been furnished in the pages of the *Freemason* and elsewhere. That Yorkshire occupies the foremost place in the traditional history of Freemasonry is well known; that for many years it boasted of a Grand Lodge of its own, bearing the proud title of "the Grand Lodge of ALL England" is also a matter beyond the possibility of question; and there is also no doubt that both during the existence of that distinguished Grand Body, and ever since its demise, the influence of

Freemasonry, by whatever authority impressed upon the minds of Yorkshiremen, has been very considerable, and the benefits derived from this fact have been, as regards both the county and the Craft, mutually reciprocal. Until the second decade of this century, and omitting from our consideration the sovereignty exercised by the York Grand Lodge, the county and the Masonic province were coterminous. But as the lodges increased in number and importance, it seems to have been thought expedient and for the better government of the Craft, that the county should be subdivided into two provinces, the one to embrace the North and East Ridings and the other the West Riding. This subdivision took place in 1817, when Bro. Robert Pemberton Milnes, previously Prov. G. Master of Yorkshire, became P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and the first Earl of Zetland—at the time, however, only Lord Dundas—became P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire. In the interval that has since elapsed there have been in North and East Yorkshire three Provincial Grand Masters, namely, the Lord Dundas just mentioned, who was created Earl of Zetland in 1838, and died the year following; the second Earl of Zetland, who succeeded the late Duke of Sussex as Grand Master of England; and the third and present Earl of Zetland, who was appointed to the office in 1874. As regards West Yorkshire, the succession of Provincial Grand Masters has been Bro. Robert Pemberton Milnes, 1817; Viscount Pollington, afterwards third Earl of Mexborough, 1829; Earl de Grey and Ripon, now Marquis of Ripon, 1861; and Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., installed April, 1875. Thus Bro. Tew is the fifth in order of sequence of the Provincial Grand Masters of West Yorkshire, and we trust the day may be yet far distant when a successor to him will have to be chosen.

As regards Bro. Tew, we need say little. A sketch of his Masonic career was published in these columns two years since, on his appointment to office in the Grand Lodge of England. It will suffice, perhaps, if we point out that his greatest qualification for the office on which he has now entered lies in the intimate knowledge of West Yorkshire Freemasonry which he must have acquired during his 10 years' experience as the Deputy of his predecessor. We wish him all success in his more exalted career, and we hope, as we most sincerely believe, that in his new relations with the West Yorkshire lodges the services he will be called upon to render will be found reciprocally beneficial, by enhancing his own reputation and extending and confirming the welfare of the brethren.

With respect to the ceremony itself, it should be stated that Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Albert Hall by the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and on the roll being called, it was found that every lodge in the province was represented, and, as may be supposed, some of them very largely. The hall was very tastefully laid out as a lodge room, the east end being a dais covered with crimson cloth, led up to by a flight of steps, on which the pedestal containing the volume of the Sacred Law was placed. The pedestals, chairs, lights, and other lodge furniture and working tools were lent from the Philanthropic Lodge. The body of the hall was devoted to members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, viz., Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the 69 lodges in the province; the circular gallery upstairs being allotted to Master Masons not included above. The room bore a striking resemblance (but, of course, in a much smaller degree) to that of the installation of his Royal Highness as Grand Master in the Albert Hall, London, in 1875. The arrangements for the reception of visitors, and the general order of the day's proceedings, were the work of a Committee of the eight Leeds lodges, of which Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., was chairman, and Bro. Alderman Woodhouse, vice-chairman. Most efficient aid was also rendered by Bro. Mason. At 12.30 a procession entered, consisting of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire and their distinguished visitors, during which a hymn was sung by the brethren, Dr. Spark presiding at the organ. The Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, having assumed the throne, proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge. Canon Bullock offered up prayer.

The brethren having saluted the Deputy G.M., Lord Lathom, Colonel Starkie, Bro. Smyth, and others,

The Registrar, Bro. SUNDERLAND, read the following address of welcome to Lord Lathom:—

To the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England and R.W. Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire: The congratulatory, dutiful, and affectionate address of welcome of the 69 lodges of ancient, free, and accepted Masons of the Province of West Yorkshire, assembled in the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Friday, April, 24th, 1885, at the installation of R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P. Grand Deacon of England, and P. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, offer to you a most cordial welcome and the assurance of their loyal devotion to the Grand Lodge of England, which sentiment has ever animated the Masons in this province. They also offer to you their warmest thanks for the compliment you have paid them in coming to perform this important Masonic ceremony, affording them an opportunity of acknowledging their appreciation of your devoted and distinguished services to the Craft for a long series of years. They desire to express their satisfaction that the ceremony has also been graced by the presence of your excellent neighbour and friend, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.L., P. Grand Warden of England, R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, who will take part in the proceedings of the day. Their pleasure is further augmented by the presence of W. Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell, Deputy Prov. G.M., who, in the name of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, represents the provinces of N. and E. Yorkshire; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., and many other distinguished brethren. In conclusion, they again tender their obligations for your kindness in coming amongst them on this auspicious occasion, and they pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may prolong your useful life.

At the close of the address the brethren signified their endorsement by long and loud applause.

Lord LATHOM, in reply, said it gave him much pleasure to come to West Yorkshire, and to receive that address of welcome from the brethren. He must apologise for the uncertainty as to the date of this gathering, and the awkwardness of the day fixed, but it was the only day on which he could have been present. He was glad his Royal Highness had chosen Bro. Tew to fill the chair of Prov. Grand Master, and that he had deputed him to perform the ceremony of installing their new Grand Master. (Applause.)

Bro. Tew was then conducted to the dais, escorted by Bros. W. L. Jackson, M.P., W.M. 289, Ald. E. Woodhouse, J.P., W.M. 2069, the Worshipful Masters of the Leeds lodges, and other brethren, the whole assembly singing Bro. Spark's Masonic ode, "Hail, Masonry."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, impressively rendered,

The R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER said: I congratulate you, Bro. Tew, on having been called upon to assume the high position of ruler over this important province. (Loud cheers.) I understand that the choice has fallen upon you unanimously, and this unanimity on the part of your brethren will no doubt be a great help to you in performing the responsible and onerous duties of your position. Allow me to express the sincere hope that you may enjoy health and strength long to retain the position which you are now about to occupy. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Tew having been obligated and conducted into the Grand Master's chair, there was renewed and long continued applause.

The DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES then proclaimed the Provincial Grand Master according to the ancient form, as follows:—

Brethren,—By command of the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, Installing Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire—and with the sanction and approbation of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, D.L., investing officers—I do now, according to ancient usage and established custom from time immemorial, proclaim and make known that Bro. William Tew, one of her Majesty's Justices of Peace for the West Riding of the county of York, of The Grange, Carleton, in the said Riding, and of the Manor of Rawcliffe, in the North-West Riding of the county of York, Past Grand Deacon of England, and by patent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., dated the 10th day of January, A.L. 5885, the Provincial Grand Master designate of the Province of West Yorkshire, who was initiated into Masonry on the 2nd day of October, A.L. 5856, in the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 981, now 681, at Chesterfield, in the county of Derby, and on the 7th April, A.L. 5862, became Worshipful Master of the St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract, No. 1212, now 910 on the Muster Roll of the Grand Lodge of England, of which lodge he was three times Worshipful Master, Provincial Grand Senior Warden of this province, April 5th, A.L. 5865, Deputy Provincial Grand Master on the 21st April, A.L. 5875, has been duly installed and now is the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of West Yorkshire, in succession to Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., and D.L., the last Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

I, therefore, by virtue of my office as the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in this Provincial Grand Lodge, and in accordance with the ancient usage and established custom, do call upon all the brethren here present in this Albert Hall, in this town of Leeds, to salute the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, according to ancient form; and may the Great Architect of the Universe guide, direct, and prosper him in all his ways!

The requisite salute was then given with much heartiness and effect.

Colonel STARKIE, on behalf of East Lancashire, acknowledged the pleasure he had experienced in being present that day, and of seeing Bro. Tew appointed to an office of such honour and dignity. He hoped the province of West Yorkshire would prosper under his ruling. He hoped that the White Rose of Yorkshire would be an emblem of Masonry, and with the Red Rose of Lancashire would spread abroad the sweet fragrance of that beautiful, peaceful flower of Masonry. (Loud applause.)

Addresses of congratulation were also tendered from North and East Yorkshire, Bro. BELL, D.P.G.M., apologising for the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Zetland, and from Scarborough, York, and other places.

Bro. TEW, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, then addressed the brethren. He said—Lord Lathom, Prov. Grand Officers, and brethren. The circumstances which have assembled together so numerous and so influential a body of the Brotherhood from all parts of England must be regarded as of the utmost significance to the Order to which we are proud to belong. In obedience to the laws of the Craft, with the sanction of the M.W. the Grand Master, and the acquiescence of the Grand Lodge of England, our duty has been to comply with the patent of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and to place a Provincial Grand Master in the chair of this Prov. Grand Lodge, vacated by our beloved and late gallant Commander-in-Chief, Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, C.B. Our first duty is to render our tribute of respect to that honoured Baronet, who has done so much for the county of York, and who has retired from active service in the Craft only through inadequate health. The unity of this province, the harmony prevailing amongst the brethren in the 42 towns in which are the 69 lodges, tells of the efficiency of its officers. The policy of the future, as of the past, is to work to still further conclusions this unity of purpose, and to cultivate brotherly friendship in every possible direction; to mould the lodges as component parts of one vast system, under one reign of equal law, so that the identical interests of Masonry can be moved by one general impulse throughout the whole body. (Applause.) Such are the aspirations which to-day actuate the feelings of your new Provincial Grand Master. In obedience to these instincts, I acknowledge the salutation the brethren have accorded to my new position in the Craft. May their goodness and cordiality towards this office never be misplaced! I cannot but express the regret with which I have vacated the office of Deputy Grand Master to accept this most honourable position of the R.W. Grand Master. In 1875 I accepted the Deputyship, but only for three months, at the request of Sir Henry Edwards, until he could appoint some more appropriate brother to fulfil Bro. Bentley Shaw's responsible duties. Little did I think that that probationary term was to extend to 10 years. You then took me, a comparatively unknown Mason, only thrice W.M. of St. Oswald's Lodge, No. 910. I have tried to win your confidence and to merit your esteem. To keep your affections and loyalty will be the work of my proudest efforts. To see Masonry flourish in our midst, whether under the Earl of Mexborough, the Marquis of Ripon, Sir Henry Edwards, or any other Provincial Grand Master whom his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master may designate, is only the ambition of every one in West Yorkshire, and we should ever delight to show our fidelity and zeal to one as to another selected to rule over us. Therefore I hope the Grand Lodge has not erred in departing from precedent in placing in this chair your late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but that your co-operation and assistance may be continued to him as overflowing and ungrudgingly as it has been accorded his predecessors during the past sixty years. (Applause.) A retrospect of the doings of the Craft in this province will testify to the sincerity of the character of our Order, and to its determination to make the principles of Masonry applicable to the good of our fellow-creatures. I have but to remind you that on the 28th October, 1868, when a Convalescent Home was founded by Charles Brooke, of Meltham, Lord De Grey and Ripon and this Provincial Grand Lodge laid the chief corner-stone of that magnificent institution. When the church at East Hardwick was commenced, to perpetuate the deeds of a good man who lived 300 years ago, a noble Marquis and three other Cabinet Ministers, all members of the Craft, thought it not beneath their rank and duty to the State to take the initiative and fix the foundation-stone. When a dispensary at Pontefract was to be reconstructed, her Majesty's then Minister of War, the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, a brother of St. Oswald's Lodge, inaugurated the work by laying its first stone. When the Clayton Hospital was thought of, it was our late Bro. J. C. D. Charlesworth, with the assistance of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who set in an operative manner the great stone of that edifice. When the plinth-stone of the Dewsbury Infirmary was fixed, it was Sir Henry Edwards and this Provincial Grand Lodge who performed that Masonic ceremony. So, also, when the grand old parish church of Halifax was renovated, it was our then Provincial Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, who promoted and fostered that generous work of restoration, which is a record of his liberality and munificence. Did Delph, in the west highlands of Yorkshire, require a Literary Institute for the recreation and mental im-

provement of the toilers in those valleys, it was Bros. Hirst and Blackwell and the Masons' lodge there who invited this Provincial Grand Lodge to set the principal stone at the north-west corner of the building. Does a Royal Prince visit Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, or Huddersfield, to inaugurate a college, to countenance a musical festival, to open an art exhibition at one town, or an industrial exhibition at another, illustrative of the skill and genius of the West Riding, the Craft and the lodges take the most prominent places in the labours of organisation, and are foremost with skilful arrangements to make these visits of Royalty successful. Is it a new bishop whom the Great Architect of the Universe has ordained to the spiritual welfare of this diocese, and for the first time makes our acquaintance, then do we see towns like Huddersfield and Wakefield vieing with each other which can accord the more hospitable welcome. Is it necessary to supplement the means of education or of maintenance of those whom unforeseen misfortunes or bereavement make appeal to our sympathies, and who may be exiled, as it were, from all Brotherhood, then does the Craft try and help those who are bequeathed to us as legacies for our charity and benevolence. (Applause.) But I shall weary you with these instances of our humanising influences to "rejoice with those who do rejoice, and to weep with those who weep." To be permitted, then, to share in this emulation of generous principles is indeed an honour such as the Sovereign on the throne might think not unworthy of participation. To guide the energies of such a philanthropic Order is an aspiration of the loftiest kind. Into that position of responsibility the brethren had that day enthroned him. The chain placed around his neck fettered the links of attachment that had bound him to them for the past 25 years in cordiality and friendship more indissoluble than ever. The collar would be the symbol to remind him of another's wants, and the apron to labour for the welfare of the Craft without distinction of office, or without asperity of opinion, only to be laid aside when, by the mutability of time, those things were cast aside; and when the tomb of transgression was burst at the resurrection dawn, and by the mercies of the Son of Righteousness, we were permitted in the Grand Lodge above "to shine as the stars for ever and ever."

The patent of the Prov. Grand Master, appointing Bro. Henry Smith Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, having been read, and Bro. Smith having been presented for installation by Bro. Thomas Hill, was duly obligated by Bro. Col. Starkie and invested, and was inducted into the chair on the right of the G.M. amid loud cheers.

He was then proclaimed as follows:

Brethren—By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, I now proclaim Bro. Henry Smith, of St. John's, Wakefield, who has been obligated by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, and in the presence of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, and of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of this province, to be the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, in succession to the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew, exalted to the office of Provincial Grand Master. Furthermore, be it known unto all whom it may concern, that Bro. Henry Smith was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of Hope, Bradford, No. 374, now 302, on 3rd May, A.L. 5852, and raised on the 2nd day of August following, and subscribed 33 years to this date. Joined the Airedale Lodge, Baildon (now at Shipley), No. 543, now 387, June, A.L. 5854, installed Worshipful Master A.L. 5857, and subscribed 31 years to this date. The Earl of Mexborough, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, appointed him Provincial Grand Deacon A.L. 5859; Bro. Dr. Fearley being then the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Earl de Grey, now Marquess of Ripon, appointed him Provincial Grand Secretary, on the death of Bro. Nelson, in March, 5870, and during the succeeding Deputyship of Bro. Bentley-Shaw; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B. and D.L., re-appointed him in April, A.L. 5875, under the Deputyship of Bro. Thomas William Tew, and he has discharged the duties conscientiously, with zeal and fidelity, and with the esteem and respect of every lodge and brother, until this day, the 24th day of April, A.L. 5885. He was one of the founders of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee in 5859, is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to which he has served nine times Steward at the anniversary festival, contributing £127 10s. He is a Vice-Patron to the Girls' Institution, to which he has served seven times the office of Steward, contributing £105, and he is also a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to which, at the anniversary festivals, he has six times served the office of Steward, contributing £102 10s. For these services he deserves well at the hands of the Craft, and I therefore, by virtue of my office as the Grand Director of Ceremonies of this Provincial Grand Lodge, do call upon all the brethren present to salute our Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master five times, according to ancient form and established custom.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, having been saluted in due form, expressed his gratification at having been appointed to the high office of D.P.G.M. He yielded to no one in his desire to help the P.G.M. in all his plans for the promotion of the interests of the Craft in this province, and to share the burden of his responsibilities as far as possible. He hoped that the experience he had acquired would inspire confidence in the brethren that the duties attached to the office would be discharged to their entire satisfaction. (Hear, hear.) If they would forgive him for being slightly egotistical for a moment, he would state that he had been Prov. Grand Secretary for the last 15 years, and for several years previously he had assisted the late Bro. Nelson, with whom he was associated in the formation of the Charity Committee in 1859. Since 1870, 58 Provincial Grand Lodge meetings had been held, all of which, with only one exception, he had been able to attend. (Cheers.) During the same period the Charity Committee had had 45 meetings, the whole of which he had attended. (Cheers.) Of the 59 elections in London during the same time he had been absent but once, so that he might fairly say that he did not enter upon his new duties without some little experience gained in all these years. (Cheers.) It would be his earnest endeavour to maintain this great province in its present state of efficiency, and to accomplish this he hoped he might rely upon the sympathy and support of every brother, which had hitherto been freely accorded him. Again he tendered his sincere thanks. (Loud applause.)

The following brethren were then appointed and invested for the ensuing year:

Bro. Wm. Lawies Jackson, M.P., W.M. 289	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Lieut.-Colonel Albany H. Charlesworth, J.P., W.M. 495	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. John James Needham, P.M. 910	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. John Arthur Naylor, Chap. 290	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thomas Ruddock (elected), P.M. 275	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Alfred Wm. Stanfield, J.P., P.M. 1019	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Herbert G. E. Green, W.M. 1019	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Wm. Brewin Alderson, P.M. 495	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" Right Hon. Hugh C. Childers, M.P., 910	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Robert Schott, P.M. 296	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" William Charles Lupton, P.M. 304	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" James Bedford, P.M. 304	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" John Shaw, P.M. 139	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Edward Poppleton, P.M. 827	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" George Sykes, P.M. 2035	...	Prov. G.D.D.C.

Bro. Thomas Whittaker, P.M. 448	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Thomas Bateman Fox, P.M. 208	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Joseph Brailsford, jun., P.M. 1779	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Thomas Tyers, P.M. 1042	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Arthur Simonson, 1239	...	Prov. G. Org.
" James Wright, P.M. 600...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Robert Ackrill, P.M. 1001	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
Bros. Thomas W. Embleton, C.E., P.M. 1513; Joseph Binney, P.M. 139; Thomas Woodhead, P.M. 1522; Henry Trevor Gardener, P.M. 458; Wm. Thomas Sugg, P.M. 149; and John Tinker, P.M. 652	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. Joshua Lee, P.M. 290	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren were then marshalled in procession, and, headed by the police band, marched to the Leeds Parish Church. As might be expected, the whole route was crowded, and the regalia and dress of the brethren attracted great attention and regard. At the Parish Church there was a large gathering of ladies, who had been admitted by ticket to take part in the service. Special music had been arranged, and this part of the proceedings was most charming.

The Rev. Canon BULLOCK, Prov. Grand Chap., and vicar of Holy Trinity, Leeds, preached from the words "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." He said that outside the Craft very few would admit the claims which Masons made for an historic past running back into pre-historic times. The very constitution of Freemasonry, as well as the objects it had in view, forbade the possibility of a military origin. So too they would decline to accept the position of a secondary order in chivalry. Least of all, could a Free and Accepted Mason suppose that he would find the source of his Order in an attempt by secret and far-reaching organization to upset duly constituted authority, or to destroy those obligations of true religion and morality so essential to our happiness here and hereafter. The science of Masonry could only be second in time to that of agriculture. Although Hiram was the first Master, it must not be forgotten that he was sent for as one already specially trained. Having pointed out the high moral code inculcated by Masonry, the preacher added that there was some danger of their good fellowship injuring souls for whom Christ died. The true line of safety lay in the observance of those principles which were at once Masonic and Christian—prudence, temperance, and fortitude. Having alluded to the splendid Charity, which was a distinguishing badge of all Masons, the rev. gentleman concluded by stating that that was a red letter day in the history of Masonry in West Yorkshire, and he hoped the gifts presented to the medical charities would be worthy of the occasion. There was much sickness and suffering which their aims would alleviate.

The service in the church was most impressive, and the musical portion was worthy of the high repute which the choir of the Leeds Parish Church possesses.

After the sermon a collection was taken on behalf of the medical charities, which realised the handsome sum of £82 16s. The procession was then re-formed, and on arrival at the Albert Hall the lodge was duly closed.

Afterwards a collation was served in the Victoria Hall. Bro. Tew presided, and was supported by a large number of brethren who had taken part in the earlier proceedings. The gallery of the hall was occupied by the Leeds Constabulary Band, and the orchestra by lady visitors. On the entrance of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Spark played on the organ the "Masonic Festival March."

Bro. Tew, the loyal toasts over, gave "The Healths of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Not only Lord Lathom, but Colonel Starkie and Colonel Shadwell Clerke had put West Yorkshire under an obligation by their presence. The Grand Lodge of England deserved well at the hands of the provincial lodges. It was composed of a body of noblemen and gentlemen of the highest political, literary, and scientific attainments, of the most benevolent and unselfish aspirations, and of unbounded liberality, generosity, and Charity.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of LATHOM, responded. Although a member of the Grand Lodge of England, he was not an active working member, and could therefore say without egotism that the officers of that lodge did their work thoroughly. No ceremony in which he had ever taken a part had been better performed than that which had called them together that day. It was by far the largest gathering that they had had, and included representatives from many districts. East and West Lancashire were there—two provinces which, with West Yorkshire, were the largest in England, and which combined would be able to stand against the world. (Applause.)

The Earl of LATHOM afterwards proposed the toast of the evening—"The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire." Bro. Tew was far better known to them than to himself; yet rumour had brought to him something of the good works in which their newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master had been engaged. There could be no doubt that the choice of the Grand Master was the choice of the brethren—(applause)—and he would have great satisfaction in informing his Royal Highness of that fact.

Bro. TEW, who was received with loud cheers, responded. He had no hesitation in at once assuring himself that the officers and brethren of the provinces would give to him every sympathy and support in his new circumstances of office. (Applause.)

Bro. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., proposed "The Visitors." It was gratifying to learn that all the lodges in the province were represented on that occasion. He trusted that the arrangements made for their reception had proved adequate. (Applause.)

The Dean of YORK, in response, thanked the brethren of Leeds for their hospitality. During the 37 or 38 years in which he had belonged to the Craft he had always found Freemasonry to be of benefit. (Applause.) In these days, when men were so apt to become estranged from one another, the advantages of Masonic fraternity could not be exaggerated.

Bro. WOODALL, Grand Treas. Elect, also responded. The toast of "The Masonic Charities," given by the Worshipful the Mayor of Sheffield, Bro. W. H. BRITAIN, and responded to by Bros. HEDGES, BINCKES, and TERRY, brought the proceedings to a close.

The musical selections, which were all good, appropriate, and Masonic, were chosen by the Prov. Grand Master from Dr. Spark's "Freemasons' Liber Musicus."

Bro. Powolny provided the banquet in a very satisfactory manner.



THE CHANCERY LANE SAFE DEPOSIT.

Bro. the Right Hon. R. N. Fowler, M.P., Lord Mayor, will open the above on the 7th inst., which is the best and most conveniently fitted building yet erected for such a purpose, no expense has been spared by Mr. Thomas Clarke, the proprietor, to render it both fire and burglar proof, and Messrs. Milner has assisted materially in carrying out efficiently Mr. Clarke's instructions to use the most modern improvements and inventions in constructing the safes, which stand in the centre of the block of buildings recently erected at the Holborn end of Chancery Lane, and covering an area of 75,000 superficial feet. Electric lighting is used in the vestibule and strong rooms, not only for the sake of safety, but also for the convenience of the renters, who are likely to form no inconsiderable body, as there are no fewer than 5,000 integers or safes in the before mentioned strong rooms. A pleasing admixture of marble construction, and a free use of tessellated pavement have done much toward beautifying the structure which bids fair to be one of the sights of the Metropolis. After the opening ceremony, a banquet will take place in an adjoining hall, at which, at least 150 influential gentlemen will be entertained by Mr. Clarke, the Lord Mayor presiding.

MASONIC CLUB AT SOUTH SHIELDS:

The new Masonic Hall at South Shields, in connection with St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, is considered one of the finest and most complete buildings of the kind in the north of England, and the brethren belonging to other towns who visit it speak in high terms regarding it. There is not only a large and commodious and splendidly furnished lodge room, but comfortable and convenient ante rooms. In connection with the new Masonic Hall, a club has been established, and which, since its inauguration, has attained great success, no less than 130 of the brethren being associated with it. It is splendidly furnished, and fitted with two first class billiard tables. Facilities are also afforded for the enjoyment of various games. Refreshments at moderate prices can also be obtained on the premises. The club possesses an energetic secretary in Bro. J. Heppell. The entire building does great credit to the contractor, Bro. Atkin, and on its erection the brethren were exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of so able and experienced a Clerk of the Works as Mr. Lindsay, who has attained great reputation in this respect, not only as regards the various public works with which he has been connected in South Shields, but in many other large towns where his services have been called into requisition.

"ATHOLL" LODGES IN NORTH AMERICA, 1757, 1813.

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Dedicated to M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, P.G.M.\*

It is very confusing to anyone, not versed in the vagaries of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge (or "Ancients") started as a secession from the Premier Grand Lodge of England, in 1750-1, who seeks to unravel the history of the origin and growth of "Atholl" Freemasonry in North America, or indeed, anywhere. The custom was to sell extinct warrants to the highest bidders, new charters being then issued, but preserving the original numbers, so that three distinct lodges may be represented under the same number! I shall deal with the subject according to priority of existence, rather than that of numerical precedence, and therefore commence with A.D. 1757:

1.—NOVA SCOTIA.

No. 65.—Provincial Grand Lodge, Nova Scotia. December 27, 1757. Copies of this charter, and of its re-issue, June 2, 1784, are to be found in the "History of Freemasonry in the Maritime Provinces of British America," by Bro. J. Fletcher Brennan, the best of the kind ever written,† to which I refer my readers. Bro. Brennan thinks "there could be no propriety in numbering this Provincial Warrant with so high a number as 65;" neither would there be if it meant 65 Provincial Grand Lodge Warrants; but it did not. The numbers were given in consecutive order to lodges, or Provincial Grand Lodges, irrespectively; hence, it simply means that 64 charters had been issued before No. 65, i.e. of lodges or Provincial Grand Lodges.

This number was not on the "Union" List of 1815, published in 1814, of the united roll of the two rival Grand Lodges.

No. 66.—George St., Halifax, N.S. December 27, 1757. No. 67.—George St., Halifax, N.S. December 27, 1757. These two lodges were, respectively, the first and second that were chartered by the "Ancients" for any part of America; and with the Prov. Grand Lodge, No. 65, were on all lists until 1813, after which they were removed, and never appear again. I refer, of course, to the official lists published in this country (England.)

No. 155.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Halifax, N.S. March 26, 1768. Including the Provincial Grand Lodge, this was No. 4 in Nova Scotia, and, happily, still exists. Its number was changed in 1814 to 188; in 1832 to 137; and in 1863 to 118; but has since been removed from the roll on joining the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

No. 156.—Halifax, Nova Scotia. March 26, A.D. 1768. This was probably a military lodge, and on becoming extinct, was re-issued in 1809, to the "Royal Horse Artillery," at Colchester, England.

No. 211.—St. John's Lodge, Halifax, N.S. November 4, 1780. This lodge also continued on the roll (as did original No. 155), until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, its numbers being 205 in 1814; 187 in 1832; and 161 in 1863.

No. 28.—Coast of Halifax. Issued for London, 1753. It occurs as "Coast of Halifax" in the list of 1807, and in that year was at Gibraltar, but was soon extinct.

2.—PENNSYLVANIA.

No. 69.—Philadelphia. June 7, 1758. This was the first lodge granted for any portion of the United States by the "Atholl Masons," and was retained on the register until 1813. It was, however, long before then, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and is the oldest "Atholl" Lodge at the present time in America.

No. 89.—Philadelphia. June 15, 1761. This was lost in transit, and another was re-issued June 20, 1764, with the

\* By whose desire I have written the article, † Attached to Rebold's History (translation), 1883.

same number. It continued on the "Atholl" Register until 1813, but existed as such only on paper, after formation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Transcripts of these, and much information can be found in Bro. C. E. Meyer's excellent introduction to the Grand Lodge Reprints, and the Grand Memorial Volume of the Masonic Temple.

3.—SOUTH CAROLINA.

No. 92.—Charlestown, S.C. October 10, 1761. This lodge occurs on the lists of 1807 and 1813, but not afterwards. I shall not trace any of these lodges after they are removed from the roll, as that is not my present purpose.

No. 190.—Charlestown, S.C. September 30, 1774. Called "Ancient York Lodge," and was on 1807 and 1813 Registers, but not on any later.

No. 236.—Charlestown, S.C. May 26, 1786. This, also, was on the lists to 1813, but not on the "Union" Roll.

4.—QUEBEC.

Nos. 9 (and 213).—Albion Lodge, Quebec. This lodge has a curious history, and though dating from 1751, it really—as respects Quebec, &c.—is from the year 1781. (a) This lodge was originally formed in London as No. 9, and collapsed. The Warrant was sold in 1757 (b) to No. 50 London, for £5 ss., the latter being re-issued (c) to Plymouth, December 31, 1763, and is now No. 54, Rochdale. No. 9 again collapsed, and was re-issued to (d) brethren in London in 1771 for five guineas. Then it again fell through, and was bought by (e) No. 213, chartered July 3, 1781, for New York, in 1787, for five guineas, and thus 213 became No. 9; and appears at Quebec (Royal Artillery) in lists of 1807, and 1813. At the "Union" of December 1813, it became 17 on the roll of 1814, and so continued down to the renumbering of 1863, until it joined the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and has for long been known as the "Albion" Lodge, No. 2. (f) No. 213 was re-issued to Stonehouse, Devon, and is now No. 164, Sidmouth, also in Devon, England. Here then, are six lodges represented, with only two numbers, viz: 9, and 213!

Nos. (40 and 205).—Quebec. This lodge was originally granted to Warrington, in 1755, and in 1791, No. 205, "Merchant's Coffee House," Quebec, (warranted in the same year), bought the extinct charter, and took its number. (40) Not on the roll after 1813. No. 205 was re-issued to Maidstone, Kent, (extinct).

No. 241.—Royal Artillery, Quebec. October 22, 1787. Afterwards St. John's Lodge, Quebec, and is now No. 3 on the roll of that Grand Lodge. Its numbers have been altered as follows: 302 in 1814; 214 in 1832; and 182 in 1863.

5.—NEW YORK.

No. 160.—New York. July 13, 1771. First held, it is said, at Boston, and really an Army Lodge of special distinction. It was on the lists of 1807 and 1813, but not later.

No. 210.—New York. February 20, 1779, and on the lists only of 1807, and 1813. Warrant surrendered in 1789, and new charter issued to the Temple Lodge, held in the same city. The fact is, a number of Lodges were kept on the roll that ought not to have been, for they paid nothing, and made no returns for many years, prior to 1814.

No. 212.—New York. ("Solomon's" Lodge, Royal Exchange.) November 1, 1780. Same remarks apply to this lodge as to No. 210.

No. 219.—Provincial Grand Lodge, New York. September 5, 1781. This was a Provincial Grand Lodge Warrant, but not on the roll after 1813.

6.—NEWFOUNDLAND.

No. 186.—St. John's, Newfoundland. March 24, 1774. This lodge became 226 at the "Union," and 159 in 1832; but was off the roll before the last re-numbering in 1863.

No. 247.—St. John's, Newfoundland. March, 1788. It became 312 from 1814, and 220 from 1832; but was erased before A.D. 1863.

No. 249.—St. John's, Newfoundland. March, 1788. It was soon erased, then re-issued in 1804, to Woodbridge, England, numbered 315 in 1814, and was struck off the roll after the new numbers of 1832, as 222.

No. 250.—Placentia, Newfoundland. May, 1788. The lodge became 317 in 1814, but was erased before 1832.

7.—CAPE BRETON.

October 1, 1801. (North America). It was originally 326, then 415 in 1814, and was erased before the 1832 numeration. (A military lodge.)

8.—EAST FLORIDA.

No. 204, at Lancashire, England, in 1777; and was at St. Augustine, East Florida, January 3, 1778, being re-warranted at Preston in 1803, now No. 155, Liverpool.

Besides these, there were two Provincial Grand Lodge Warrants granted, respectively, to "Lower" and "Upper" Canada, March 7, 1792, as numbers 273 and 274, which, singular to state, were continued on the United Roll as 343 and 345, but were erased before the 1832 numeration.

Of course, there were, doubtless, other military lodges than those enumerated, which visited the hospitable shores of North America; but if they *stopt* there, I have no particulars of their numbers and habitation, as the Grand Lodge Roll is silent. There were, also, a number of lodges issued by local authorities (Provincial) in North America, but as fees were not sent on to London, no notice was taken of their existence, save those granted in Nova Scotia, &c., in the "Atholl" List of 1807, but they were not inserted in the list of 1813, or elsewhere. I hope to follow with those lodges granted by the "Moderns."—Canadian Craftsman.

Obituary.

BRO. ASHLEY, P.M. No. 1715.

It is with great regret we announce the death a short time since of Bro. Ashley, one of the founders and twice W.M. of the Arthur John Brogden Lodge, No. 1715, Grange-over-Sands, W. Lancashire. Bro. Ashley had laboured most conscientiously and with very great success as Master of the Cartmel School, and his death which occurred after a lingering illness has caused a void which it will not be easy to fill. The funeral took place on Monday, the 20th ult., in Cartmel Churchyard, when among those present to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, not only the children of the school he had loved so much and worked for so assiduously, but also very many of the inhabitants, a numerous gathering of members of his lodge, and the following brethren from neighbouring lodges, namely, Bros. Bagot, P.M. 1221, P.P.G.S. of W. West Lancashire; Case, P.M., and P.Z. 995; P.G.S.D. W. Lancs.; W. Harrison, P.M. 995; Swan, S.W. 995; J. Atkinson, 995; Whiteside, P.M. 1398, P.P.G.S.B. W. Yorkshire; Townley, S.W. 1398; G. Sewell, P.M. 302, P.P.G.O. W. Yorkshire; and Thompson, of Kendal.



Miss Kate Santley requests us to state that the report of her having disposed of the Royalty Theatre is not true. She has no intention of parting with it. It will be re-opened shortly.

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Mr. J. S. Clarke is now appearing in his old characters at the Strand Theatre. Just now he is playing Major Wellington de Boots in "A Widow's Hunt," and the house resounds with laughter.

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An adaptation from Ouida's "Puck," termed "Heartless," was brought out at the Olympic, but to-night (Saturday), witnesses a change of the programme. The less said and seen of such pieces as "Heartless" the better. A play by Sir Randall Roberts, Bart., who is or was Mr. Wyndham's stage manager, is to be brought from the Grand Theatre, Islington, to the Olympic, to-night (Saturday).

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Mr. David James has fallen back on one of the plays in which he years ago made himself so famous, the consequence of which is that a more delightful evening cannot be spent at any theatre than at the Opera Comique just now. "The Guv'nor" is announced as being the joint work of Messrs. E. Lancaster and R. Reece. We think next to the retired buttermilk in "Our Boys" Mr. James's acting of the deaf boat builder is his best character sketch. This farcical comedy is wonderfully true to life, and boiling over with fun from first to last, and the fun is of that sort that every one may listen to. Of the other members of the original cast we believe that not one appears in the revival, but Mr. James has surrounded himself with a very strong cast. Mr. Gardiner ably replaces Mr. Thorne as the stammering young man, whose proposal for the hand of the daughter of the boat builder is mistaken by the deaf father for an offer for the purchase of a cutter. Mr. Irish works hard as Butterscotch, and is very droll. Bro. Lestock makes a smart groom. Miss Helen Forsyth is very attractive as Kate Butterscotch. Miss Lucy Buckstone plays naturally and gracefully in the little love scene in the second act. We think "The Guv'nor" is good for a run; we hear it is drawing a full house every night.

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Mr. Thomas Thorne has shown the best taste in submitting to the fiat of the Press, who were unanimous in their condemnation of "Under Fire." He has not tried to bolster it up, but closed his house, and has re-opened the charming little Vaudeville with one of its own sort of plays. There is only one fault to find, not about the comedy, but the management. Why was not "Open House" produced ere this? Mr. Thorne is known to have had it in hand for two years just before poor Bro. Byron's death, but it is only another instance that managers are not always good judges, and wise still when they are actors as well. Mr. Thorne seemed of late to imagine that he is a pathetic actor, but he is not. Whatever he plays in he plays well, but a character in a farcical comedy suits him best. All doubts as to the success of "Open House" are set at rest. It is written in one of its author's happiest veins of humour, only surpassed, we think, by "Our Boys." What spirits Bro. Byron must have had to write such a merry play whilst suffering under the cruel malady which soon after took his life away—far too soon. There is not one dull line in it. In his character of Jack Alabaster Mr. Thorne produces as humorous a creation as any lately seen on the stage. This Alabaster is a humbug, whose hypocrisy is hidden under a country-bred and uneducated manner, and who by stating that years ago he saved the life of Mr. Cayley, coolly hangs up his hat at Cayley's and lives on him, and makes mischief between every one. It is not till the end that it is found out that his part of the life-saving was the administering of a few taps after Cayley has been got out of the water. It is because he plays domestic tricks and makes everybody miserable, with an air of simplicity and good nature, that the part is so full of interest. His display of his knowledge of the classics causes many a ripple of laughter, as when he says "de mortuis nil nisi bonus," he is corrected and told it is "bonum," he replies, quite satisfied himself, "the insurance companies call it bonus, and they ought to know." The character was probably written for Mr. Thorne. Mr. William Farren, an old and amorous gentleman, plays splendidly with Mrs. Canninge, and we almost think they have never been seen in more suitable parts. Miss Kate Phillips too must be praised for the firm and fresh way she plays the soubrette part. Mr. Cranford puts his heart well into all he has to do, and Miss Cissy Grahame has at last opened her teeth, and articulates her words, and thrown over other unattractive mannerisms. There is one great regret which no one can but feel, and that is that while we are made to laugh so heartily, he who is the cause of our mirth is not with us and never saw his piece played. Bro. Byron once caused the Vaudeville to have a run of four years with one piece, and he has given them a farce which will make Mr. Thorne keep for many a day. "Open House." We could not help noticing in coming away how the face of the well-known acting manager seemed lit up, and how numbers of persons crowded round Mr. Alport to express their admiration of the latest addition to the popular pieces produced at the Vaudeville.

The Craft Abroad.

THE G. ORIENT OF ITALY.

According to the January number of *Revista della Massoneria Italiana*, the meeting of the Grand Orient of Italy was held in Rome on the 16th of that month, under the presidency of Grand Master Petroni. Before the session was brought to a close, Bro. Adriano Lemmi was elected Grand Master; Bro. P. Aperti, Additional Grand Master; and Bro. L. Castellazo, Grand Secretary. Bro. Joseph Petroni is now Past Grand Master, and Bro. F. Curzio, Honorary Additional Grand Master.

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### FOURTH APPLICATION.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

MAY ELECTION, 1885.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ABOVE INSTITUTION.

Your Votes and Interest are respectfully solicited on  
behalf of

WILLIAM HARRISON,

who has been a Subscribing Member to Freemasonry for  
fourteen years and half, and a Past Master of the West-  
bourne Lodge, No. 733, is in very reduced circumstances  
and incapable to earn a livelihood.

The case is strongly recommended by the following:

Bro. C. A. COTTRENE, P.G.P., P.M. 733, 957, 1257, P.Z. 77, 177, and 733.	Bro. BENJAMIN KERSHAW, P.M. 733.
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	" E. G. EASTON, 733.
	" JOHN WARDEL, 733.
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Proxies will be thankfully received by Bro. GOODWIN,  
P.M. 733, 18, Jonson-place, Harrow-road, W.; Bro. LAW,  
704, "Whittington Stone," Highgate-hill, N., and by the  
applicant, 28, Salisbury-road, Highgate-hill, N.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

MAY ELECTION, 1885.

### URGENT APPEAL.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE ABOVE INSTITUTION.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is most earnestly  
requested on behalf of

HELEN SHAYES,

Aged 56 years,

Widow of the late Bro. William Shayes, who was initiated  
in the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, in 1866,  
and continued a Subscribing Member until his death,  
having filled all the offices; he was also one of the founders  
of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, and filled the offices of  
J.W. and S.W. and was W.M. at the time of his death in  
February, 1884, leaving his Widow wholly unprovided for.

The case, No. 64 on List, is strongly recommended by:—  
The Lodge of Temperance in the East, 898,  
Corinthian Lodge, 1382.

And by the following brethren:

Bro. GEORGE GRAVELEY, P.M. 898, Cheops, Leytonstone, E.
* " CHARLES SCRUTTON, P.M. 898, 8, Preston's Road, Poplar, E.
* " CHARLES WYATT SMITH, P.M. and Sec. 898, 149, High-st., Poplar, E.
" BENJAMIN CARTER, P.M. 898, 1382, and 1816, Blue Bear, Stratford, E.
" JNO. DELVEY, P.M. 1382, Newcastle Arms, Cubitt Town, E.
* " GEORGE LIMN, P.M. 871, 1382; 2, Mellish-street, Millwall, E.
" GEORGE B. SMITH, P.M. 1382, Iron Bridge Tavern, East India Dock-road, E.
* " G. H. STEPHENS, W.M. 1023; 1382, 898; 17, Walden-street, Stepney, E.
" JOSEPH CARNABY, P.M. 1382, 78, Manchester-road, Cubitt Town, E.
" HENRY MARFLEET, P.M. 217, 898, and 1382; 89, Chisp- street, E.

Proxies will be thankfully received by those brethren  
marked \* thus, and by Mrs. Shayes, 45, Wade-street,  
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The Rev. P. CAMERON WODEHOUSE, Hampton Court Palace.  
Rev. Dr. HUGHES, Castlebar Court, Ealing.  
The Rev. W. MIDWINTER, Vicar of St. Paul's, Lisson Grove.  
T. A. JONES, Esq., 40, Chancery Lane.  
Mrs. DARLING, 8, Phillimore Gardens, Kensington.  
\*Miss HARE, 9, Argyle Road, Kensington.  
Miss COLE, 84, Sutherland Gardens, Maida Vale.  
\*The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, Long Melford Rectory, Suffolk.  
\*Who will kindly receive proxies.  
No. 64 on List, Election 1st May, 1885.

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The following communications stand over—  
CRAFT LODGES:—Nos. 124, 789, 859, 1941, 1974.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION:—Nos. 141, 1604.  
MARK LODGE:—No. 173.  
NOTES AND QUERIES:—Inverness Charter.  
Natal District Grand Lodge.  
Funeral of Bro. Alderman Wilton.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Newcastle Daily Journal," "York Herald," "New York Dis-  
patch," "Keystone," "Masonic Chronicle," "The Gem," "La  
Revista Masónica," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Toronto Freemason,"  
"El Taller," "Canadian Craftsman," "Grange Visitor," "Sunday  
Times" (New York), "Citizen," "Jewish Chronicle," "Sunday  
Times" (London), "Le Moniteur de la Chance Universelle," "Le  
Monde Maçonnique" (3) "Broad Arrow," "Hull Packet," "The  
Lady's Journal of Decoration," "Rugely Mercury," and "Court  
Circular."





SATURDAY, MAY 2, 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.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Many, very many, brethren know not, and possibly care not, to whom they give their proxies. To such I would mention the case (No. 34 on the list) of Mrs. Georgina Marsh, better known, years ago, as the excellent actress Mrs. Henry Marston. Her claims are public, and hence I venture to make them known. Such votes as are kindly available may be sent to Bro. Edward Terry, P.M. & G.S., at the Gaiety Theatre, W.C.—I am, fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W.

159, Cromwell-road, S.W.

LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you please answer the following questions, and insert both in your next issue, as it may possibly be of service to others as well as myself?

Have the brethren, in open lodge assembled, the legal or constitutional right to vote money from the lodge funds for any purpose whatever (except the ordinary lodge purposes) without giving due notice of the same in the lodge summons?—Yours fraternally,

April 27th,

AN ENQUIRER.

[Though we necessarily speak without any knowledge of the special circumstances or of the provision made in the lodge By-laws for any such contingency, we feel constrained to answer "No" to our correspondent's query.—ED. F.M.]

ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I venture once more to ask your kind permission to appeal in your valuable paper to all those readers of it who may be contributors to the Royal Medical Benevolent College at Epsom.

Eustace De Mendes Harris, now on the urgent list for the next election, is the youngest child of the late lamented Dr. Harris, as good and true a brother of our noble Craft as it ever was my good fortune to know. His widow, whom I have known for the last eight and half years, is naturally very anxious to give her son as good an education as possible, to let him enter manhood with a cultivated mind worthy of his father. And Mrs. Harris herself, who has struggled for the last six years, and still is struggling most nobly, to maintain herself and two still entirely unprovided for children in a fitting manner, is quite unprepared to give her son even an ordinarily good education. This is the last chance of the boy for Epsom, and I beg to ask all my brethren to give him their votes and interest. Mrs. Harris' address is, Hillside, Sunderland-road, Forest Hill, S.E.

Thanking them in advance, and you, Sir, for giving me the means of doing so, I have the honour to be, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

EDWARD ASCHER, M.D.,

Surgeon to the ss. Teniers (Sandridge Marine and Beaudesert).

London, April 25th.



584] POSTSCRIPTUM.

From the printed proceedings of the Lodge of Sorrow, held at Frankfort on the 30th November last, I gather, to my great regret, that Bro. Dr. G. A. Schiffmann, whose Masonic life and works I have lately reviewed, passed to the Grand Lodge above on the 18th of July last. With him Masonic Archaeology has lost one of the most independent and original thinkers of this generation. R.I.P.

G. W. SPETH.

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THE OLD KILWINNING LODGE OF INVERNESS.

As I see by the memorial to the Scottish Grand Lodge that in 1736 a minute book, dating from 1678, was said to be then in existence, may I ask some brother of that lodge to let us know if any later traces of the existence of such minute book exist? In this way we may come upon the minute book itself.

MASONIC STUDENT.

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LOGE CHAMBRE DU ROI.

It is interesting to find that Kloss's copy of this valuable minute book is forthcoming, and also that we can now consider certain laws professedly emanating from the Grand Lodge of France in 1745. But the mere existence of a lodge minute book professing to certain Grand Lodge Regulations does not make them so, and the curious fact remains unexplained, that no later allusion is ever made by any one to these earlier assumed exemplars of Grand Lodge legislation. But still such facts, as facts, require respectful consideration and reception, and we ought all to be grateful to Bro. Speth for his persevering energy.

A. F. A. W.

587] THE CONSTITUTIONS OF 1755.

I am rejoiced to think that Bro. Speth, through his zealous correspondent at the Hague, has made such a find. But I am not quite sure that any discovery now can lead to the conclusion Bro. Speth desiderates. And for this reason—Since the first "note" appeared the conditions of our little controversy are completely changed. Kloss's original statement is, that he,—writing 120 years later,—saw a transcript of a manuscript of alleged date of 1755 made in 1761, and which professed to contain certain Regulations of the Grand Lodge of France in a MS., which was admittedly also a High Grade MS., thus proving to Kloss's mind the elimination of the Grand Lodge of France by the Rit Ecossais. My objection then was, and still is, you cannot prove historical facts by the alleged authority of a nameless transcriber in 1761, of certain whether pseudo Regulations or not in 1755, and therefore Kloss's initial argument is weak and defective on the face of it. Since then a copy, apparently made in 1761, has also turned up at Frankfort-on-the-Main, and now Bro. Speth announces the discovery of another copy at the Hague. Before we can deal with this fresh and very important piece of evidence, we must ascertain, as Bro. Speth will see at once, which is the copy and which the original, though from his words I gather the original is at the Hague. We want then a collation of the MSS., and it will be very important to print them in extenso, though just now space is very limited, as Bro. Speth knows. I shall be truly glad to see the original French, as much must turn upon that.

A. F. A. W.

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COWAN.

When Mackey gave the probable derivation of Cowan from Kuon, it is quite clear to me he had never studied or realized the etymological difficulties of such a theory. Kuon-Kunes in classic Greek do not seem to have had any peculiar meaning, except as a compound word, as regards men. Kunas, as regards women, bore sometimes a disagreeable meaning. In the purely eastern countries indeed, where the dogs are "scavengers," so to say, and are thence called Scavenger, or Pariah dogs, the word seems to be given to others outside the pale of some peculiar nationality or religion. But it is most difficult to trace any common use of such an expression in Greek. There may, have been as now an Oriental use of such a word in its linguistic equivalent. Neither is there any such a use traceable in the mysteries, as far as we know about them. There were proper Greek words in use for those who were extern to the mysteries, bebeloi, amnetai, but not kunes. Neither is there in Latin. In that language canis came from kuon, and the French chien comes from canis. The name for an initiate in the mysteries was mysta, or mystes, and some of us well remember the well known lines with which the Ceryx or Kerux (Herald) is said to have announced the opening of the mysteries,

"Procul o procul este profani."

But canis or kunes is never used. Hence then Bro. Steven's averment that the Masons adopted the word "kuon" from some earlier use, and hence cowan is not historical, and cannot be accepted by students. It is altogether unscientific and inexact. Curiously enough, there is, so far, no known English Masonic use of cowan until after 1717, though the word was in use in Scotland, as a technical term, evidently well-known to its hearers, in 1599. And therefore as all the suggested derivations,—acouan, couon, chouan, seem to be equally absurd and untenable, we are compelled, by the unflinching laws of expert and historical criticism, to fall back on a clear use of the word in 1599, which reads then as an understood technical, trade, or Operative term, whatever its actual origin may have been. I am myself inclined to believe in its derivation from the Norman or Gallic French, as Skinner terms it. I do not myself now set much store, on careful reconsideration, on the word covin or coven, as I think there is a better and simpler origin. Skinner, in his "Etymologicon," well-known to students, tells us that there is an old verb "cover," which means to work with, or work together with, as we say strictly "co-operate," and which seems to me to be the origin of "cowan." The cowan was a worker with; but not of the Guild. There is also an old French word "cwoyn," which means a pitiful fellow. I do not quite understand Bro. Stevens' allusion to "Collusio." "Collusio" was a Latin law term, and which may be translated "covine." "Covin," "covine," "coven," or "covene," is an old English word, signifying trickery. Indeed, the old French word "covenant," which means an engagement, or, as we say, contract, might be pressed into use; but certainly not kuon, with which our idea of cowan has nothing akin. I hope we have heard the last of kuon. Before I conclude it should be remembered that in the Melrose MS. an equivalent is used apparently for "cowans," namely, "Losses," which, I believe, is an unique use, and should be glad if any student could suggest a similar one.

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FRENCH FREEMASONRY IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE XVIII. CENTURY. By G. A. SCHIFFMANN.\*

This excellent study, apparently unknown in England, has just been transmitted to me by Bro. Koelle, of Frankfort. Both the work itself and the Masonic record of the author deserve high praise. Bro. Schiffmann was born in July, 1814, at Stettin, and is at present pastor of the Protestant church of St. James, of that city, and an Archdeacon. He was initiated in 1851 in the "Three Golden Anchors," and filled the chair from 1853-1862, and again from 1867-73. From 1858-76 he was Prov. Grand Master of Pomerania, under the Grand National Lodge of Berlin (Zinnendorff or Swedish rite) and in 1874, was appointed Senior Architect (a very high office) of said Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge works a rite comprising many high degrees beyond the Master Mason's, practises a Templar ritual, and is based on a remarkable collection of un-historical and un-Masonic data and legends. Whilst it has ever been loud in its claims of infallibility, treating all other Grand Lodges, including England itself, as lamentably ignorant of the true history and purpose of the Craft, it has always scrupulously avoided any impartial enquiry into its own pretensions and documents. On the occasion of its centenary in 1870 the Crown Prince and Protector, as G.M. of the system, advocated, in open lodge, a critical research and judicious reforms. The proposal was warmly taken up

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by some few enlightened brethren of this jurisdiction; which procured their exclusion. The Crown Prince went further, and commissioned Bro. Schiffmann to investigate its history. He was met by studied opposition and refused access to the archives. The Crown Prince then resigned his post as G.M. in disgust, 1st March, 1874, and was followed by Dachroden as G.M., and Schiffmann as Senior Architect. In order to preclude Schiffmann being elected as G.M., in which case of course the archives would have been at his disposal, the mode of election was arbitrarily altered. Schiffmann, in spite of difficulties, proved in 1874 the fallacies upon which the rite is founded, upheld the Masonic origin of the Craft, and followed this up by two further damaging works in 1875 and 1876, all of which I have unfortunately been unable to obtain up to the present. He was therefore suspended, 1st May, 1876. His works had so far only been accessible to members of the highest degrees, a fact which relieves him from any charge of treason, but in 1876 the Leipzig Bauhütte began to publish his papers. In consequence Grand Lodge expelled him 1st July, 1876. Two lodges of this system took his part, and were therefore erased, and many lodges of other systems elected him an honorary member. A most interesting little work of his is a study of Ramsay, which at present I have only been able to obtain in the British Museum, and which very successfully acquits Ramsay of all intentional blame in the origin of the so-called High Degrees. The work under review is of wider scope. It is not exactly a history of French Freemasonry, but an enquiry into the rise of the Scots Degrees. Schiffmann is not content in this case to collate merely the texts of the various exposures and rituals bearing on the subject (from 1737 to 1745 circa), but follows the more philosophic plan of first gaining a clear idea of the social, political, and moral status of Parisian life at this epoch. Having presented us with a vivid and undeniably accurate picture of the times, he is able, by sedulously collecting all the hints contained in these so-called exposures to depict the probable course of events. It would be impossible here to give any idea of his arguments, but his conclusions may be briefly stated. He opines that Scots Masters originally arose circa 1740, and were merely individual earnest Masons, who banded themselves together to lift French Masonry out of the mire into which it had sunk. They possessed neither separate lodges nor a ritual, nor did they pretend to be a 4th Degree. They chose as a distinctive mark, being Master Masons, the acacia, and were at first called frères écossais, which became corrupted into frères or maîtres écossais. In Germany Schmettau appointed Scotch Masters circa 1742, and although these ultimately developed a ritual, and banded themselves into lodges, they never professed to be higher in rank than Master Masons, nor arrogated any control over the lodges; and inasmuch as their ritual differed from the French Scots Degree, it is apparent that Schmettau brought no ritual with him from France, probably because there was none to bring. In France they ultimately formed a 4th Degree, and as it then became necessary to preface the Scots Master Degree by Degrees of Scots Apprentices and Scots Fellows, two Degrees were appropriated, which had meanwhile been invented in the south, viz., the Elect of 15, an addition to the Hiramite Master's Degree, and the Elect of 9, an addition to the same Degree of the Adonhiramite ritual. The word Scot having been thus inadvertently introduced, together with the co-incidence that the first Parisian Masons, in 1725 circa, were notoriously Scotchmen, or at least Jacobites, naturally led to the invention of all the fables concerning Scotland, Kilwinning, the Stuarts, &c., &c., to which result Ramsay's innocent reference possibly contributed in no small degree. The whole work of 215 pp. is closely reasoned, and, if not quite convincing, is at least very plausible, and calculated to make us think well before deciding to reject the theory. Personally I am inclined to agree with our author almost entirely.

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THE INVERNESS LODGE AND "W.O.," &c.

The particulars afforded by my friend and brother, "W.O.," in the Freemason for April 25th (No. 583 "Masonic Notes"), respecting the old lodge at Inverness, Scotland, from 1678, are most interesting and valuable. I do not see myself why any objections should be urged against the statement that in 1678 William Mackintosh was chosen the Master, and others were elected as Wardens and Boxmaster, for in 1670 a tutor occupied a similar office in the lodge at Aberdeen. It is remarkable to note how many Speculative brethren held office in the Scottish lodges during the seventeenth century. Bro. "W.O." has not furnished aught from the old records in confirmation of the lodge having worked the Three Degrees from 1678; but is inclined to accept the declaration rather than doubt the veracity of the petitioners, as also with the Coltness charter. Unfortunately, we are now so familiar with the alterations, interpolations, and additions of Anderson, Preston, and other Masonic historians, that we are compelled to object to the reception of any statements which conflict with, or differ from, the actual records of Ancient lodges, unless, indeed, evidence is forthcoming to justify the acceptance of so-called facts at variance with all hitherto known documents. I trust that Bro. "W.O." will favour us with several more of his notes, as they are most valuable.

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I did not mention Pasqualis, because I considered that his authority to form lodges was regular, or even authentic. Why I mentioned him was to show the difficulty there is in deciding certain points in the history of Freemasonry in France about the date he existed. There seems little doubt but that there were, at this time, several "Mère" lodges forming other lodges in different parts of the country, and that some lodges existed that were working independently of any Grand Lodge whatever. Bro. Yarker will notice that I did not state that Pasqualis was engaged in propagating Freemasonry in 1738, but that the authority, or patent, he produced bore that date. It is certain that he was so engaged in 1762. This is shown by a communication from him to the Grand Lodge de France at Paris, dated 26th March, 1763, in which he states that he arrived at Bordeaux the 28th April, 1762, and that he had already formed a lodge at Toulouse, so it is to be supposed he had been engaged in this work for some time previously. I find it stated that in 1754 he "created" the Rite of "Elus Coëns," which Rite was adopted by lodges at Marseilles, Toulouse, and Bordeaux. He was a native of Alicante (Spain), but had lived

many years in France, his son Joachim being born at Grenoble about 1710. The Grand Lodges in England, Ireland, and Scotland were applied to by the French for information respecting Pasqualis (with copies of his authority), but no answer was returned. Louis Joseph, Duc de Bourbon, and Louis François, Prince de Conti, belonged to different branches of the Bourbon family; the former descended from Louis Bourbon, born in 1530, the latter from Armand Bourbon, born in 1629. I do not understand how the identity of these two persons could be "mixed," unless in some strange way the titles of *Condé* and *Conti* may have been confused.

Paris, April 27th.

G. C. D.



### Craft Masonry.

**UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).**—The above-named lodge met at its new home—the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate—on Thursday, the 23rd ult., under the presidency of Bro. C. Geiseke, W.M., who was well supported by Bros. D. Legg, S.W.; Fenner, P.M., acting J.W.; C. J. Free, Sec.; J. Stroud, S.D.; E. W. Rowe, J.D.; M. Sherwin, Org.; T. J. Day, Stwd.; G. H. Clark, I.G.; W. Serjeant, I.P.M.; B. Picking, P.M.; also Bros. W. Roberts, C. Schmidt, S. Toye, A. K. Turbfield, H. Hayward, and others. Visitors: Bros. Herman, 1571; A. Kramm, 879; C. Daniel, P.M. 65; J. Davis, P.M. 879; W. Longley, 1744; A. J. King, 664 (S.C.); G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; and others.

The business of the evening, after the confirmation of the minutes of several meetings, was the balloting for, and initiation of, Mr. S. Toye, and on the former proving successful, Bro. Serjeant rendered the initial ceremony in a capital and thorough manner. Other routine business having been disposed of, lodge was closed.

The brethren next sat down to a really excellent banquet, under the superintendence of Mr. Glover. At the conclusion of the meal the company adjourned to the spacious lodge room, where, in a cool and pleasant atmosphere, the usual toasts were honoured with brevity, the larger portion of the time being very pleasantly devoted to music, contributed by Bros. Stroud, Ring, Sarjeant, P.M.; Sherwin, and others; Bro. Sherwin, as usual, supplying a capital accompaniment. We congratulate the lodge upon the comfortable quarters it has selected for its future meetings.

**LODGE OF ST. JOHN (No. 1306).**—The annual festival of the above lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, where the brethren have by this time become very comfortably established. Among the brethren present at the early hour at which the lodge was opened were Bros. J. P. T. Couture, W.M.; A. G. Clements, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. T. Holdom, J.W.; W. Beck, P.M., Treas.; W. O. Swetman, Sec.; J. G. Twinn, S.D.; J. Loftus, J.D.; J. Magrath, P.M., D.C.; J. Oxley and W. Sommers, Stwds.; W. W. H. Sherwin, Org.; Longstaff, Tyler; T. J. Tyer, P.M.; C. Veal, P.M.; T. Wooding, P.M.; W. Mann, P.M.; and a strong muster of the lay brethren of the lodge. The visitors' list included Bros. S. M. Pipe, H. McClelland, W.M. 901; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; G. C. Jennings, 1237; H. J. Benson, 160; F. H. Dale, 1278; H. J. Amphlett, 1541; and G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; and others.

After the usual preliminaries, the auditors' report on the lodge accounts were submitted, and their correctness being vouched for by Bros. C. Stephenson, Lloyd, and Flack, they were unanimously adopted. The ceremonial in connection with conferring the superior degree was next undertaken by Bro. T. Wooding, P.M., and rendered in really capital style in favour of Bro. John R. Halcrow. The next important business was the installation of the new W.M., and this onerous duty was undertaken by Bro. T. Wooding, P.M., and was rendered in a masterly manner, especially when Bro. Wooding, as we gathered, took upon himself the task at short notice.

Bro. Magrath, P.M., thereupon presented Bro. Arthur George Clements as W.M. elect, and he was obligated as such. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Clements was solemnly inducted into the chair of K.S. according to ancient usage. The following are the names of the officers appointed and invested: Bros. J. P. T. Couture, I.P.M.; Geo. Thos. Holdom, S.W.; J. G. Twinn, J.W.; W. Beck, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. O. Swetman, Sec. (re-invested); J. Loftus, S.D.; Jas. Oxley, J.D.; W. H. Ebdon, I.G. (not invested); J. Magrath, P.M., D.C.; J. Sommers, H. Hirst, and Flack, Stwds.; and Longstaff, Tyler.

The final addresses were then ably given, after which Bro. Clements, W.M., in the name of the brethren of the lodge, presented Bro. Couture, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M. jewel in testimony of the high appreciation in which he was regarded by the members of the lodge.

Bro. Couture contented himself with briefly returning thanks. After some items of lodge business had been disposed of the lodge was closed. We may mention an incident which occurred, which bears upon the question recently ventilated in the correspondence columns of this paper, viz., that some private matters being on the "tapis," the whole of the visitors, at the suggestion of one of their number, courteously withdrew from the lodge until the matter was disposed of.

A capital banquet was served, reflecting great credit upon the *cuisine*, and was well superintended by Mr. Glover, the manager. After grace had been said, and the dessert laid, the W.M. said it was not his intention to devote an unlimited proportion of the evening to speech-making, as he was inclined to think the brethren would prefer to have it the other way. He saw around him many smiling faces governing musical voices, and, presuming they preferred harmony to talking, he would be brief in what he had to say. "The Queen," the noblest lady in the land, demanded their first toast, and in order to bring it within the pale of Freemasonry, he would couple with it "The Craft." What can we say of the Queen when so much has already been said? It is difficult to find fresh topics. The Queen, in addition to those personal virtues which make her beloved by all her subjects, enjoys

the proud distinction of being the first constitutional Sovereign in the world. She, by her strict fidelity to the Constitution under which she reigns, has given her subjects the noblest example of obedience to the land, and, as Freemasons, we loyally follow her noble example.

In toasting "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," Bro. Clements said: Among his many engagements, the Prince of Wales shows a vast amount of enthusiasm in carrying out his Masonic duties. To our good Prince and brother no duty seems too severe—no labour too arduous. No Prince ever discharged such functions more readily or better than he, everything that the Prince is called upon to do he does, and that in a most princely manner.

"The toast of 'The Pro Grand Master; the Deputy Grand Master; and all the other Grand Officers, Present and Past,' was next well received.

Bro. Couture, I.P.M., seized the next opportunity to propose "The Health of the New W.M.," and stated that Bro. Clements would be fully equal to any expectations the brethren may have formed of him. He reviewed their progress through the lodge since they were initiated together, and he was assured that Bro. Clements only wanted opportunity to prove himself worthy of their confidence and of the position he had been placed in that evening.

Bro. Clement, W.M., on rising was heartily greeted. He said if anything more than another could have gone more direct to his feelings of sensitiveness, it was the hearty manner in which they had acknowledged the toast. He was deeply grateful, and accepted with heartfelt thanks the good wishes just made manifest. It was a great consolation to see such good feeling around him. No man could possibly feel the deep responsibility of holding such a high and honorable position than he then did. He was proud at having attained the summit to his ambition, and he hoped that during his tenure of office love and harmony would prevail, with plenty of work to do. He pledged his word that he would do his utmost to discharge all that might come before him, both to his own satisfaction and that of the lodge. In conclusion he exhorted the brethren to be strictly careful in the introduction of new members; what they wanted were good men and true, men of honour and uprightness, men worthy of the high and noble Order to which they belonged, ever remembering that it was far more easy to keep men out of this stamp outside than to rid themselves of them when once they were in.

The Installing Master, Bro. T. Wooding, P.M., was next felicitously toasted and heartily received, and Bro. Wooding, in expressing the pleasure he felt that his efforts had been appreciated, said he feared he had made only a poor show that day, however, he had done his best, and hoped to be even more successful upon another occasion should he be required.

"The Visitors" next came in for a good reception, and Bros. McClelland, W.M. 901, and W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, returned thanks for that body.

"The Past Masters" were honoured next, and the I.P.M. availed himself of the occasion to express his thanks for the handsome gift which the brethren had bestowed upon him, and which would be highly prized by him. He also asked the brethren to accept from him a piece of lodge furniture—a handsome kneeling stool, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. He did not offer it because the lodge could not obtain one for itself, but he felt pleased to give something to the lodge which would prove serviceable in their ceremonies at the close of his year of office.

Bro. Mann, P.M., the founder and first Master of 1306, congratulated the lodge upon its prosperous condition. Being now passed into the "sere and yellow leaf," he could not be with them as often as he could wish.

Bros. Beck, Veal, Tyer, and Magrath, P.M.'s, responded, and "The Officers" toast was duly and fittingly honoured, the Tyler's toast bringing, in every sense, a capital meeting to a close.

Bro. Sherwin, Org., deserves a word of praise both for his excellent services during the lodge and subsequently for his excellent songs and the accompaniment he furnished to the numerous musical brethren. In conclusion, we can offer Lodge 1306 hearty congratulations upon being settled down in so united and harmonious a manner to the lodge duties in its new home, and believe and trust there is a bright future in store for it.

### MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).

—The above lodge met on the 17th ult., at the Metropolitan Societies' Asylum, Ball's Pond-road. The occasion under notice was an emergency meeting, necessitated by the usual meeting day having fallen upon Good Friday. Lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Gray, W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. George, S.W.; C. H. Fisher, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; B. G. Poulton, I.G.; J. Tovell, I.P.M.; also Bros. J. H. Clare, W. Patient, G. Haynes, H. Patient, E. Ashby, R. J. Campbell, R. H. Clack, M. J. Bromley, T. Dalton, G. Beck, T. White, J. Holmes, E. M. Cohen, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. Forss, W.M. 917; J. F. Haskins, Org. 1364; G. J. Pope, J.W. 1364; T. B. Outred, 1579; and G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623.

Lodge was beautifully draped in deep mourning in token of respect for the late lamented Bro. Wm. Stephens, P.M. 1489, Grand Purs., whose death in Australia while on a voyage to recruit his health has been chronicled in our columns, and has thrown a deep gloom over the lodge of which he was founder and first W.M.

Bros. M. J. Bromley and R. J. Campbell were next duly raised to the Superior Degree, after which Messrs. Thos. Dutton, James Holmes, Thos. White, and Edward Cohen were balloted for, and this operation proving favourable, those gentlemen were solemnly initiated into the Order, Bro. Gray's working being exceptionally good and precise. Bros. Forss and Pope, visitors, lent valuable aid in the ceremonies, and after the working some correspondence from a lodge in Australia, conveying the details of the death of Bro. Stephens, was read, and a vote of condolence with the widow and family of our late esteemed brother was agreed upon.

Other incidental business followed, and after lodge was closed, a neatly served banquet was highly enjoyed. After grace, Bro. Gray briefly introduced the usual toasts, all of which were received in keeping with the solemn surroundings of the lodge. Altogether a subdued but enjoyable meeting was passed, and the Tyler's toast was given at an early hour in the evening.

### HENRY LEVANDER LODGE (No. 2048).

—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway

Hotel, Harrow Station, on Saturday, the 25th ult., and was well attended. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., W.M.; C. J. Axford, S.W.; W. A. Scurrah, J.W.; C. P. McKay, P.M., Sec.; P. Cheek, S.D.; John Johnson, J.D.; R. M. Surridge, I.G.; W. H. Burgess, D.C.; Harry Webb, W.S.; and James Verry, Tyler; R. Wilkin, T. E. Worrall, T. Reece, T. Barfoot, W. W. Smith, A. W. Wace, E. R. Clunn, and others. The visitors were Bros. George Edwards, W.M. 1507; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; H. Dickey, Sec. 1745; R. Ross, D.C. 1745; W. Hunt, 172; and C. Everett, 1507.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the F.C. Degree was conferred upon Bro. Robert Wilkin, initiated at a former meeting, and, at the request and in the presence of the W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, Bro. Geo. Edwards, on Bro. Charles Everett, of that lodge. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, and Messrs. Edgar Robert Clunn and S. Reece were duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. (Bro. Lovegrove) and his officers very efficiently rendering the ceremonies in both degrees. Bro. John Read, P.M. 720, 1383, was elected a member of the lodge and invested with the collar of Organist. The election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year then took place. In regard to the former office, a practical exemplification of true Masonic feeling and brotherly love was given by the retirement from candidature of the S.W., Bro. C. J. Axford, who, though in every respect qualified for the chair of K.S., and certain of election to that high office if the ballot had taken the ordinary course, solicited the brethren to mark their high appreciation of the services to Freemasonry, more especially in respect of recent strenuous efforts on behalf of the Masonic Institutions, of the J.W., Bro. Scurrah, by his unanimous election as W.M. for the ensuing year.

It need hardly be said that Bro. Axford's single-minded desire to do honour to a truly deserving brother met with the acceptance he solicited; and he received at the hands of the brethren cordial acknowledgment of his self-sacrifice on their behalf. Bro. Scurrah was consequently unanimously elected W.M. The retiring Master was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Verry, Tyler. Bros. Harry Webb, T. E. Worrall, and A. W. Wace were elected Auditors.

The elections being concluded, Bro. Scurrah addressed the brethren, thanking them for his election as W.M., and in the very fullest possible manner acknowledging his personal obligation to Bro. Axford, and the sense which the members of the lodge entertained of his desire to promote their best interests.

We feel compelled to say that a more pleasing incident, whether in the evidence it gave of a strong personal friendship between two worthy brethren, or of the preference of the welfare of Freemasonry to self-aggrandisement, we have never before met with in any of our lodges; and the circumstance is all the more worthy of record as an example which might doubtless be advantageously followed elsewhere when the surrounding circumstances are of a similar nature.

Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation, probably at an emergency meeting, as the next regular meeting being for installation, and the W.M. elect an exceedingly popular brother, the business of that day in placing him in the chair of K.S. will probably be considered sufficient. A few matters of ordinary arrangement having been attended to, the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, and the lodge was closed in harmony.

Refreshment followed labour, and after the cloth had been cleared the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The W.M. finding it necessary to leave at an early hour, the chair was taken by Bro. C. P. McKay, P.M., the genial Secretary of the lodge, under whose presidency the remaining complimentary toasts were given and received response.

In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. James Stevens referred to the ceremonial work and the thorough Masonic principles which had characterised the meeting, admitting the former to have been more than usually perfect; and the incident which had resulted in the election of Bro. Scurrah as W.M., consequent on Bro. Axford's retirement, as worthy of brethren connected with a lodge bearing the revered name of that strict upholder of true Freemasonry in all its sublime principles, the late Bro. Henry C. Levander.

Bros. Dickey and Ross endorsed those remarks, and expressed the great gratification which they and all the visitors had experienced from the cordial reception which had been accorded to them.

A very pleasant evening was spent by all present, the proceedings being enlivened by songs and recitations, and shortly before ten o'clock the brethren separated.

### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry

(No. 48).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Monday, when the new W.M. had the pleasure of seeing a large number of brethren present. The new W.M., Bro. Adamson Rhagg, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. John Mould, acting I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; Robert Whitfield, P.M., D.C.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; Wm. M. Pybus, S.W.; E. Shewbrooks, J.W.; Wm. Dalrymple, Sec.; Wm. Brown, S.D.; W. F. Raeburn, J.D.; Alfred Simpson, as I.G.; William Richardson, S.S.; Robert Ferry, Org.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. T. Harrison, C. Case, W. F. Carmon, John Bulmer, Mask R. Wright, Wm. Towers, Thomas Wilson, C. B. Greene, John Hedley, Wm. Richardson (2), John Swan, H. L. Russell, P. B. Nins, J. E. Reid, S.W. 424; T. A. Moffitt, S.D. 424; H. Nixon, J.S. 424; W. R. Gibson, I.G. 1712; T. Atchinson, S.D. 541; R. W. Klyne, I.G. 1119; J. T. Ridley, J.W. 406; R. Waugh, 1626; M. Davidson, 991; T. P. Bennett, 1342; F. Leddicot, S.S. 481; Isaac Taylor, S.S. 1342; and others.

After the preliminary business of the lodge was disposed of, Bro. John Hedley was passed as a F.C. by Bro. John Wood, P.M.; Bro. Pybus, S.W., explained the working tools.

Three propositions for initiation were given, and the proceedings closed, when an adjournment was made to the refreshment room, where the usual toast list and harmony common to this lodge was gone through. Bro. Henry Barrett Greene was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who also explained the working tools.

Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., by special permission of the W.M., proposed the toast of "Bro. Thomas Wilson," who

owing to illhealth, will shortly leave Newcastle for New Zealand, and the brethren in response heartily wished Bro. Wilson better health and success at the Antipodes.  
Bro. Thomas Wilson feelingly replied, and expressed his thanks for the good wishes of his brethren.

**STAFFORD.**—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of Bro. F. Woolley as W.M. was held on Wednesday, the 15th ult., at the Swan Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. J. Mottram, who was supported by Bros. Capt. Bindley, P.P.G.S.W.; Charles Trigg, P.P.G.S.W.; T. J. Barnett, P.M. 526, P.P.G.S. of Works; John Steen, P.M. 526, P.P.G.R.; James Smart, P.M. 1120, P.P.G.O. North Wales; J. Lyon, W.M. 43, P.G.S.B. Warwickshire; G. Spilsbury, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Bodenham, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; the Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C.; T. Fowke, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; J. Senior, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; G. H. Stanger, W.M. 417; James Clarke, P.M. 1039; G. Buttery, I.P.M. 1039; P. Evershed, W.M. 624; W. H. Bailey, P.M. and Sec. 624; E. S. Hildick, W.M. 539; S. Blackshaw, P.M. 533; J. Perkins, W.M. 1039; G. Ashmall, S.W. 1039; B. H. Joseph, I.P.M. 43; J. Gow, 561; T. C. Bird, S.D. 1896; E. W. Taylor, 1941; John Baker, I.P.M.; T. Mottram, S.; W. Thompson, J. Harding, Samuel Plant, F. Williamson, G. Griffith, S. Parton, H. Newton, T. Ginders, Z. Anderson, F. Espley, J. Nutt, S. King, and others.

Bro. J. Mottram was the Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in such an impressive manner as to call forth the congratulations of all present. Bro. Woolley then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Mottram, I.P.M.; J. Woodbridge, S.W.; T. Rigby, J.W.; the Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., Chap.; N. Joyce, Treas.; H. Thorn, Sec.; E. J. Mousley, D.C.; W. D. Batkin, S.D.; S. Moss, J.D.; T. Bunting, Org.; F. Taylor, I.G.; W. Brown, T. Masters, and A. C. Ward, Stwds.; and R. and J. Tomlinson, Tylers.

After the transaction of the usual business the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at which Bro. Woolley presided, the Senior and Junior Wardens occupying the vice-chairs. The repast was well served, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The Health of the Provincial Officers" was proposed by Bro. Joyce, who expressed regret at the absence of Col. Tudor through ill-health.

Bro. T. E. Fowke, Prov. G.D.C., responded.

"The Health of the W.M., Bro. Woolley," was heartily drunk, as was also that of Bro. Mottram.

Bro. Nutt next proposed "The Past Masters," congratulating the lodge upon the presence of Bro. Spilsbury, the father of the lodge.

Bro. Spilsbury, in responding, referred to the delight he felt in seeing that the lodge, which he had known in adversity, was now in such a prosperous condition, and that so many young members were taking an interest in Freemasonry.

Several other toasts were given, the proceedings being enlivened by some capital songs by Messrs. J. Follows and J. Baker, Mr. Jackson presiding at the pianoforte.

**HARROGATE.**—Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—This lodge, which was formed 21 years ago, and has just attained its majority, held its first meeting at the Prince of Wales Hotel, then the Brunswick, afterwards in the Masonic-rooms, Parliament-street; but now meets in the Masonic Hall, Avenue-road. On this occasion Bro. A. J. Bodman was duly installed as W.M. by P.M. Pickersgill, 837, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. E. W. Harry, I.P.M.; J. S. Walker, S.W.; Dr. C. I. B. Johnson, J.W.; Rev. A. Blythe, Chap.; J. Powell, P.M., Treas.; G. Thompson, Sec.; T. Lawrence, S.D.; J. B. Griffiths, J.D.; H. Allison, D.C.; T. A. Marsh, Org.; Dr. O. Jones, I.G.; M. Perkins, Stwd. Bro. Smithson, P.M., P.P.G.D., was elected Charity Stwd. Bro. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.P., was elected to serve on the General Purposes Committee; and Bro. Perkins, P.M., was elected Almoner.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet in the Masonic Hall.

The toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, with hearty congratulations on attaining its majority," was proposed by Bro. John Richardson, P.M., P.P.G., and responded to by the senior member present, one of the brethren made at the first lodge, 21 years previously, viz., Bro. Robt. Ackrill, P.G.S.

**DEAL.**—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—This very influential lodge held its installation meeting on Friday, the 17th ult. There were present the following brethren: Bros. H. Chambers, W.M.; G. Band, P.M., P.G.A.P., Treas.; T. J. Usher, P.G.G.R., Sec.; J. B. Harrison, P.P.G.C., Chap.; A. H. Des Barres, P.M.; Thos. Ayling, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Kirby, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Court, S.W.; F. E. Hast, D.C.; J. S. Huntly, Org.; Geo. Beale, I.G.; W. Bowles, Stwd.; S. Holgate, Tyler; A. Banger, H. G. Frost, W. T. Pritchard, J. Lofthouse, A. McIntosh, J. A. McAdam, E. Hodgkinson, A. Bruce Payne, J. W. Doell, S. J. Jones, J. Allan, F. E. Clark, W. Wincote, W. R. Minter, and J. Fawcett. The following visitors were also present: From the Wellington Lodge, 784: Bros. A. F. S. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. M. Browning, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. H. Hayman, P.M.; W. Carterfield, P.M.; T. E. Mason, P.M.; J. F. Solly, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Capps, S.W.; R. Patterson, Chap.; A. Weston, and E. Trevers, R. Joyes Emmerson, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., 1206; S. G. Philpott, 1209; Henry Ford, W.M. 425; and W. Fricker, 972.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Henry Chambers, assisted by Bros. A. H. Des Barres, P.M., as S.W., and G. Band, P.M., as J.W. The W.M. in a most able and impressive manner, with full Masonic ceremony, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. W. Court, S.W., eliciting expressions of admiration from the brethren. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Court, then invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. E. Hast, S.W.; J. S. Huntly, J.W.; J. B. Harrison, P.M., Chaplain; G. Band, P.M., Treasurer; T. J. Usher, P.M., Secretary; G. Beale, S.D.; W. Bowles, J.D.; A. Bruce Payne, Organist; C. Hart, Dep. Org.; A. Banger, I.G.; E. Hodgkinson, D.C.; J. Lofthouse and J. W. Doell, Stewards; and S. Holgate, Tyler. The W.M. then presented a very handsome and massive Past Master's jewel, unanimously subscribed for by the brethren

of the lodge, to the I.P.M., as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

Four gentlemen were then proposed for initiation. Bro. T. Ayling, P.M., was unanimously re-elected as a member of the Charity Committee to represent this lodge. After many expressions of "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent menu had been prepared, and was capitally served by Bro. Hart, of the Black Horse Hotel. The W.M. presided, and was ably assisted by his officers. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to. The toasts of "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale," "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes," and "The Provincial Officers Past and Present," proposed in a very able manner by Bro. Des Barres, P.M., met with a very hearty reception.

Bros. Band, P.G.A.P., and Browning, P.G. Steward, responded.

"The Health of the W.M." was next proposed by Bro. Chambers, I.P.M., and responded to in a very neat speech. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Ayling, who announced that Bro. Band, P.M., had accepted the office of Steward to represent his lodge at the forthcoming festival in connection with the boys' School, and whose exertions had already been rewarded to the extent of nearly 50 guineas by the brethren who were then present.

Bro. E. Kirby, in a very feeling speech, responded, his remarks being received with great applause, hoping that Bro. Band would be able to exceed the highest sum ever taken by any Steward from this lodge, viz., £109, by Bro. A. H. Des Barres in 1879.

Bro. Band then thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner they had supported him on this occasion.

"The Installing Master" was next proposed by the W.M., who congratulated him on the success which had crowned his efforts and the way in which he had performed the ceremony that day.

"The Visitors" were next proposed by Bro. Harrison, P.M., Chap.

Bro. Emmerson, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., responded.

Bro. Hast, S.W., next gave the toast of "The P.M.'s of the Lord Warden Lodge," and at the same time said that not only must the brethren look to the Master for instruction and assistance, but also to the P.M.'s, whose zeal for the Craft had been recognised by the number of them who are now, or have been Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. Usher, P.M., suitably responded.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said he had great cause to congratulate himself upon having so many efficient brethren to choose from. He felt confident that he should have the hearty co-operation of all during the ensuing year.

The S.W., in responding, thanked the W.M. for the kindly terms in which the toast had been couched, and said the officers intended to show by their work that the high opinion the W.M. had expressed of them should be justified. The official list closed with the Tylers toast and the brethren soon after separated. During the evening the proceedings were greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Fricker and Higgins and Mr. Pitt. Mr. Fricker, jun., very ably presided at the piano.

Great credit is due to Bro. and Mrs. Hart for the very admirable way in which the banquet was served, and too much praise cannot be given to the Lodge Committee for the efficient arrangements made for the comfort of the visitors. Altogether the meeting was considered the very best that had been held in connection with the lodge since its formation. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, London.

**LEWES.**—Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 24th ult. The W.M., Bro. T. R. White, presided, and among those present were Bros. G. Stone, S.W.; G. Bishop, J.W.; R. Crosskey, P.M., Treas.; J. C. Lucas, P.M., Sec.; R. H. Ellman, P.M., J.D.; W. Tanner, P.M.; Steadman, P.M.; and W. Smith. Visitors: Bros. G. Campbell, W.M. 271; G. E. Chapman, W.M. 311; G. Cole, W.M. 1636; L. Weedon, W.M. 1465; W. H. Causton, W.M. 1726; T. Cooper, W.M. 916; J. Lewey, 327; and J. Lewis. Bro. T. R. White, the retiring W.M., was again installed as W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Tanner, and was presented with a gold jewel in appreciation of his services during the past year. The following were elected as the colleagues of the W.M. during his year of office, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. G. Bishop, S.W.; Lee, J.W.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; J. C. Lucas, Sec.; R. H. Ellman, S.D.; G. Stone, J.D.; W. Tanner, D.C.; W. Stone, I.G.; and H. Hall, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. Bro. T. R. White, the newly-installed Master, presided. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**STOCKTON.**—Fraternity Lodge (No. 1418).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., in the Masonic Hall, when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. Thos. Bowman was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. J. M. Pickering, P.M. Thereafter the new W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. John Reed, I.P.M.; E. F. Wallace, S.W.; S. E. Thorold, J.W.; W. J. Watson, Treas.; J. Burn, S.D.; R. Appleton, J.D.; J. M. Pickering, P.M., D. of C.; J. Broome, Sec.; T. Preston, Org.; and T. Gibson, I.G. Bro. Reed, the retiring W.M., was presented with a beautifully illuminated address in recognition of his services to the lodge during the past year.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren dined together, and during the course of the after dinner proceedings the health of Bro. Bowman, who is very popular, was heartily drunk.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE** (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, when there were present Bros. Scatterford, W.M.; Williams, S.W.; Humfress, J.W.; Baker, P.M., Treas.,

and Preceptor; Thomas, Sec.; Guterboch, S.D.; Stratton, J.D.; Page, I.G.; Wickens, Stwd.; Stephens, Hunt, Curtis, Webster, Hutchings, Hubert, Mellier, and Williams.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hunt, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Stephens being duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Bro. Guterboch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers appointed in rotation. The report and balance-sheet for the past session was read and adopted. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

**CORINTHIAN LODGE** (No. 1382).—This lodge met on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E. Present: Bros. H. Doring, W.M.; Penniston, S.W.; Raiker, J.W.; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treasurer; S. G. Bonner, Sec., pro. tem.; McLeod, J.D.; Pitt, I.G.; J. Delves, P.M., Preceptor; Allen, Smith, T. Russell, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was admirably worked, Bro. Allen candidate. Bro. Allen next was tested as a candidate for the Second Degree, and retired. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Smith was questioned for the superior Degree, and lodge was duly opened up by Bro. Millington, P.M., who next worked the third ceremony capitally. We were very pleased with the order and discipline of the lodge under the efficient guidance of Bro. J. Delves, the esteemed Preceptor. We are glad to learn that the newly-established Masonic Charitable Association is highly successful, and held its first ballot last meeting, when Bro. Cooper, who attended for the first time after three years' absence, having joined, proved the successful brother in the ballot. Brethren who desire to take part in this good work are invited to attend on any Tuesday evening and see the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Bro. S. G. Bonner. Bros. Smith and Allen, both of the mother lodge, were duly elected members of the lodge of instruction, and those brethren expressed their thanks.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on the 27th ult., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. Lawrence, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; F. Chandler, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.O. Essex, Sec.; E. F. Ferris, S.D.; D. Stroud, J.D.; C. S. Mote, I.G.; C. Coleman, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425; H. Purdue, I.P.M. 834; E. Coleman, J. M. Chapman, C. R. Wickens, S. J. Humfress, C. J. Morse, and A. Cornwall. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. E. Coleman candidate. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting. A letter from the family of the late Lord Mayor, returning thanks for vote of sympathy, was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—At the usual weekly meeting of this lodge, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on the 23rd ult., there were present: Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; Henry, S.W.; J. Cumming, J.W.; Laundy, S.D.; F. Green, J.D.; Cross, I.G.; E. Farwig, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Ponsford, J. Rhodes, W. Fowles, J. Woodward, T. A. Dickson, and Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rhodes having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Farwig worked the Second Section of this Lecture. Bro. Farwig proposed that Bro. Henry, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by Bro. J. Cumming, J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect then appointed his officers in rotation.

Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. E. Farwig, P.M., for his kindness in acting as Preceptor that evening in the absence of Bro. W. C. Smith; seconded by Bro. J. Cumming, J.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Farwig thanked the brethren for their confidence, and said he was always willing to assist them in any way they thought fit.

Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in ancient form with peace and harmony, and adjourned.

**UBIQUE LODGE** (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Taylor, W.M.; Green, jun., S.W.; Green, sen., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Gibson, jun., S.D.; Hayes, J.D.; Purnell, I.G.; Wade, P.M.; McCullagh, Glover, Chilcott, and C. White, P.M. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Glover being the candidate. Bro. Coughlan gave the explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Boulton, assisted by Bro. Chilcott, worked the First Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed down, the W.M. having risen for the second time. Bro. Green, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was closed with perfect harmony.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—This lodge has for many years exercised a Masonic influence which has been greatly appreciated by those who have been connected with it, and the annual social gatherings of the members have invariably been of the most pleasant and successful nature. This yearly festival assembly took place on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., at the Harrington Restaurant, Harrington-street, a banquet of an exceptionally excellent nature being provided by Bro. C. A. Luker. The chair was occupied by Bro. James Winsor, P.M., who has occupied the post of Preceptor for a period of seven years; and the company included the following members: Bros. J. Brotherton, J. Pendleton, J.



Macnab, E. Sherwood, R. Wilcock, J. P. West, S. Jude, G. Dalheur, R. Pruddah, T. Evans, A. Huther, J. Redfern, R. White, R. N. Jones, A. Hill, T. Jones, H. Rigg, J. Procter, and C. A. Luker. The visitors included Bros. R. Carruthers, P.M. 1350; J. Latta, 241; J. B. MacKenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; D. Dunning, 1609; W. Newlands, 291; J. Cottrell, 241; and W. J. Sabiston, 241.

"Success to the Merchants Lodge," given from the chair, was responded to by Bro. Roger White, S.W.; and in giving the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge of Instruction," the Worshipful Preceptor presented Bro. Sherwood with a handsome testimonial on his retirement from the office of Secretary. Various other toasts were given in the course of the evening.

At a business meeting which preceded the banquet, Bro. J. P. West was elected Secretary, and Bro. J. Brotherton was re-elected Treasurer.

### Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).**—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 14th ult. Among those present were Comps. Davis, I.P.Z., in the chair; Ellborn, H., M.E.Z. elect; J. Davis, J., H. elect; Cleghorne, S.N., J. elect; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harris, P.S.; Staley, 1st Asst.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Robinson, P.Z.; Mander, P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; N. Moss, P.Z.; Parkinson, Janitor; and others. Comps. Thomas, 177; Mason, 1328; and Rogers, 1642, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Ex. Comp. Davis then installed Comps. Ellborn, as M.E.Z.; T. Davis, as H.; and Cleghorne, as J.; the three difficult ceremonies being well performed. He subsequently next efficiently exalted Bros. M. Emanuel, 185; R. Watson, 201; and W. Rest, 1283, into Royal Arch Masonry. The officers invested for the ensuing year are Comps. Davage, P.S., S.E.; Harris, S.N.; Staley, P.S.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; and Parkinson, Janitor.

A vote of thanks having been passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of Ex. Comp. Davis's services as Installing Officer, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

**FALMOUTH.—Volubian Chapter (No. 75).**—The first convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when Comp. W. D. Rogers was installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, the P.Z., Comp. E. D. Anderson, P.G.S.E., performing the installation ceremony, being most ably assisted by Comp. F. D. Gardiner, P.Z. 53, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Somerset. The other two Principals elected were Comps. Norman Gray, as H. (who was unavoidably absent through indisposition), and W. H. Dunstan, as J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following as his officers:—Comps. G. T. Olver, S.E.; G. A. Jenkins, S.N.; G. H. B. Reed, P.S.; M. Little, 1st A.S.; J. N. Carne, 2nd A.S.; W. F. Newman, Treas.; and J. N. Francis. The companions after the ceremony dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Comp. Olver, to whom the resuscitation of the chapter (after lying dormant for 23 years) is mainly due, in responding to the toast of his health, explained the difficulties he had encountered in re-forming the chapter, at the same time informing the companions that Comp. R. Carter, P.G.P.S., was also to be thanked for aiding him most materially, especially at the commencement of the resuscitation. Comp. Olver has also compiled a new code of bye-laws, which will contain a short account of the means taken to bring this ancient chapter into activity.

The visiting companions were Comps. F. D. Gardiner, P.Z. 53, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Somerset; J. H. Ferris, Prov. G. Treas. Cornwall; and W. R. Baker, Z. elect 450, all of whom expressed themselves highly pleased with the working of the chapter, and at being present at the first convocation for so long a time.

**GUERNSEY.—Doyle's Chapter of Fellowship (No. 84).**—The usual annual meeting of this chapter was held on St. George's Day, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Manor-place, when there were present Comps. Col. Gallienne, P.Z., P.D.P.G.M. Guernsey; Major Wilkins, P.Z.; Major Randall, M.E.Z.; H. M. Strickland, P.Z.; Dr. Hinton, M.A., Mus. Doc., Prin. Soj.; F. Clarke, P.Z.; J. Ozanne, H.M. Controller; Guilbert, P.Z., Treasurer; and others. Visitor: Comp. Emra Holmes, P.Z., P.P.G. Soj. Cornwall.

The following officers, having been previously elected, were duly installed by Comp. Gallienne, who acted as Installing First Principal: M.E. Comps. Wilkins, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; Strickland, P.Z., as H.; Comps. Dr. Hinton, as J.; Ozanne, as P. Soj.; Hutchinson, as Scribe N.; Guilbert, as Treas.; and Bowden, as Janitor. Bro. J. T. Laine, of Doyle's Lodge, having been duly elected and obligated, was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, the beautiful and impressive ceremony being most ably gone through by the M.E.Z., assisted by the other Principals, who gave the mystical, symbolical, and historical lectures from their respective chairs, the Prin. Soj. performing his arduous duties admirably.

The companions afterwards supped together in the dining room attached to the hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. Emra Holmes, in responding as visitor, said he had never seen the ceremonies more ably gone through or more impressively performed than on the present occasion; and he hoped he might be allowed to bring a brother, who was a Jew, on some future occasion, that he might be instructed and edified as he had been by the mystical lecture delivered so admirably by the M.E.Z., Major Wilkins.

"The Health of the D.P.G.M., Col. Gallienne," was given and responded to with great fervour and cordiality, and the toast of "The Newly-exalted Companion" was afterwards duly honoured. A very agreeable evening was spent.

**SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Chapter (No. 240).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held for the first time at the new Masonic Hall, Wesley-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. John Thomas Wilson, Z.; W. Dodd, jun., H.; James S. Wilson, J.; Thos. Coulson,

Treas.; John Hunter, acting E.; George Robson, N.; John Ayden Hall, P.S.; William Davison, 1st A.S.; David Camaron, 2nd A.S.; George Wilson, P.G.O., Org.; John Brown, Janitor; J. J. Humphrey, L. Inkster, John Turnbull, C. F. Sutcliffe, Walter Ross, H. C. Courthope, T. D. Marshall, M. Pearson, R. Blame, and George Johnson. Visitors: Comps. Fred. Maddison, P.Z. So; J. Turnbull, P.Z. So, P.P.H.; A. F. Munro, Z. So; John Mitchison, H. So; Mark Douglass, P.Z. 531; W. Brand, Z. 07; A. McDougall, J. 1119; W. Birch, 2nd A.S. So; M. Dodd, sen., 1119; James Sedcole, N. 1119; Horace Crisp, S.E. So; John Nicholson, So; John Eggleston, N. So; John Armstrong, 1119; Thomas Smith, So; and Hugh Golden, 1119.

The chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last convocation were duly read and confirmed by the companions assembled. The ballot was then taken for the exaltation of those well-known and worthy brethren, viz., Bros. (the Rev. W. C. Harris, J. M. Smith, and F. L. Pearson, and was unanimous. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Harris, who was in attendance, was exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry, the Principals, Ex. Comps. Thomas Coulson, J. S. Wilson, and J. T. Wilson, delivering the lecture appertaining to their respective chairs in a very masterly and impressive manner, the duties relating to that of P.S. also being performed in an able manner by Comp. J. A. Hall. The names of four well-known brethren having been submitted by proposition to the convocation, for exaltation at the next chapter, the election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, when the following were elected: Comps. M. Dodd, jun., Z.; J. S. Wilson, H.; G. Robson, J.; T. Coulson, Treas.; W. Davison, E.; W. Ross, N.; D. Camaron, P.S.; J. Brown, Janitor; T. W. Marshall and L. Inkster, Auditors.

It was proposed by J. T. Wilson, and seconded by J. S. Wilson, that the sincere and best thanks of the companions be given to Comp. Thomas Coulson and his family for the untiring interest they took not only in the Hadrian Lodge, but also in the St. Hilda's Lodge and Chapter, more especially for the trouble they had been at in the selection of the new robes, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, the new bannerets, candle standards, &c., for the chapter. This being received with pleasurable acclamation,

Comp. Coulson, in reply, said that whatever any of his family did for Masonry was done with a wish to make them all happy, and speaking for himself it was simply a labour of love.

The business of the chapter being ended, the companions adjourned to a very recherché banquet, under the gavel of the M.E.Z., Comp. J. T. Wilson.

**Huddersfield.—Truth Chapter (No. 521).**—The annual meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, on Friday, the 17th ult. The following were present: Comps. J. G. Robinson, Z.; W. H. Sugg, H.; J. Burgess, J.; J. Barker, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Dore, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; H. M. Wrigley, P.Z.; R. Williamson, P.Z., S.E.; G. Horsfall, P.Z.; G. Marshall, P.Z.; James Kaye, P.Z. 275; Dr. Pugh, Jubb, Shoemith, and others. Comp. J. Read Dore, P.Z. 275, installed the Principal in an impressive manner, and invested the officers for the ensuing year.

**LIVERPOOL.—Walton Chapter (No. 1086).**—The monthly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday evening, the 24th ult., when there was a goodly attendance of the companions.

At the close of the business in the chapter the companions adjourned for supper, well served by Comp. Wm. Vines, after which the opportunity was taken of presenting "with an additional mark of the respect in which they were held"—Comps. Joseph Ellis, P.Z., and John J. Savage, P.Z., who, having served the chapter as First Principals, had continued an unceasing interest in the welfare of the chapter. The presentation to each consisted of a very handsome polished case of electro-plated dessert knives and forks. On each was inserted a plate, bearing an inscription—"Presented to ——— by the members of the Walton Chapter, as a mark of esteem. 24th April, 1885." Comps. Ellis and Savage responded in feeling terms to the kindness shown, and a very pleasing evening's business was brought to a close.

### Mark Masonry.

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).**—This prosperous lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 21st ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. J. H. Dodson, W.M.; F. Farrington, S.W.; W. E. Farrington, J.W.; Capt. Harding, S.O.; T. R. Richnell, P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Saunders, S.D.; Dodd, J.D.; Codd, acting I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., &c., P.M.; Alfred Tisley, P.G.S.D. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M., and others. Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.J.W., Grand Masters' Lodge, &c., and Capt. S. T. Treffy, 275, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting (having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. E. A. Harris and J. Harris, of 201, and it proving to be unanimous, they were duly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. by Bro. Walls. The ceremony of inducting Bro. F. Farrington into the chair of A. was then performed by Bro. Walls, assisted by Bros. Richnell, as S.W.; Dodson, as J.W.; C. F. Matier, as D.C.; and Wigginton, as I.G. The officers invested were Bros. W. E. Farrington, S.W.; C. Brown, J.W.; Capt. Harding, M.O.; F. Clemow, S.O.; W. H. Saunders, J.O.; Richnell, Treas.; Wigginton, Sec.; Dodd, S.D.; R. Clemow, J.D.; Codd, I.G.; Walker, D.C.; and Prower, W.S. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Richnell for his excellent services as Treasurer. A vote of thanks was also given to Bro. Walls as Installing Officer.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and a most agreeable evening spent.

**WOOLWICH.—Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Monday, the 13th inst., when Bro. Col. E. S. Gordon, R.A., P.P.

G.S.O. Kent, was, for the second time, but not in succession, placed in the chair of A. as M. of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Sydney Clarke, W.M. and P.G.S.O. Kent, opened the lodge and advanced Bro. J. Russell Berry, I.G. of Graft Lodge 79, in faultless style. Bro. Matier, of Grand Masters Lodge, G. Asst. Sec. England, then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Gordon with all that force and eloquence for which he is so justly noted.

The following were invested as officers: Bros. E. Denton, P.G. Stwd. Kent, S.W.; F. Nichols, J.W.; M. Williams, M.O. (by proxy); J. Birch, J.O.; Capt. Eugene Sweney, P.M., P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; K. Uglan, Sec.; N. Pidcock, Reg. Mks.; C. Birch, S.D.; A. Burnett, J.D.; and J. R. Berry, I.G.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Sweney proposed "That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, and presented to Bro. Matier for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony of installation, and further that he be elected by acclamation an honorary member of the lodge." He said Bro. Matier had that day shown them what Mark Masonry should be, and although suffering with severe hoarseness, and although his presence would be missed at the Boys' election, held that day, yet he had, at the request of the W.M., come down to Woolwich to perform a ceremony that unless well done was not worth doing at all. Bro. Matier's name was a household word among the Mark Masons of Woolwich, and of the 37 advanced advanced by Bro. Matier when he consecrated the Excelsior Lodge, and installed its first terly manner in which those ceremonies were carried out. Bro. Matier was known in every degree of Masonry as a master of its mysteries and ceremonies, and he felt that Master, some seven years ago, few would ever, if they could, forget the deep impression then made upon them by the majestic name on the role of the lodge would be an honour to it. He then moved the above resolution.

Bro. Sydney Clarke seconded, and cordially thanked Bro. Matier for his attendance.

The W.M., in putting the resolution, fully endorsed every word uttered by Bro. Sweney, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Matier thanked the brethren, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to become an honorary member of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, because he remembered with an affectionate remembrance when it was first constituted under the dear old Grand Chapter of Scotland. What he had done that day was very little indeed, and only his duty, but if they were pleased, then he could assure them that he was perfectly satisfied and repaid by the expression of their pleasure.

The W.M. then presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Sydney Clarke, and wished him long life and health to wear it, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Clarke briefly returned thanks, and would wear it as a memento of twelve months' pleasant work and harmonious intercourse with every member of the "Florence."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren banqueted in the hall, Bro. W. Moulder, of Craft Lodge 829, catering in admirable style. The other brethren present were Bros. Capt. J. Scully, R.H., a P.M. and P.P.G.D.C. Kent; C. H. Driver, Grand Master's Lodge, P.G. Supt. Wks., England; E. West, W.M. elect 175; G. Spinks, S.W. 226, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; G. Risch, C. Jolly, I.G. 226, P.P.G.O. Kent (Freemason), and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, Bro. Matier responded for that of "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." He said their G.M. was a great lover of the Degree, and worked hard for its progress; still the D.G.M. had shown his love by coming forward to take the chair at the "Grand Mark Benevolent Festival" at the Crystal Palace. As to the Grand Officers, he believed they were as good as they ever had had, and all were inspired with but one feeling, namely, the success and prosperity of Mark Masonry. He cordially thanked them for the toast, and trusted for many years to rejoice with them in the prosperity of the lodge, of which he felt proud to be a member.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they were all delighted to welcome their W.M. home from India, and when it was found that Bro. Dr. Godwin, who had lately returned home an invalid from Egypt, could not, through continued ill-health, take the chair, they unanimously elected Bro. Col. Gordon to preside over them for the second time. A more excellent Mason he never knew, while his work in their Craft lodge, little as they saw it, for he only did the ceremony of raising once before he was called away, showed the great mastery he had acquired of the work he had to do. They all deeply regretted the illness of Bro. Godwin, and trusted he would soon be well and with them; but now he would ask them to drink the health of Bro. Gordon in bumpers.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he found it very difficult to respond adequately; but must say that, in returning to the lodge, he found himself among good friends. They all deeply deplored the illness of their S.W., who would have been only too happy to have taken the chair had he been able. He trusted the lodge would increase, and could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to ensure so happy a result.

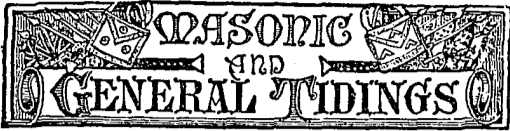
"The Advance" was next toasted, and returned thanks.

Bros. Driver, Spinks, and Jolly responded for "The Visitors." Bro. Scully responded for "The Past Masters," and congratulated the W.M. on his return from India, and on his being re-installed as Master of a lodge the very name of which was loved and venerated throughout the whole civilised world. He felt it, for, as a soldier in the Crimea, he had felt the touch of her gentle hand when on a sick bed, and knew something of what she did there. The lodge had flourished during the past year, and under the rule of their W.M. he felt that it must be a success. He thanked them for the toast most heartily.

Bro. Sydney Clarke, in the course of his response, spoke feelingly of the death of the late Bro. Dr. Pope, who had for many years past visited their lodges, both Craft and Mark. He was a kind, genial-hearted man, and a good Mason, and he felt that, as one of the papers had said of him, "we cannot give him measure for all his good qualities, but we all mourn his loss and cherish his memory."

The toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Denton.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.



Prince Albert Victor of Wales has been proposed for election as a member of the Society of Arts.

Bro. Alderman Evans has consented to serve as Sheriff of London and Middlesex if it be the pleasure of the Livery to elect him on Midsummer Day.

Bros. J. H. Puleston, M.P., and E. Clarke, O.C., M.P., have been elected members of the United Kingdom Pilots' Association.

Bros. A. Pell, M.P., and J. C. Dwarber, were among those present at the meeting on Saturday last, of the Metropolitan Asylums District Board.

Bros. E. C. Beedell, C.C., H. B. Marshall, Past G. Treas., J. Cox, and G. Rose Innes, attended the weekly meeting on Tuesday, of the City of London Union.

Bro. George Buttery, I.P.M. No. 1039, has just been installed W.M. of the St. Augustine's Lodge, No. 1941, Rugeley, the ceremony being very impressively rendered by Bro. James Clark.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J.W., presided at the second annual dinner, at the Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday, of the City of London College Parliamentary Debating Society.

A fancy dress ball in aid of the funds of the British Home for Incurables, took place at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. Bro. R. G. Salmond, who is Secretary of the Institution, presided at the supper.

Bros. Deputy Saunders, Deputy Cox, W. Malt-house, A. J. Altman, A. Brookman, F. P. Alliston, and G. Shaw, were among those present at the usual fortnightly meeting on Tuesday, of the City Commission of Sewers.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, Sir Charles Trevelyan, Bart., the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, and the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre attended the Cabinet Councils in Downing-street on Saturday last and Tuesday.

The Prince and Princess of Wales with Prince Albert Victor arrived at Marlborough House after their fortnights' visit to Ireland at half-past nine on Tuesday morning. Bros. Lord Suffield and F. Knollys, C.B., were among the suite in attendance.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice were present on Saturday last at the confirmation at Darmstadt of her Majesty's grandson, the Hereditary Grand Duke of Hesse. It is expected that the Royal party will reach England from their visit to the Continent on Saturday, the 2nd inst.

Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Ermytrude Malet gave the first of a series of receptions at the British Embassy, Berlin, on Monday last. Among the crowds present were many members of the Court and diplomatic circles. Bro. the Emperor William paid a visit to Lady Ermytrude Malet on Sunday.

Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.B., C. E. Soppet, E. Terry, and J. L. Mather were amongst the guests at the 15th anniversary dinner, on Friday, the 24th ult., of the London General Porters' Association. Subscriptions amounting to £2195 were announced in the course of the evening.

W. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted the invitation of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend-on-Sea, to deliver his lecture on Freemasonry, explanatory of the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree, at the lodge meeting on Friday, June 5th, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, at 7 p.m.

Bro. Edward Gibson, M.P., will preside at the third sessional dinner to be held at St. James's Hall, on Friday, the 15th inst., of the Constitutional Union, while at the annual banquet which is fixed for the 24th prox., in the same Hall, it is expected that Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., the new president, will take the chair.

The installation meeting of the St. Anne's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 970, East Looe, was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when Comps. T. Cook, Rd. Oliver and J. Doney were installed as M.E.Z., H., and J. respectively. The other officers were afterwards invested, a companion exalted, and chapter closed, the companions subsequently dining together at the Ship Hotel.

Several subscriptions have recently been made towards the Special Fund of £10,000 which the Grand Lodge of Scotland is raising for the purposes of benevolence. Among the principal contributors are Bros. Sir A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Bart., M.W.G.M., £50; the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past G.M., £100; Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Past G.M., £50; the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G.M., £50; the Princes Lodge, Glasgow, No. 607, £150.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Colonel Cowan was elected Alderman of the Ward of Cordwainer, in succession to the late Bro. Alderman Nottage, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. At the close of the poll, Bro. Cowan expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him, and his determination to do his utmost on behalf of the Corporation of London generally, and for Cordwainers' Ward in particular. On the motion of Bro. Alderman Cowan, and seconded by Mr. Halse, a vote of thanks to Bro. the Lord Mayor for presiding was unanimously passed.

The installation meeting of the Beaufort West Lodge, No. 1946, Beaufort West, South Africa, was held in the Masonic Temple, on Friday, the 27th March, a few visiting brethren being also present. Bro. Edwin Whitley was the W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installing him in the chair of K.S. was very ably and impressively carried out by Bro. S. Bain, P.D.D.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Africa. Bro. Whitley having been saluted and congratulated, invested his officers for the year. Lodge having been closed, a banquet took place at the Masonic Hotel, Bro. Whitley in the chair. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured after dinner, and the brethren separated at a late hour after a most enjoyable evening.

Bro. Alderman Sir H. E. Knight presided last week at a house dinner of the City Liberal Club, Walbrook.

Bro. Sir E. Watkin, Bart., M.P., has presented a very excellent set of gymnastic apparatus to the Folkestone Board Schools.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead inaugurated the new gymnasium of the Working Lads' Institute, Butcher-row, Ratcliff-highway, on Saturday last.

The first meeting of the Rose of Denmark Lodge of Instruction, No. 975, will be held at the Gauden Hotel, on Monday evening next, at 7.30 precisely.

Bros. Hyde Clark and Dr. B. W. Richardson, were present at the general meeting on Saturday last, of the Incorporated Society of Authors.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Cork with the Lady Isabel Boyle have arrived at Marston House, Frome, from their residence in Ireland.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has just been elected a joining member of the Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge.

Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Ex. Sheriff Clarence Smith are among the principal subscribers to the newly registered Victor Fire Office Company (Limited).

It is satisfactory to learn that an improvement has taken place in the condition of Bro. T. Loveridge, and that hopes are now entertained of his ultimate restoration to health.

The Prince of Wales, notwithstanding his all-night journey to London, was present at the Epsom spring meeting on Tuesday, returning to Marlborough House at five p.m.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P. (chairman), and Lord Carrington, P.G.W., attended the 71st meeting on Tuesday of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Working Classes.

The death is announced of Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torrence, who once occupied a high position in the Craft in Scotland. Bro. Inglis, who was close on 80 years, died in London and was buried at Chelsea.

Bros. Sir C. Mills, Bart., M.P., Baron H. De Worms, M.P., and T. W. Boord, M.P., were among those who contributed prizes at the recent distribution to the successful competitors of the Woolwich Arsenal Volunteers.

We believe that steps are in contemplation for establishing a lodge at Herne Bay. The requisite premises have been secured and furnished, and Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, is interesting himself in the proposal.

The Queen has expressed her desire that the new premises about to be opened shortly in London in connection with the Church of England Young Men's Society should be named after her youngest son, the late lamented Bro. the Duke of Albany.

Bro. the Dean of York, P.G. Chaplain, and Lady Emma Purey-Cust were among those present in Escrick Church, on Tuesday, at the marriage of Mr. Walter F. Forbes with the Hon. Katherine Lawley, youngest daughter of the late Lord Wenlock.

The following dinners took place at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, the 2nd inst.: Monday, 27th—Old King's Arms Lodge; Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday, 28th—Royal York Chapter; Lodge of Prudent Brethren; 4th Annual Anglo-French Ball; Royal Savoy Lodge. Wednesday, 29th—Grand Festival. Thursday, 30th—British Home for Incurables. Friday, 1st—Odd Volumes; Chapter of Fidelity.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has kindly undertaken to present the prizes annually given by the Furners' Company for turning in wood, ivory, metal, and stone (including jet and spar), in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, on Friday, the 30th October. Among those appointed to act as judges in awarding the prizes are Bro. Brackstone Baker in wood and ivory; Bro. Sir C. Hutton Gregory in metal; and in stone and jet Bro. Horace Jones, Deputy Controller Bake, and George Burt.

We are glad to hear and have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. C. W. Bacon, S.W. Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, Norwich, who as Steward at the Boys' School Festival at Brighton, in 1882, took up a list of over £40, has been again exerting himself successfully as Steward for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School, and has already raised and remitted to Bro. Hedges the very handsome aggregate of £171 3s. Bro. Bacon has only been a member of our Society a short time, so that the energy with which he has laboured to promote the welfare of our Schools is most creditable. We trust that others among our Norfolk brethren will be found equally successful when the day of the Girls' School celebration comes round.

Amongst the addresses that were presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to Derry, on Saturday, the 25th ult., was one from the brethren of the United Provinces of Derry and Donegal and Tyrone and Fermanagh. The following brethren were appointed a deputation to wait upon His Royal Highness: For Derry and Donegal—Bros. the Marquis of Hamilton, Prov. Grand Master; Major Scott, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; and John Macnie, Prov. Grand Sec. For Tyrone and Fermanagh—Bros. Sir John M. Stewart, Bart., Prov. Grand Master; Col. John G. Irvine, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; and Dr. O. Ternan, Prov. Grand Sec. Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton handed the address to the Prince and then introduced the members of the deputation separately. A reply to the address will subsequently be forwarded by the Prince.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Liver, Lungs, and Kidneys.—Most diseases of these depressive organs arise from obstructions, over the removal of which these celebrated Pills exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for such chronic affections as liver enlargements, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders, which cause much present suffering, and, if neglected, lay the foundation of organic diseases. Holloway's Pills are specially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action ranks them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous affections, gout, and rheumatism these Pills have achieved for themselves universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigour.—ADVT.

The Stability Lodge of Instruction No. 217, has been adjourned until the first Friday in September.

Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., P.G.J.W., has become Vice-President of the British Asylum for Deaf and Dumb Females, at Clapton.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Mar and Kellie and Bro. Sir R. and the Hon. Lady Lloyd-Lindsay have arrived in town, the latter from Wantage, Berks.

Bros. Carl Rosa and Augustus Harris have arranged to produce for the first time on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., at Drury Lane Theatre, Massenet's Opera of "Manon."

Bro. Thomas Bowman was installed W.M. of the Fraternity Lodge, No. 1418, Stockton, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The officers were afterwards appointed and invested.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon gave a dinner party on Saturday last at their residence in Portman-square, Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., being among the guests.

The will of the late Bro. Colonel Frederick Burnaby, Royal Horse Guards, who was killed at the battle of Abu Klea on the 17th January last, was proved in London on the 17th ult.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., who had started from Simla for Bombay, en route for England, on leave of absence, was recalled by telegraph the day following his departure.

Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford's report of the proceedings of the Naval Brigade under his command from the 26th November to 8th March, appeared in the *Gazette* of Tuesday, the 28th ult.

Bro. Lord Wolesley left Cairo for Suakim on Tuesday in order to decide what positions must be held in order to ensure the safety of the latter, and to make arrangements for the withdrawal of troops.

The Prince of Wales has been unanimously elected a Bencher of the Hon. Society of the King's Inns in Ireland, and has been graciously pleased to accept the election and to express his gratification thereat.

Bros. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P. (in the chair), E. Dresser Rogers, C.C., Deputy Saunders, and J. Reddish were present at the regular meeting on Friday, the 24th ult., of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

The Queen has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable John Campbell, Earl of Aberdeen, to be her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.—*Gazette*.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, Bart., M.P., attended the annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Primrose League, held on Saturday last, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, under the presidency of Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., and Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead visited Hampstead on Thursday, the 23rd ult., for the purpose of opening a bazaar and art exhibition in aid of the Hampstead Home Hospital and Nursery Institute.

Bros. Sir Arthur Bass, Bart., M.P., and other members of the principal brewing firms at Burton-on-Trent, met and gave a hearty reception to an excursion party composed chiefly of Belgian brewers, who visited the great midland metropolis of beer on Tuesday.

Prince Albert Victor, accompanied by Lord Suffield, left Marlborough House on Wednesday for Great Yarmouth, to do duty as a lieutenant with the 2nd Brigade of the Eastern Division (Prince of Wales's own Norfolk Artillery Militia) for the period of their regimental training.

At a meeting of the Henry Levander Lodge, held at Harrow on Saturday last, Bro. W. A. Scurrah was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. H. Lovegrove was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Verry, Tyler. The S.W., Bro. C. J. Axford, Prov. G.M., offered to give way for Bro. Scurrah, thus showing a most unselfish and truly Masonic spirit.

A serious fire broke out shortly after noon on Tuesday at Bestwood Park, Notts, the residence of R.W. Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire. The fire, which occurred in the drawing room, was got under in about an hour, but not until damage to the extent of several thousands of pounds had been caused. It is not known how the fire originated as the duke and his family are not in residence.

The committee appointed by the Constable of the Tower to inquire into the regulations for the admission of visitors to the Tower armouries and jewel-house have, it is stated, decided to recommend that visitors shall shortly be again permitted to view the objects of interest in the Tower, subject to increased supervision on the part of the officials responsible for this duty. It is said that the necessary arrangements may possibly be made in time to allow of the re-opening of the Tower previous to the Whitsuntide holidays.

The West Yorkshire Freemasons, who assembled in such large numbers at the installation of their new Prov. Grand Master last Friday week in the Albert Hall, and subsequently at the banquet in the Town Hall, were not a little indebted to our Borough Organist, Dr. Spark, for the valuable assistance he rendered in the musical portion of the proceedings. At the Town Hall especially, the music was generally admitted to have been of a very high order. The famous Harmonic Union sang the Masonic music, almost entirely selected from Dr. Spark's "The Freemasons' Liber Musicus," at the request of the Prov. Grand Master, with remarkable power and effect, whilst the "Masonic Festival March," from the same work, was played by the Borough Organist on the grand organ in his usual effective style.—*Leeds Daily News*.

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

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

**METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.**  
For the week ending Saturday, May 9, 1885.

**MONDAY, MAY 4.**

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Tav.  
" 256, Unions, Freemasons' Tav.  
" 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1713, Cholmeley, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham-park, Brockley.  
Chap. 1704, Cable, Cannon-st. Hot.  
Mark 139, Panmure, SA, Red Lion-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 5.**

Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns' Hot., North Woolwich.  
" 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.  
Mark 1, St. Mark's, SA, Red Lion-sq.  
Rose Croix 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-sq.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.  
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
Mount Edgcumbe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.  
Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.  
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.  
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.  
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon-street, 6.30.  
The Invicta Club, Rose Croix Chapter, 33, Golden-sq.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6.**

**GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.**  
Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington.  
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.  
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Gt. Portland-st., W., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.

Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st. S.W.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.  
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.  
Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7.**

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 913, Pattison, Assembly Rooms, High School for Boys, Brook Hill, Plumstead.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1361, United Service, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., W.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Three Nuns Tav., Aldgate.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey, Masonic Hall.  
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.  
" 1765, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.  
" 1950, Southgate, Railway Hot., New Southgate.  
Chap. 9, Mount Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 174, Sincerity, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 8.**

**GREAT PRIORY, Cannon-st. Hot.**  
Lodge 33, Britannie, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.  
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
" 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.  
Chap. 569, Fitzroy, Head Quarters Hon. Artillery Company, City-road.  
K.T. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

Robert Burns, North Pole, 387, Oxford-st., W., at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.  
Temperance, Duke of York Tav., Evelyn-st., Deptford, 8.  
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.  
Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.  
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.  
Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.  
Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9.**

Lodge 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Pk.  
" 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
" 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.  
" 1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.  
Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**

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

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