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WE regret to be informed that Bro. HEDGES still wants many Stewards for the Girls' School Festival. We are quite aware of the many drawbacks of these hard-pressed times as regards subscriptions and the like; but we wish to observe that no Institution seems to call for a larger amount of sympathy, or larger measure of support, than that striking Charity of ours,—the Girls' School. Admirably arranged, important in its position, and happy in its results, it would appeal to the most generous and sympathetic feelings of English Freemasons; and we trust that even at this late hour, at the Festival now so near at hand, this admirable Charity of ours may receive that full, warm, and vital support it has so truly merited, and so entirely deserves.

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THE appointment of two Masonic lodge historians as Grand Officers the same year is a matter of too great importance to the Craft at large, and an incident too noteworthy in itself, to be passed over unnoticed by us. We congratulate our esteemed Bros. GOLDNEY and BROCKBANK, not only on the Grand Lodge honours which have fallen upon them for their Masonic services, but also because we feel the recognition thus offered of the appreciation of our rulers to Masonic writers and students may prove to be of the highest importance for English Freemasonry. It has been too much the custom in past years to allow the literary movement of Freemasonry to be treated as the mere outcome of a question of supply and demand. It has been far too hastily assumed, that as there has been a dearth of Masonic writers, so there has been a want of Masonic interest in the literature of our Order, and no doubt, "prima facie," such has been the attitude of us all alike in this respect, that the most sagacious of authorities might be deceived, the most experienced of rulers might be led astray. No doubt too in some respects Masonic literature has been at a discount. Whatever be the real causes or the dominant influences which have led to such a state of things, we have not been insensible to the gentle or severer sarcasms of many, that our good brethren seemed often apparently to opine, that the best development of artistic tastes, æsthetic proclivities, and literary culture, consisted in an effective menu card. We have ourselves never quite given into any such popular notion, such, in our view, too common fallacy. Masonic literature, it must be remembered, when our present generation mastered alike its meaning, reality, and effect, was not a little trying, and slightly vapid. It made an enormous demand alike on our faith, and we fear we must add,—yes, and on our gullibility. It was all treated in one way, directed to one end, and led up to the conclusions of one School, and that not a School either of accurate outcome or scientific treatment. The great learning and wide reading of OLIVER had been engaged for many years in rearing up an edifice, strong and pretentious enough, in good truth, magnificent in outward contour and proportion, but radically wrong and intensely unsound, fated to crumble away entirely before the inexorable claims and magic touch of historical truth. Those of us who remember the ponderous and useless learning employed in building up visionary theories and hopeless contentions, that wonderful commingling of strength and weakness, originality, and sheepwalking, fact and fiction, which marked the lucubrations of the good old Doctor, will hardly wonder to-day at the distaste for Masonic literature which fell on an earlier generation, and the gradually increasing distrust of Masonic writers which correlatively was educed in the minds of thinking Masons. But since those inchoate efforts and unsatisfactory results, what progress has been achieved, what results brought about? The labours of Masonic students have been directed to ascertain, to bring out, to validate the true claims and the rightful character of our Masonic annals, and if all is not yet clear or certain, in accord with customary human impatience, how far more clearly we see into the dim remains of the past than we did a generation ago. But we must not assume, a common error by the way, that because some progress has been made we have completed our task, or that we can put off our armour because the battle is won; much remains, and must remain, in doubt and debate. We cannot at once, if ever we can clearly lift the veil from our Masonic ISIS,—we cannot at once in a moment clear away the neglect of years, or make all things plain and intelligible to the listening and wondering Mason. But much has been done, if much remains to be accomplished and therefore it is, we anticipate a much further and general taste for Masonic literature, the efforts, the theories, the disquisitions, the theories if you like, of Masonic students. We cannot always be merely giving our time and attention to the causes of Masonic ceremonial, however laudable, the enjoyment of the Fourth Degree however

charming and seasonable. We all want to know something, however briefly or epigrammatically, yet lucidly told us of what Freemasonry has been in the ages that have swept away, what it still is to the world in which we live, what it may yet be to future generations of mankind. And therefore, believing in the progress and vitality of Masonic literature, realizing its happy progress to-day, and regarding its eventual triumphs as many and certain, we rejoice to note that the blue ribbon of our Order has fallen, at the spontaneous and befitting suggestion of our constituted authorities, on two Masonic writers and lodge historians, Bros. GOLDNEY and BROCKBANK.

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WE notice in an American paper that Bro. ALBERT PIKE, a potent authority, and a well-known if lengthy writer across the Atlantic, has in reference to a meeting of the Royal Order of Scotland, though we do not see the connection, complained of the *Freemason* as filled with lodge speeches and reports, and as a "vermicular record" of uninteresting subjects and matters. Well, we do not wish to be censorious, we never seek to make comparisons, but we venture to think that the *Freemason* will hold its own as a Masonic record, with all its contemporaries be they where and what they may, for what it is, what it professes to be, what it seeks to be. In the first place, let us not forget it is a Masonic journal, and as such must proceed, and can only proceed, in one groove, and that a narrow one, and a straight one. It cannot diverge, it cannot indulge in "flourishes or follies," it is bound by certain canons of Masonic law and obedience never to forget that it is a Masonic journal, and is intended really and truly, primarily and mainly for Masons. Each Masonic country and jurisdiction may have, and probably often do retain, peculiar proclivities, sensibilities, sympathies, and tastes. The situation of English and American Masonry is somewhat different, and cannot well be measured by the same gauge, or satisfied with the same literary wants and outcome. What suits America may not always suit England, and "vice versa," and what becomes the prevailing taste of English Freemasonry may not be that of American, and, again, as we said just now, "vice versa." It is idle and harmful to attempt to dogmatize, and say that one line of thought and treatment must, as regards Masonic culture, equally suit both countries. In England Freemasonry is a very remarkable institution in its way; remarkable, we repeat, for some characteristics in which it certainly at present excels all other jurisdictions,—we mean its charitable efforts, and its peaceful, happy, and harmonious advance. The *Freemason* in presenting week by week the record of so much that appears to either local and ephemeral, is only bearing witness to the predominant tastes, temper, and efforts of English Freemasonry. Just now there is in England, though the same feeling just now does not prevail in America, where the temptation to be rather lengthy and verbose is often approved of apparently, a grave dislike of empirical didacts and long-worded address. We are inclined more to judge by results, than anticipations, by active work, rather than prolix verbiage. Anything in America seems to serve as a peg to hang a long discourse upon, which in England would not be listened to for one moment. The Papal attack, (of which we have really heard now "ad nauseam," and of which all that need be said has been properly said by Lord CARNARVON on behalf of English Freemasonry, and duly dealt with in the *Freemason*) recondite questions, as to whether a man can be initiated minus a leg, an arm, or an eye; whether any brother may be the tenant of a public-house; whether ladies can be present at Masonic ceremonies, whether countless points of archaeological curiosity or ingenious quibbleness are sustainable or real,—all these may exercise Masonic journalists in America, but they would not suit the meridian of English Masonry. We are too old fashioned, sedate, and steady going to be moved by recondite fancies, or swayed to and fro by popular excitement. If such matters, as would seem by Bro. PIKE's remarks, should form the staple of Masonic literature, surely he can be satisfied at home without asking us to follow suit. The *Freemason* has only sought to give an impetus alike to Masonic charity and Masonic archaeology. It can point with pride to the contributions of those able brethren, who have positively given a new turn to all Masonic studies and theories; and while it gratefully records the efforts and successes of a MACKAY and a MACOY, a FORT and a STEINBRENNER, C. MCCALLA, and JOHN SIMONS, Bros. CARSON, R. MORRIS, A. PIKE, and many more, it can equally ask for recognition for the invaluable labours and contributions of a LYON, a HUGHAN, a GOULD, and of that numerous band of English students, RYLANDS, HAWKINS, SPETH, LUKIS, WHYTEHEAD, GOLDNEY, BROCKBANK, MASONIC STUDENT, and many more, whose lucubrations have advanced the great cause of Masonic literature, and whose names are well known wherever Masonic literature is valued and approved. Therefore, as "all tastes are respectable," we must once more affirm that the *Freemason's* dealing with what is before it, what is offered it, the living onward course of English Freemasonry, is perfectly right, reasonable and proper, and that, whether the nature of its recurring pages be too trivial or too common place for our good Bro. ALBERT PIKE and others, it can fairly point to one fact, both clear and irresistible, that it has numberless readers at home and abroad, in all hemispheres, among all races, and that at any rate its hebdomadal advent is hailed by many good Masons in the United States, as may be seen in many American contemporaries, whose kind sympathy it ever gratefully acknowledges, and whose friendly commendation it is proud to receive.

## NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

We give, in accordance with our promise of last week, full particulars of the Masonic careers of the brethren severally appointed Grand Officers for the present year, and, in the few cases in which we have been so fortunate as to obtain them, the memoir is accompanied by a kind of pen-and-ink sketch of its distinguished subject.

## GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. the Marquis of HERTFORD was initiated in the United Lodge, No. 1629, in July 1879, when he was known by the courtesy title of the Earl of Yarmouth, and sat in the House of Commons as one of the members for the Southern Division of Warwickshire. He has successively filled both the Wardens' chairs, and is now W.M. of the lodge. In 1881 he was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the United Chapter, attached to his mother lodge, and we believe is, or quite recently was, a candidate for advancement to the Mark Degree.

## GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. the Hon. W. E. SACKVILLE-WEST was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in June, 1851, and in 1877 succeeded the



late Duke of Albany as its W.M. His earliest provincial honours were obtained in 1874, when he was appointed Prov. G. Supt. of Works Oxon, the still higher honour of Prov. G.S.W. being conferred upon him three years later, during his Mastership of the Apollo University Lodge. He is at the present time Treasurer of the United Lodge, No. 1629. He was exalted in the Apollo University Chapter in 1874 and in 1878, 1879, and 1880, successively filled the chairs of J. H., and M.E.Z. He was W.M. of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, Bangor, in 1883, and is a subscribing member of St. David's Lodge, No. 384, Bangor. He is a Mark Master Mason, having been advanced in the Studholme Lodge, No. 107, on 1st February, 1877, a Knight Templar, and a member of the A. and A. Rite, having been

perfected in the Oxford University Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 40, of which he was M.W.S. in the years 1875 and 1876, the 31° of G.I.I.C. being also conferred upon him in the latter year. He has qualified as a Life Governor of the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

## GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. G. RAYMOND PORTAL, from the very beginning of his career, has taken a very active and prominent part in the concerns of Masonry. He was initiated in 1848, when an undergraduate at Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and in two years was elected to fill the chairs of Master and Prov. Grand Junior Warden of Oxfordshire, that of Prov. Grand Senior Warden being assigned to him the year following; the share he had, in conjunction with other University brethren, in giving renewing vitality to the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford—of which he was appointed and invested Senior Deacon in 1850—having, no doubt, had its influence in securing for him the appointment. A few years later—in 1855—we find him exercising his zeal successfully in his endeavour to still further promote the well-being of Freemasonry, his new sphere of action being in London, and the lodge, for whose benefit he laboured so strenuously, the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, which, though one of the oldest lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, was at the time in a sadly declining state. Thanks, however, to the efforts of our reverend brother, in conjunction with those of Bros. W. W. B. Beach, Wyndham Portal, the late R. J. Spiers, and others, this ancient lodge was speedily placed on a sound and healthy basis as a London home for Masons from Oxford, and thenceforward it has been one of the strongest and most influential of our Metropolitan lodges. At this revival the post of Secretary was conferred on Bro. Portal, and in 1862 he was installed W.M. His membership has continued till the present time, and, though he is now an honorary instead of a subscribing member, we presume he is none the less entitled to the designation of Father of the lodge. He was also for a time a joining member of the Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, and while so connected with it was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of Hampshire; but the principal scene of his labours was in London for many years, and no voice was more frequently or more conspicuously heard in Grand Lodge—especially in the excited discussions over the Canadian question—than that of the brother whose career we are briefly summarising. Bro. Portal is likewise a Royal Arch—P.Z. of the Grove Chapter, No. 410, Ewell—Templar, and Rose Croix Mason, but the Degree to which—if we omit Craft Masonry from our consideration—he seems to have given the most of his attention appears to have been the Mark, to which he was advanced in April, 1856, the year when the Mark Grand Lodge was established, Bro. Portal being its first Grand Chaplain. In 1857 he joined the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, No. 7, and was elected W.M. in 1860. In 1862 he was a founder and first S.W. of the University Lodge, No. 55, Oxford, and is a Past Master of the Porchester Lodge, No. 27, Newbury; a founder of the Percy Lodge, No. 114, Guildford; a joining member and Past Master of the Wyndham Lodge, No. 37, Basingstoke; and honorary member of the Grand Master's and numerous other Mark lodges. He was appointed Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason in 1866, and Grand Mark Master Mason in 1869, and in 1873 was installed Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Hants and the Isle of Wight. As President of the General

Board, he necessarily takes the lead in conducting the internal affairs of Mark Masonry. Bro. Portal is also Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees, both of which bodies, under the more complete organisation of which he is the head, have latterly attained a very considerable degree of prosperity. It remains for us to add that our rev. brother is Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution (Male Fund), for both of which he has acted as Festival Steward, and a Life Governor of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, in the establishment and extension of which he has always evinced a large amount of interest.

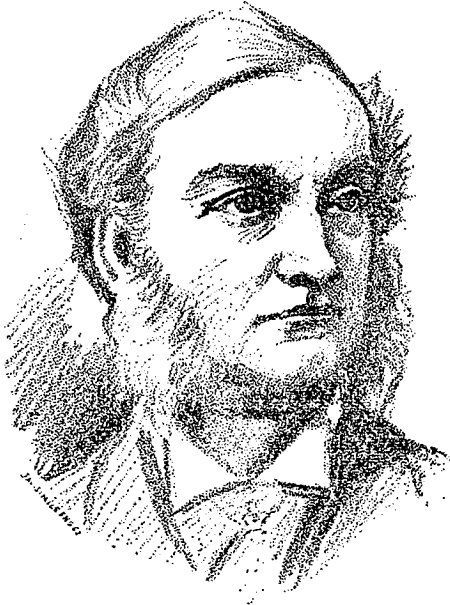
Bro. Rev. R. N. SANDERSON, like his brother Grand Chaplain, has also taken a very conspicuous part in the doings of the Craft, and its several branches, the difference between the two being that Bro. Sanderson's sphere of activity has been more particularly confined to the Province of Suffolk. It was not however, in a Suffolk, but in a London lodge,—the Moira, No. 92—that he obtained his first insight into our mysteries, the event happening on the 26th of February, 1856. In 1858 he joined Perfect Friendship Lodge, No. 376, Ipswich, and shortly afterwards was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of Suffolk, being annually re-elected to the same office till 1865 inclusive. Later on we find him W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, and now he is Chaplain of the British Union, No. 114, both these being also Ipswich lodges. In Royal Arch Masonry he has attained equal distinction, having been exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 376, Ipswich, in 1858, and filled the chair of Z. in the Royal Alexandra Chapter, No. 959, Ipswich, in the years 1868, 1869, 1872, 1873, 1877, 1878, and 1883; while as regards the province, he was Provincial G.S.N. in 1878, and Provincial G.H. in 1883. In the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in March, 1866, in the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 70, Ipswich, he has been still more successful. He is a P.M. of No. 70, having occupied the chair of W.M. in the years 1867, 1868, 1870, 1871, 1875-6-7-8-9, a subscribing member of the Freeman Lodge, No. 105, Bury St. Edmund's, which he joined in 1870, and founder and first W.M.—in 1872—of the Constantine Mark Lodge, No. 145, Colchester. He was Grand Chaplain of the Mark Grand Lodge in 1869, and again in 1881, and is Prov. Grand Chaplain of the Mark Province of East Anglia. In the A. and A. Rite, in which he has attained the 30°, he was perfected in and is a Past M.W.S. of the Victoria Rose Croix, No. 22, Ipswich, and in Templar Masonry, Prov. Sub-Prior of East Anglia. In short, in all the Degrees which have made homes for themselves in Suffolk and the vicinity, Bro. Sanderson has played an honourable and honoured part, though it is most likely that his services in connection with Craft Masonry, in which, as a Prov. G. Chaplain, he has had many opportunities of influencing the brethren for good by his eloquent addresses, have been the most valuable to the Fraternity. Our rev. brother is a life subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

## GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. JOHN WOODALL WOODALL, late Major Yorkshire Regiment Art. Mil., and a member of the well-known banking firm which bears his name, was initiated in the Hope Lodge, No. 202, Bradford, West Yorkshire, February 18th, 1856. The year following he was appointed S.W. of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200 (then 236), Scarborough, in the Province of N. and E. Yorkshire, and in 1860 was installed its W.M. In 1861 he was appointed P.G.J.W. by the then P.G.M., the late Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M. England, and the year following he was promoted to the office of P.G.S.W. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Old Globe Chapter, No. 200, March 12th, 1859, and was elected M.E.Z. in 1868, 1878-79, and M.E.Z. of the Denison Chapter, No. 1248, in 1873. He was elected Treasurer of the Old Globe Lodge in 1864, to which office he has been continuously re-elected up to the present time. He took a prominent part in the formation of the "Charities Association" for the Province of N. and E. Yorkshire, and is the Charity Representative of that province, as well as Prov. Grand Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter N. and E. Yorkshire. He was one of the founders of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Scarborough, in 1868, and has remained ever since a subscribing member. He was also a founder, in 1878, of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, Scarborough, the members holding the valuable assistance he then afforded them in such high estimation, that they elected him, in conjunction with H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, to an honorary membership. He is also a subscribing member of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, having joined in 1872, and of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, and is a Vice-President of and has served the office of Steward for the various Masonic Charitable Institutions on eight different occasions. On Monday, the 4th inst., he was chosen President of the Board of Stewards for the Festival, in June, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He was elected Grand Treasurer by a large majority of votes at the Quarterly Communication in March. As a Mark Master Mason, he was advanced in the Minerva Lodge of M.M.M., No. 12, Hull, in 1866. In the following year he was elected first S.W. of the Star-in-the-East Lodge, No. 95, Scarborough, of which he was a founder; in 1867 was elected and installed W.M. of the same lodge; was appointed G.M.O. of Grand Mark Lodge in 1869, and in 1881 had the honour of being selected as the first P.G.M.M.M. of the newly-constituted Province of North and East Yorkshire, the brethren having so high an opinion of his abilities, that they have just re-elected him to the same honourable position. In this capacity he presided at the annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund in July, 1884. As a Templar, Bro. Woodall is P.E.C. of the Geoffrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Scarborough, No. 91, Past Grand Standard Bearer (Beauceant) of the National Great Priory; an honorary member of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia; of the Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, United States of America; and of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, York. He is a member of the 32° of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, and Past M.W.S. of the Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix, Whitby (now transferred to York); an Intendant General of Division, unattached, in the Degree of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Past Prov. Treasurer Yorkshire College of Rosicrucians, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and honorary member of several Craft and Mark lodges.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Dr. ALFRED MEADOWS was initiated into Masonry in the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, in 1869, and became its W.M. in 1876, in which year he also served the office of Grand Steward. He was exalted in the Moira Chapter, No. 92, in 1877, and filled the chair of



First Principal in 1881. The Mark and Rose Croix Degrees he became a member of in 1884. He has served the Stewardship of all three Charities, and is Life Governor of each. Dr. Meadows is at present a member of the Board of General Purposes, for the third or fourth time, and has also served on the Colonial Board. He was likewise a founder and first J.W. of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033. The subject of our memoir obtained the Licentiatehip of the Apothecaries Hall in 1856, and the Membership of the College of Surgeons with its Licentiatehip in Midwifery, all in the same year. A year later he obtained at the University of London the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, and gained honours in Surgery and Midwifery; thus showing from the very outset of his career a taste and

talent for Surgery, which has since made him so eminent an operator in his special department of practice. In 1858 he took the final degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the region of honours Dr. Meadows has been conspicuous. In his own country first we may state that he is a Fellow of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical and Obstetrical Societies; a Member of the Clinical and Harveian Societies; and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. With reference to the foreign honours of Dr. Meadows, we would record that in 1867 he was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of Berlin, and three years later a Corresponding Member of the Royal Medical Society of Sweden, also in 1871 a Corresponding Member of the Gynecological Society of Boston. A few years ago the King of Sweden conferred upon him the "Order of Wasa," of which he is a Commander. It is, however, in the wide department of Obstetrics that Dr. Meadows practices as a Specialist, and in which no living physician, either English or foreign, can excel him. As an author, Dr. Meadows is favourably known both in and outside his profession. The exigencies of space compel us to bring this memoir to a close, but it would ill become any biographer of Dr. Meadows to have left unnoticed the munificent hospitality which he dispenses at his town and country residences. At the latter, the subject of this sketch is seen—from a social point of view—at his best, and the Moira Chapter, as well as the University of London Lodge, are scarcely likely to forget the entertainments at Poyle Park, to which they were severally invited by their companion and brother.

Bro. JOHN WATSON, J.P., was initiated into Freemasonry in 1853 in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham, and having passed through the various offices was in due course elected W.M. He was, too, for some years its Secretary. He is a Past P.G.D. and P.P.G. Registrar of Nottinghamshire, and was the Grand Secretary of the province during the whole of the period—1860-5—the late Bro. Henry, (5th) Duke of Newcastle, K.G., was its Prov. Grand Master. On the appointment in 1877 of Bro. the Duke of St. Albans as P.G.M. of Notts, his Grace's choice of a brother to fill the important and responsible office of Deputy P.G.M. fell on Bro. Watson, who has continued ever since to fulfil its duties both loyally towards his chief and kindly and considerately towards the brethren. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Abbey Chapter, No. 47, Nottingham, and having subsequently joined the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 402, was in 1881 installed M.E.Z. The year following, on the installation of Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., as Prov. G. Superintendent Notts, Comp. Watson was appointed and still holds the office of Prov. G.H. As regards Mark Masonry, Bro. Watson was advanced in the Newstead Time Immemorial Lodge, in February 1854, and on the erection of Notts in 1883 into a Mark province had conferred upon him the position of Prov. G.M.M.M. He has also been perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Nottingham Chapter of that Degree, but has not as yet held any office. And last, but not least, our distinguished brother has done his part in helping forward the good work that is being done by our Charitable Institutions, being a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a Life Governor of and once Festival Steward for the Girls' School, and a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School.

GRAND JUNIOR DEACONS.

Bro. R. C. DRIVER was initiated in the Lodge of Honour and Generosity, No. 165, in the year 1850, and in 1853 was installed W.M. Moreover, he is, and for the last 30 years has been, its Secretary. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, and is a founder and member of the St. Peter Westminster Chapter, No. 1537. He was perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1, but does not appear to have held any office.

Bro. FREDERICK HASTINGS GOLDNEY, son of Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., J.P. for Wiltshire, has achieved high distinction in more than one field of Masonic labour, though in the estimation of many he will be held to have rendered the most enduring service by his "History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire," which has secured a great reputation both in America and in England, and has been succeeded by several similar histories in other counties. Bro. Goldney was initiated on 23rd June, 1868, in the presence of the late Earl of Zetland, G.M., in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259,

and in 1877 was appointed its representative on the Board of Grand Stewards. In 1869 he took an active part in resuscitating the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham, which had been in abeyance for some years, and of which, after filling various offices, he was in 1874 elected W.M. He is also a joining member of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 335, Corsham, and has held the following offices in the Prov. G. Lodge, namely, Prov. Grand Steward, 1869; Prov. G.A.D. of C., 1871; Prov. G.S. of W., 1872; Prov. G.S.D., 1874; Prov. G.J.W., 1876; Prov. G. Treas., 1877; and Prov. G.S.W., 1879; he is now, as he has been for the last eight years, its Prov. G. Treas. He was exalted 26th April, 1870, in the Royal Cumberland R.A. Chapter, No. 41, Bath, one of the few chapters which hold a centenary warrant, and is a joining member and H. of the Wiltshire Chapter, No. 355, Swindon. In Templar Masonry he is P.E.P. of the Antiquity Preceptory, Bath, in which he was installed on 27th January, 1873, and in 1882 was appointed Prov. G. Constable of Somersetshire, and Grand Herald in the National Great Priory. He was elected M.W.S. of the Antiquity Rose Croix Chapter, No. 95, Bath, and is also a member of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1; but his most valuable services in connection with the A. and A. Rite were rendered some time since, when he succeeded in healing the differences which had existed for many years between the Antiquity Chapter and the Supreme Council, 33°, these services being most honourably recognised by the Grand Secretary-General, 33°, on the chapter's warrant. Bro. Goldney has served as Steward to all three Institutions, the Boys' School having had the benefit of his assistance at two Festivals, and his name will be found in the Subscribers' lists most recently issued by them.

GRAND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. JOHN HAYBALL PAUL, M.D., was initiated into Freemasonry in the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, in 1850, and was elected to the chair of W.M. in 1856. In 1871 he joined the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, was appointed as its representative on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1873, and became its W.M. in 1875. He has been exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, is a P.Z., and on Wednesday was invested as G. Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter. In the Rose Croix, 18°, in which he has been perfected, he is a Past M.W.S. of the Holy Sanctuary Chapter, No. 53, and the present M.W.S. of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1. In 1883 he attained to the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Bro. Paul has qualified as Life Governor of, and has served one Stewardship for, the Girls' School.

GRAND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Major CHARLES HARDING, F.R.G.S., during his nineteen years' connection with Freemasonry, has done good service to the Craft, not only as a Constitutional Mason, but likewise in the several branches and offshoots. He was initiated in 1866 in the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, and, as well as of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, of which he is a joining



member, holds a foremost place among the subscribing Past Masters. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Bard of Avon Chapter, and for some time has been a P.Z., while he has in addition had conferred upon him provincial honours, being a Past Prov. G.S.D., and Past Prov. G. Scribe N. for Middlesex. In 1877 he was advanced to the Mark Degree in Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, in which, as well as of the Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge (attached), he is the present occupant of the Master's Chair, besides being a Past Prov. G.J. Mark Warden for the Province of Middlesex and Surrey. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 44 of that Degree, in 1873, and later on joined the Holy Sanctuary Chapter, No. 53. He is a Past M.W.S. of both, and likewise

a member of the 31° since 1878. He is a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, a Past E.P., and in 1882 was appointed Great Prior's Banner Bearer; a Royal and Select Master, and a Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland, and of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine. Lastly, Bro. Harding has constituted himself a Life Governor of all our Institutions, and has served the office of Festival Steward once in behalf of each of them. With such a record of service as this, it is not surprising that the Grand Master should have resolved on signalling his appreciation of Bro. Harding's merit by conferring on him the Collar of G.A.D.C.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. CHARLES HAMMERTON, the new Grand Sword Bearer, was initiated just twenty years since in Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry, and on migrating to London joined first of all the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 857, in 1869, and then successively the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, attached to the 1st Surrey Rifles, in 1870, and the Royal Jubilee, No. 72, in 1871. In the last-named year he became also founder and first W.M. of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, and during the 13 years that have since elapsed has held the responsible office of Treasurer. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, in 1869, and installed its M.E.Z. in 1875, when he took a leading part in founding the Stockwell Chapter, No. 1339, and was chosen Z. the following year. He is likewise a joining member of the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293. He was advanced in the Macdonald Mark Lodge, No. 104, in 1869, and has since filled the W.M.'s chair as well as the office of Secretary. In 1872 he was founder and first Master of the Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, and has been its Treasurer ever since. He is likewise Prov. G. Treasurer of the Mark Province of Middlesex and Surrey, and a Past G.D. of C. of Mark G. Lodge. He was perfected Rose Croix in the Palestine Chapter, No. 29, in 1870, elected M.W.S. in 1876, and since 1878 has been its Treasurer. In 1874 he took the 30°, and three years later the 31°. He is a Past M.P.S. of the Plantagenet Conclave, Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, a Knight of St.

John; a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, Holy Palestine Preceptory and Priory; a Royal Ark Mariner, Royal and Select Masters, a member of the Rosicrucian Society, and a Knight of the Royal Order of Council. Last, but not least, he is a Vice-President and honorary Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, has served five Stewardships in its support, and has been and is a member of the House Committee. He is a Vice-Patron, and has served two Stewardships for the Boys' School, and is a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A brother who has done all this merits the promotion he has received.

#### GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. G. PARKER BROCKBANK is a Mason of close on 40 years' standing, having been initiated in the St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton, while yet a minor, on 17th January, 1846. He was installed W.M. in January 1849, and, besides having been its Secretary for several years, held the office of Treasurer continuously from 1870 to 1884, both inclusive. He joined the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton, in 1870, was installed W.M. in 1883, and is now Secretary, having been appointed for the eighth time, though not consecutively, during the present year, while in 1876 and 1877 he was Treasurer. In 1877 he was founder and first W.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton, was Secretary of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 64, Manchester—of which he is a joining member—in 1883 and 1884, and was affiliated to the Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1. (Mary's Chapel) in July 1881, and to Mother Kilwinning in July 1884. He was exalted in the St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 221, in May, 1847, and successively occupied the chairs of J., H., and Z. in 1849, 1850, and 1851. He is a joining member and present M.E.Z. of the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, and last year held conjointly the offices of Scribe E. and Treasurer. These services have been honourably recognised in the Province of East Lancashire, Bro.



Brockbank having in Prov. G. Lodge been a Prov. Grand Steward in 1849 and Prov. G.S.D. in 1872, and in Prov. Grand Chapter, Prov. Grand Treasurer during the years 1873-4 and 1874-5, and Prov. Grand Scribe N. in 1882. His services in Mark Masonry, with which he became connected in 1848, have been equally conspicuous. He is P.M. and Treasurer of the St. John's Lodge, Bolton, T.I.; was founder and first W.M. of the Rose and Thistle Lodge, No. 158, Wigan, in 1872, a Past Prov. G.S. Warden Lancashire, under both the Scottish and United Scottish and English Constitutions, and a Past Grand Warden of the Mark Grand Lodge of England, by patent

of 1872. His career in Templar Masonry dates from 1847, when he was installed in the St. John of Jerusalem Encampment. He is a Past E.C. and present Treasurer, a Past Treasurer and Past E.C. (or E.P. as it is now designated) of the Royds Preceptory, Manchester, for the warrant of which he was one of the petitioners; a Past Prov. Grand Constable, Lancashire, and a Past 1st G. Captain of England. In the affiliated Order of Malta he is a Past Prov. Grand 1st Lieutenant. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he was perfected in the Palatine Rose Croix Chapter, Bolton, in 1856; was founder and first M.W.S. of the St. Peter's Chapter, Bolton, in 1871, and has been numbered amongst the members of the 32° since 1880. He was admitted a knight of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1873, and has been successively Prov. Grand Treasurer, Prov. G.S. Warden, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Treasurer Lancashire and Cheshire. He is a member of the Rosicrucian Society of England, became honorary IX° in 1881, and Chief Adept Lancashire in 1883; and in the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine holds the rank of an Intendant General of Division unattached. In addition, Bro. Brockbank is a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, an honorary member of sundry Masonic Bodies, Chairman of the Manchester Masonic Charitable Association, and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Association. And, by way of completing this long and honourable record, we may add that Bro. Brockbank has not only qualified as Vice-President of each of our Charitable Institutions, but has likewise taken upon himself the office of Steward at something like 22 of their Anniversary Festivals.

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, Deputy Prov. G.M. Northants and Hunts, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Globe Lodge, No. 23, London, in October, 1851, but it was not till eight years had passed that, by joining the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton, he became associated with the province of which he has for so many years been one of the most conspicuous and certainly one of the most active members. In December, 1864, he was installed W.M., and having further established himself in various ways firmly in the estimation of the brethren of the province, he was appointed and installed its Deputy P.G.M. on 12th January, 1875. Bro. Wilkins likewise holds a corresponding position in Royal Arch Masonry, having been exalted to that Degree in the Northampton Chapter, No. 360, on 16th February, 1860, and installed M.E.Z. on the 27th February, 1868. In February, 1882, he was appointed and invested as Prov. G.H. Norths and Hunts, but he does not seem to have extended his connection to the other Degrees which stand outside the pale of constitutional Masonry. Had he done so, the time at his disposal for the fulfilment of his very responsible duties of Deputy P.G.M. must have been more circumscribed, and who knows but what the interests of the Fraternity might not have suffered in consequence? Bro. Wilkins, however, has acted as Steward at one of the Festivals of the Benevolent Institution, and he figures in the roll of Life Governors of the Boys' School. In fine, after upwards of 30 years' loyal devotion to the Craft, the honours of the purple, which have now been bestowed, are richly deserved, and will prove a subject of rejoicing, not only to the recipient, but likewise to the whole of the Craft in the Province of Northants and Hunts.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. ALBERT LUCKING was initiated in the Lodge of True Friendship, No. 160, Romford, in September, 1867, and was elected W.M. in 1873, and for the second time in June of last year. In January, 1868, he joined the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend, and was chosen its W.M. in 1875. In the meantime his services to the Craft in Essex had been recognised, in the first instance by his appointment, in 1872, as a Prov. Grand Steward, in



the following year by his promotion to the rank of Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and in 1874 by his appointment as Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, to which last-named office he has been annually re-elected ever since. He was exalted in the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293, in November, 1874, and in the May following became a founder and first J. of the Priory Chapter, No. 1000. In 1876 he rose to the chair of Second Principal, and in 1877 was installed M.E.Z. Since 1879 he has held the office of Treasurer to this chapter. On the formation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Essex in 1883, Comp. Philbrick, Prov. Grand Superintendent, conferred on him the collar of Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and last year he was re-appointed to the same important post. To these claims of Bro. Lucking to the honours of the purple must be added the services he has rendered to our Institutions, of each of which he has

qualified as Life Governor, and for which he has served as Steward at four different anniversaries, namely, twice for the Girls' School, and once in each case for the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution.

#### THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FÊTE.

The annual fête and distribution of prizes, on the occasion of the visit paid by the Festival Stewards and their friends to the Institution, will be held at 4.30 p.m. on the afternoon of Saturday, the 9th inst., when the duty of presiding has been very kindly undertaken by the Lady Mayoress (Miss Fowler); and, given fine weather, we may anticipate a numerous attendance and, as usual, a most agreeable gathering. An excellent programme of music and other entertainments has been prepared, and in the intervals the prizes will be given to the successful candidates by the Lady Mayoress. At 6.30 p.m., coffee, &c., will be served, and then will follow what many undoubtedly regard as the most attractive feature of the day's proceedings, namely, the calisthenic exercises and marching.

It should be mentioned that Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., who has undertaken to preside at the Festival, and who, in ordinary circumstances, would have occupied the chair on this occasion, found it incompatible with his numerous and pressing engagements to carry out this part of his duty. But it must not be supposed that our distinguished brother has left unvisited the School whose cause he is about to advocate. A few days since, accompanied by a majority of the Sussex brethren who are so loyally backing up his efforts, Bro. Sir W. Burrell went to St. John's Hill and carefully inspected the School and its surroundings; and we understand he expressed himself as being delighted beyond measure with what he saw and the evident excellence of the system adopted by the Executive, and carried out by the resident staff under the Misses Jarwood and Davis. The opinion thus formed will no doubt stimulate the Chairman to, if possible, additional fervour in his appeal for support on behalf of an Institution so ably and so successfully administered and cannot fail to exercise a beneficial influence on the result of the Festival.

#### THE COMING FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The 97th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held, as usual, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, has kindly undertaken to preside. The brethren of his province will support him loyally, and we may venture to assume that in the course of the proceedings observed on such occasions there will be the same hearty demonstrations of enthusiasm in behalf of our oldest charity which have characterised its annual celebrations in previous years. There is no doubt as to the favour with which the Institution is regarded by the Craft generally, the services it is daily rendering to the cause of education, and the justice, therefore, of its appeals for support by the lodges and brethren under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge; and the question we are about to consider now is whether this particular appeal is likely to be as beneficial, as regards the eminently practical purpose of clothing, educating, and maintaining some 240 daughters of deceased or necessitous Masons, as the largeness of its requirements when compared with the smallness of its permanent income demands. The irrevocable answer to this question will be forthcoming on Wednesday next, but we regret to say that, so far as it is possible to form any opinion of the nature and extent of that answer from the amount of support promised to date, the indications of a somewhat decided falling off in the amount of subscriptions and donations are both numerous and pronounced. Of course, while there is time, there is hope, and even the brief space of a single day may suffice to alter the prospect from doubtful to "set fair." But as the position of things is now, we are constrained to say, though we say it unwillingly, there is a very strong probability that the sum which Bro. Hedges will be called upon to announce on Wednesday next will be considerably below what he announced at the Festival of 1884.

Our reasons for formulating this opinion will be gathered from what follows. First and foremost—as regards the Board of Stewards, there is a very appreciable decrease in the number of brethren composing it as compared with last year. In 1884, when the Prov. Grand Master of Essex presided, the Board mustered 285 brethren. In this instance the Board, so far as is known at present, musters only 265 brethren all told, so that Bro. Hedges has fewer Stewards to help him this year than last by 20, and 20

lists, at a fair average, represent not far short of £1000. Then as to the composition of the Board and its sub-division into London and the provinces, the outlook seems equally the reverse of reassuring. True, as far as the former is concerned, there is an increase for London from 119 last year to 131; but the increase in the number of Unattached, who muster 38, as against 19 in 1884, while there are only 89 lodges, 1 chapter, and a Templar Preceptory represented, as compared with 95 lodges, 6 Royal Arch chapters, and a Rose Croix chapter in 1884, or, in other words, a falling off in the bodies represented from 102 to 91. Of course, the increase in the number of "Unattached" Stewards is a feature to be regarded with satisfaction; but it would be unreasonable to expect that the lists handed in by individual brethren should yield as abundantly as those of lodge or chapter representatives. Consequently the gain of 19 Stewards acting only on their own behalf, by no means counterbalances the loss resulting from the decrease in lodge and chapter representatives from 102 to 91. In short, London has more Stewards by 12 than it had in 1884, but the number of bodies represented is less by 11.

If we turn our attention to the provinces, the outlook is less promising still. The number of provinces represented is 26, as against 28 last year, but the number of Stewards has fallen off from 168 to 134. In 1884, out of the grand total of £13,000—in round figures—which Bro. Hedges had the satisfaction of announcing, £6700 was contributed by the provinces; but unless in the few days remaining there is a very material change for the better, his chances of obtaining much in excess of from £5000 to £5200 look extremely problematical. We are all of us, of course, prepared to take the bitter with the sweet. We know very well that it is inevitable the totals should be sometimes below as well as sometimes above the average; but we must confess that the diminution in prospect for next Wednesday—unless, we repeat, the aspect of things alters very materially for the better—is more considerable and very much more serious than we had anticipated. We are aware the state of things is bad just now. With the depression in trade arising from non-political causes and the unsettled political outlook, it would be strange indeed if it were otherwise. But we feel sure that much more than seems probable may be done without trespassing too severely on the goodwill of the Craft, and we hope Wednesday's announcement will show it has been.

These then are the grounds of our misgivings, and we consider them well nigh unanswerable. There is as compared with last year's Festival an increase in the number of London Stewards from 119 to 131, but such increase does not compensate for the decrease in the number of bodies represented from 102 to 91. In the case of the provinces, there is only a slight falling off—from 28 to 26—but there is a very serious decrease in the number of Stewards—from 168 to 134. If we take last year's announcement of £13,000 as our criterion, it looks very much as if Bro. Hedges would have to content himself with a very much lower figure indeed. It rests, however, with the Craft generally, but more especially with the Stewards, to demonstrate that our anticipations have been ill-formed. Let the Stewards make up their minds to hand in big lists; and to that end let them plead again and again, and in spite of rebuffs and refusals, for that help in their beneficent work to which they are so justly entitled, and which the requirements of the School so imperatively demand. If they cannot induce their friends to qualify as Life Governors, let them try and persuade them into becoming Life or even Annual Subscribers. Let each brother who has volunteered his services, now that he has before him the facts and figures as we give them from official sources, labour as if the success of the Festival depended wholly and solely on his personal exertions, and then the greater the result achieved, the greater the honour to which he will be entitled.

Nor shall we be fulfilling our duty if we lose this opportunity of appealing to the unrepresented lodges and provinces to send up Stewards even at the eleventh hour. The latter are 15 in number, and only two of these—Gloucestershire, which took the lead at the Benevolent Festival in February, and Derbyshire, which is reserving itself for that of the Boys in June—can fairly excuse themselves from assisting on Wednesday next, while those of them which have girls in the School may reasonably be expected to reciprocate the benefits they derive from the Institution. As to the lodges, there is the usual array of old-established lodges who have sent up Stewards, but not of those established within the last two or three years. We have carefully scrutinised the list of Stewards, and we regret to say we cannot trace more than about four or five which figure on the roll of Grand Lodge from No. 1900 upwards. It is the reverse of encouraging when we find that of so formidable a number of young lodges, so very very small a percentage is taking an active part in supporting our Institutions. They are offshoots from older lodges, and must know well enough how large is the sum annually required for the support of those Institutions, how serious a task it is to raise that sum, and how much greater must be the difficulty of raising it, if they fight shy of bearing their proper share of the heat and burden of the work. There is still time for a reinforcement of Stewards, and we trust that some will be forthcoming between now and Wednesday to help in the arduous task of providing the needful funds for the efficient maintenance of our Girls' School during the coming year.

We shall add these few words only. The outlook is the reverse of encouraging, but we must hope for the best, and none will be so gratified as we shall if our anticipations of a lower total than usual prove exaggerated or groundless.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. S. Rawson, Past District Superintendent China, occupied the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips acted as H.; and Comp. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as J. The other companions present were

Comps. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Rev. Thos. Robinson, G.S.N.; Lord Cremorne, G.P.S.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, G. 1st A.S.; F. Davison, G. 2nd A.S.; H. Brooks Marshall, G. Treas.; J. S. Eastes, G. Swd. Br.; E. Letchworth, G. 1st Std. Br.; J. H. Matthews, G.D.C.; J. L. Thomas; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; J. S. Peirce; Edgar Bowyer; H. Maudslay; Ralph Costa; H. J. P. Dumas; Thos. Fenn; G. Lambert; J. M. Case; Robt. Grey; Ralph Gooding; Frank Richardson; F. Adlard; Dr. Pigott; Locock; Magnus Ohren; and J. A. Rucker.

There were also present

Comps. F. G. Baker, P.Z. 753; Rev. G. R. Portal, Z. 410; John W. Woodall, P.Z. 200; John Watson, P.Z. 47 and 402; R. N. Barton, M.E.Z. 771, Prov. P.S. Berks

and Bucks; Richard Bird, M.E.Z. 91; Col. William E. Sackville West, M.E.Z. 357; G. P. Brockbank, P.Z. 37; C. H. Webb, Z. 1549; W. F. Smart, H. 766; C. F. Hogard, P.Z. 10; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.Z. 428, H. 478, and P.H. Cheshire; J. Terry, P.Z. 228, P.G.J. Herts; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and H. 1928; Butler Wilkins, P.Z. 360, P.G.H.; Charles Harding, P.Z. 778, P.P.G.N. Middlesex; J. H. Paul, P.Z. 46; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.Z. 959, P.P.G.P.S. Devon; W. H. Saunders, P.Z. 1503; F. Adlard, P.Z. 8 and 214, G. Reg. Essex; E. L. Horne, Z. 7; F. A. Whiting, M.E.Z. 1716; A. H. Lilley, Z. 19; G. P. Gillard, H. 19; Thos. Minstrelly, J. 1928; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; Dr. Alfred Meadows, P.Z. 92; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; Edward G. Bruton, P.Z. 340; J. J. West, M.E.Z. 548; R. F. Godson, P.Z. 280; Norman Selfe, P.Z. 817; Thos. Cull, P.Z. 1365; Henry Garrod, P.Z. 507; Joseph Clever, M.E.Z. 171; George Payne, M.E.Z. 1564; L. Cornelissen, P.Z. 1201; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; A. Nicols, P.Z. 890; Lewis George Langdon, P.Z. 538; and Henry Sadler, G. Janitor.

After the formal opening of the chapter, the minutes of last Communication of February were read and confirmed.

The ACTING GRAND Z. announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been re-elected as M.E.Z.; that the Earl of Carnarvon had been re-appointed Pro M.E.Z.; and the Earl of Lathom, H. He also announced that H.R.H. the M.E.Z. had been pleased to appoint Lord Leigh as J. (The post has been vacant since the death of his late lamented Royal Highness the Duke of Albany.)

The remaining appointments and investitures were as follows:

Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	...	G.S.E.
" Col. W. E. Sackville West	...	...	G.S.N.
" The Rev. Canon G. R. Portal	...	...	G. P. Soj.
" The Rev. R. N. Sanderson	...	...	G. 1st A.S.
" The Rev. W. C. Spencer-Stanhope	...	...	G. 2nd A.S.
" Major John W. Woodall	...	...	G. Treas.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	...	...	G. Reg.
" Alfred Meadows, M.D.	...	...	G. Swd. Br.
" John Watson	...	...	G. 1st Std. Br.
" J. Hayball Paul	...	...	G. 2nd Std. Br.
" Major Charles Harding	...	...	G. 3rd Std. Br.
" Butler Wilkins	...	...	G. 4th Std. Br.
" Charles Hammerton	...	...	G.D. of C.
" George P. Brockbank	...	...	G. Asst. D. of C.
" E. M. Lott	...	...	G. Org.
" Henry Sadler	...	...	G. Janitor.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

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	...
" " Unappropriated ac-	...	quarter ...	... £261 4 0
count ...	186 15 10	" Balance ...	... 375 17 5
" Subsequent receipts	... 327 5 0	" " Unappropriated ac-	...
		count ...	192 3 10
	£829 5 3		£829 5 3

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, President, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, charters were granted for the following new chapters, petitions for the same having been received.

1st. From Comps. Ed. Lytton Hitchens, 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 Edgcombe Lodge, No. 1446, London, to be called the Mount Edgcombe 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.

Charters of Confirmation, the originals being lost were also granted to the Enfield Chapter, No. 1237, and the Prince Frederick William Chapter, No. 753, St. John's Wood.

The Committee reported

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

The Committee therefore had admonished the chapters to be more observant of the law in the future, and had ordered the candidates in question to be re-obligated; they 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.

The acting M.E.Z. informed the companions that the Prince of Wales had nominated as members to serve on the Committee of General Purposes—himself (the M.E.Z.) the Earl of Lathom, Lord Leigh, Comps. Robert Grey, as President; Robert Turtle Piggott, D.C.L.; and Comp. Edward Letchworth.

Grand Chapter then elected on the same Committee, Comps. W. H. Perryman, James Lewis Thomas, George Lambert, J. Sampson Peirce, Joseph Clever, and Charles Frederick Hogard.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

The annual Provincial Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Sussex was held at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 30th ult., under the presidency of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Grand Superintendent, who delivered an address and appointed and invested the following officers:—

Comp. John H. Scott, P.G. Std. Br. ...	...	Prov. G.H.
„ Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph, P.Z. 1383, 1466	...	Prov. G.J.
„ V. P. Freeman, P.Z. 311, 315, 732	...	Prov. G.S.E.
„ O. N. Wyatt, P.Z. 38 ...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
„ F. Rossiter, P.Z. 40 ...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
„ W. H. Gibson, P.Z. 315 ...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
„ S. R. Legg, P.Z. 732 ...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
„ R. Crosskey, P.Z. 311 ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ Gerard Ford, P.Z. 271 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ T. Packham, Z. 811 ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
„ Jos. Farncombe, P.Z. 311 ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ J. M. Kidd, P.Z. 732 ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ A. King, 271 ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Comps. J. H. C. Coles, P.Z. 916, and I. P. M. Smith	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Comp. I. Hughes ...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

From the statistics, read by Comp. V. P. FREEMAN, G.S.E., the province appears to be in a flourishing condition, the whole of the chapters being represented at this meeting. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted on the motion of Comp. Farncombe, and several sums were devoted to the Masonic Charities.

In the evening the companions partook of a sumptuous banquet served in the Royal Pavilion in elegant style by Messrs. Sayers and Marks. The loyal and Masonic toasts were cordially given. The proceedings were much enlivened by the singing of the Orpheus Glee Union, accompanied by Comp. King, Prov. Grand Organist.

### CONSECRATION OF THE ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 2074.

Portsmouth can certainly boast of promoting the welfare of the Order, for it can now boast of no less than eleven lodges in that town. On Tuesday, the 28th ult., the eleventh lodge was consecrated under the name of St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, under the Grand Lodge of England. The lodge is named after its first W.M., Bro. Captain William Home Chisholme St. Clair, Royal Navy, who was born on the 9th September, 1841, and entered her Majesty's service as a naval cadet October 12th, 1854, and passed as a sub-lieutenant October 13th, 1860. On the 20th December, the same year, he was promoted to lieutenant for passing meritorious examination at the Royal Naval College. On the 4th December, 1868, he was promoted to commander, and in 1871 obtained a certificate in steam, and on the 31st July, 1880, he was promoted to his present rank of captain. He has been for some years an ardent worker in Masonry, and three years ago was W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257.

At the consecration, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, there were present:

Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Prov. Grand Master; J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Major W. Shalden Smith, P.G.S.W.; M. E. Frost, P.P.G. S.W., acting P.G.J.W.; Rev. A. C. Hervey, P.G. Chaplain; E. Goble, P.G. Secretary, F. P. R. J. Rastrick, P.G. Treas.; T. Page, P.G.S.D.; G. Sylvester, R.N., P.G. Org.; E. Hall, P.G. Supt. Works; R. W. Mitchell, P.G.D. of C.; Major Hooper, P.P.G.W.; Rev. G. H. De Fraine, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Cawte, P.P.G.W.; H. W. Townsend, P.P.G.D.; R. Beale; Rev. E. K. Kendall, P.G. Chap. Cornwall; G. Bond, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wodehouse, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Willmott, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Johns, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Powell, P.P.G. Purst.; J. W. Laverty, P.P.G.D. of C.; Past Masters E. Goldsmith, A. R. Holbrook, 309; T. P. Palsgrave, 487; T. H. Williams, 1776; W. Stanley, G. R. Strick, 1428; J. E. Buck, 1776; W. D. Parkhouse, 1834; J. Pomeroy, 723; T. D. Askew, 804; Latimer H. Saunders, 698; J. Lind, T. Francis, 804; and S. Hynes; Worshipful Masters A. Jolliffe, 257; J. W. Gieve, 309; W. Gunnell, 342; H. E. Loade, 487; J. Dempey, 903; E. Naylor, 928; W. Mills, 1776; J. C. Arldige, 1638; and H. Long, W.M. elect 1903; Lieut. Parker, R.N.; E. Hopkins, W. Beckley, C. D. Lovegrove, A. W. Hewett, G. Young, J. Ayton, H. M. Richards, J. Godding, W. Miller, T. Stretton, G. D. Lovegrove, J. Ludwig, R. Hyde, J. Jackson, J. Green, W. A. Hill, T. Heyes, W. Atkinson, E. Herbert Cooper, Major W. Campbell, A. Fletcher, A. C. Brookland, G. Sylvester, J. Armstrong, G. F. Williams, F. W. C. Waters, C. W. Bevis, W. Warne, J. W. Boughton, J. Jenkins, W. H. Bolitho, J. S. Senior, T. Palmer, J. Fowler, T. F. Wilton, W. H. Baker, P. H. Emanuel (*Freemason*); and the following founders: Bros. Capt. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., P.M.; J. Brickwood, P.M.; C. V. Birch, Wm. Dart, P.M.; H. Kimber, P.M.; G. P. Arnold, P.M.; T. H. Woodrow, J. Wickens, Otway C. Cox, J. S. Gurden, A. R. Jones, G. Attrill, W. Hicken, E. Boorman, T. Drury, W. Holloway, J. Agnew, J. G. Harris, J. Dyson, B. J. Donnellan, Dr. C. F. Garrett, W. Gunnell, P.M.; and S. Baker.

The lodge was opened in the three Degrees at three o'clock p.m.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in addressing the brethren on the nature of the meeting, congratulated the founders on having started under such favourable auspices. He remarked, that the petition for the warrant was

unanimous, every lodge in the district having recommended the prayer; such a thing was never known before, and it was also on that account that he felt so highly gratified at being present that day. He impressed on the brethren when introducing members into the Order not to look for numbers but quality. Masonry was free, and every one was free to be a Mason, but great care should be exercised in admitting them.

The CHAPLAIN then gave the introductory prayer. An ode, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER briefly addressed the P.G.M., who replied.

The brethren of the new lodge having been arranged in order, the PROV. G. SECRETARY read the petition and warrant.

The P.G.M. having enquired if the brethren approved of the officers named in the warrant, and a satisfactory reply being given, the P.G. CHAP. delivered an oration on the nature and design of the Institution, which was, he said, at once the most ancient and most progressive; the most local, by virtue of the association of every brother with his own lodge, and, at the same time, the most cosmopolitan throughout the compass of the whole world. A Mason might everywhere find a brother, and receive that help and fraternal sympathy of which he stood in need. With regard to the ancient character of Freemasonry, institutions which were really Masonic, whatever their Egyptian or Greek or Phœnician names might be, existed more than 3000 years ago. A writer of authority stated that, without entertaining any extravagant opinion respecting the antiquity of the Order, it must be universally acknowledged that there is a striking resemblance between the institution of Freemasonry and the Dionysian mysteries, as well as between the more recent institutions of the Pythagorean. The Dionysians of Asia Minor, 1500 years B.C., possessed the exclusive right of building all temples and other stately edifices. They had attained considerable reputation, and were known to each other throughout all Asia, and as far as India, by appropriate signs; they were, moreover, formed into lodges, and it was their regular practice to assist and relieve their poorer brethren. Flourishing as they did in the immediate neighbourhood of Judea, it was not at all unlikely that they would labour with the Jewish nations in the construction of a temple at Jerusalem. As to the nature and design of Freemasonry, they were taught that it was a perfect system of morality. It was more than this—it was a society of men bound together for the purpose of carrying out that system of morality, and for practising Charity in its widest sense. Their signs and symbols were not frivolous and vain, but were calculated to teach important lessons to the thoughtful mind. They reminded them of their morality, and taught them how to conduct themselves. It was objected by some against Masonry that it was a secret society. But they did not keep their object secret; they only concealed their forms and ceremonies. The efforts of the Society were patent to every man in the existence of their noble Institutions for the relief of the aged and the education of the young. He was sure that that occasion must be a source of gratification to the Prov. Grand Master, as showing that the noble principles of their Order were so spreading themselves, and the W.M. and officers of the St. Clair Lodge must be gratified at the large attendance on that occasion; but, while it was a source of gratification, it was also one of anxiety. Under certain conditions Masonry refused no man, but he feared many crowded into it under the belief that it partook of the nature of a benefit society, and it was therefore their duty to use caution in the selection of members.

The first portion of the dedication prayer was then read and hymn sung, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord," after which the P.G.M. gave the solemn invocation, and the P.G. Chaplain followed by reading II. Chronicles, 2nd chap., 1 to 16 verses. The elements of consecration were carried round the lodge three times, and the P.G.M. then dedicated the lodge. After reading the second portion of the dedication prayer the P.G.M. constituted the lodge, and the consecration hymn, "Great Source of Light and Love" was sung. The W.M. designate, Bro. Capt. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., P.M., was then installed in the chair of K.S. The following were the officers appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Dart, I.P.M.; J. Brickwood, P.M.; C. V. Birch, J.W.; H. Kimber, P.M., Treas.; G. P. Arnold, P.M., Sec.; F. Woodrow, S.D.; H. Stockall, J.D.; Otway Cox, I.G.; A. R. Jones, Org.; J. Wickens and J. S. Gurden, Stwds.

A large number of candidates for initiation was proposed, and also some joining members. Votes of thanks were accorded to the P.G.M. and Prov. G. Officers for their attendance, and the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., P.G. Sec., and P.G. Treas. were proposed as honorary members. The lodge was closed in due form.

At 5:30 p.m., the brethren sat down to a banquet, which was well served. In consequence of the P.G.M. having to leave for an important engagement in London, he was unavoidably absent. Bro. St. Clair, W.M., presided, and was supported on his right by the D.P.G.M., and on the left by Bro. Dart, I.P.M. Grace before and after was said by Bro. the Rev. G. H. De Fraine, P.P.G. Chap.

Bro. St. CLAIR, in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said that at the present time more enthusiasm was evinced at this toast than is usual, on account of the troubled times, when there was no knowing whether it was "peace or war." It was the duty of every Mason to rally round and support her Majesty. (Cheers.)

Solo by Bro. Jones—"God save the Queen."

Bro. St. CLAIR proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which he said brought them more fully into Masonry. If any man was hardworking in the kingdom it was his Royal Highness. No one went through more exertions than he did. Not one moment was his own, Masonically or otherwise. His tour through Ireland was a great success. (Applause.) He had come to the front, and been entertained everywhere.

Bro. St. Clair asked the brethren to drink with great enthusiasm to this toast in remembrance of the return from Ireland that day.

Bro. Sylvester—Solo, "God bless the Prince of Wales."

"The Healths of the V.W. the Pro. G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and Officers of Grand Lodge," were also duly honoured.

Bro. J. BRICKWOOD, P.M., S.W., in proposing the next toast, said he felt it an honour in having it entrusted in his hands, and he would do his best with it. They had that day seen the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, do the work of consecration, and they had already congratulated him, for he was a most ardent Mason, and gave no opportunity to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master to show them how he could also do the work. He had nothing to do, but if he had the chance, there was no doubt but he would do it equally as well. The other Provincial Officers they knew more about, and they felt proud in having so many representatives from Portsmouth in Prov. Grand Lodge, who, with the other officers, were always ready to perform their respective duties when required. He concluded by asking the brethren to drink with Masonic honours to "The Healths of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre; and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, D.P.G.M., in responding, acknowledged, in the name of the Prov. Grand Master, the kind words spoken by the Senior Warden. He regretted very much the enforced absence of the Prov. Grand Master that evening. He was at another place which required him urgently. The Senior Warden had properly remarked that he had nothing to do. Upon his appointment as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, he received a warrant authorising him to do all the duties of the Prov. Grand Master when the Prov. Grand Master was absent. (Laughter.) He would not say unfortunately, but the Prov. Grand Master never was absent. He had little chance of showing what he could do. He, however, felt proud to act under the Prov. Grand Master, for there was no better man or Mason than Bro. Beach. (Applause.) There had always been a kindly feeling existing between the ruler and those who were ruled. The circumstances of the founding of the St. Clair Lodge was a happy inspiration, so that they should receive the support of every lodge in the immediate neighbourhood. It was a happy idea, and showed that if some had a doubt of the necessity for a new lodge, the large majority were of opinion that a new lodge should be constituted. The founders could not have fixed on a better W.M. or officers. He felt sure the lodge would prove a success, and hoped he would again have the pleasure of visiting them with the Prov. Grand Master (and would still have nothing to do), and enjoy their hospitality. He thanked them for the very kind way they always received him.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE proposed the next toast, and, on rising, said he imagined the brethren were tired of hearing him. ("No, no.") He had great pleasure in proposing the next important toast—(loud applause)—the brethren had anticipated him; well, it was that of their W.M. (Applause and cheers.) The task would not have fallen to him had their chief been present. Bro. St. Clair had had the honour of being placed in the chair of a lodge after his own name, and he wished him every prosperity. Lodges in the province were on the increase, and gave their Prov. Grand Secretary plenty of work, who never went to bed—at least, so the Prov. Grand Secretary had informed him—until after midnight, after answering all his Masonic correspondence. Well, he looked happy on it. (Laughter.) In referring again to the new lodge, Bro. Le Feuvre impressed upon the brethren not to over exert themselves to increase their numbers. (Hear, hear.) Look to quality and not to quantity. (Hear, hear.) He felt sure of receiving the assent of all present when he stated that there were still grounds to take more care about those who were introduced into the Order. (Hear, hear.) If a man was not good before being introduced into Masonry, he was sure he would not be afterwards. Conversions like that were rarely found. The conversion should be sought after before being brought into a lodge. He felt he was occupying the brethren's time—"no, no"—and he would conclude. He again wished the lodge every success, which he felt sure would ensue, as there were already 28 petitioners and about 20 proposed that afternoon, and after electing them—and he had no doubt but that they would be—it was almost sufficiently strong for them to remain at that number. It afforded him the greatest possible pleasure in proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. St. Clair."

Chorus—"He's a jolly good fellow." Bro. G. Sylvester sang the patriotic song "Too Late."

Bro. W. H. C. ST. CLAIR, P.M., W.M., who had an enthusiastic reception, said he could not find words equal to his feelings for the noble way his health had been proposed and received. Two or three years ago, when he was installed W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, he said it was the proudest day of his life; well, that day was another. He took it as a compliment and a honour and felt gratified in having the lodge named after him. He felt it very much indeed. When asked to become its first W.M. he was "taken aback." He had no idea that such were the thoughts of the brethren. He had been away nearly all the timesince then, and beyond writing two or three letters the founders had done everything; he had done but little. He hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him, and he would support the lodge to his utmost. He did not deserve one tenth part of the applause that he had received, as he had not done much, but he hoped to do more in the future. Nothing but his service duties or sickness would ever keep him away from the lodge, and he would do his utmost for its welfare, and when he was taken to the Grand Lodge above he hoped that his name would be kept green, so that in future years when Masons met they should enquire who Bro. St. Clair was, and the reply be given "He was a jolly good fellow and a Mason." (Applause.) He hoped that next year, or whenever it pleased the Grand One above to take him he will have done his duty. (Loud and continuous applause.)

Bro. KENDALL, Prov. G. Chap. Cornwall, said he felt it a great honour, as a visitor, in having to propose the next toast, that of "The Masonic Charities." He was not going to preach a sermon, but dilate briefly upon the great principle of Freemasonry—Charity. What was the secret of the great spread of Freemasonry? Some say because the Prince of Wales is at the head. Well, that had done some good. It showed to the outside world that we had no secret plots, but were all loyal citizens, and more than that they were all Freemasons who led active lives. Another thing, Freemasonry touches all; it is charitable. People often say "What are we to

get by becoming Freemasons?" His reply was "What are we going to do?" Masons taught to others how to do and what to do, and to exercise that virtue which characterises Freemasonry, namely, Charity. (Applause.)

The charity box was passed round, and the sum of £3 was collected.

Bro. A. R. Jones sang "Ehren on the Rhine."

Bro. ST. CLAIR proposed the toast of "The W.M.'s of Neighbouring Lodges," and expressed his indebtedness to the W.M.'s for their hospitality during the time he was W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge. He thanked them heartily for their support and attendance that evening. He hoped they would often meet, and that brotherly love, relief, and truth would be their watch-word. He asked those present to drink the toast with enthusiasm.

Bro. MILLS, W.M. 1776, sang a solo.

Bro. GIEVE, W.M. 309, responded, and remarked he was the youngest Master present; and Bro. GUNNELL, W.M. 342, observed he was the oldest Master present. Bros. Loades, W.M. 487; Dempsey, W.M. 903; E. Nayler, W.M. 928; J. Johns, P.M., acting W.M. 1428; Mills, W.M. 1776; Senior, J.W. 1705; and H. Long, W.M. elect 1903, also responded.

Bro. P. H. EMANUEL contributed a comic song, "An awful little scrub."

Bro. C. O. BIRCH, J.W., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to whom he offered a hearty welcome.

Bro. ARLIDGE, W.M. 1638, sang "A tale of woe."

Bros. G. H. De Fraine, 487; Arlidge, 1638; Parkhouse, 1834; and Simon Hyne, 1205, responded.

Bro. SYLVESTER sang "The old arm chair" in such a manner as to elicit a well deserved encore, when he gave another equally as well sung, entitled "The Bugler."

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE proposed "The Founders of the Lodge," and spoke of the energies displayed by Bro. Dart, who was always promoting the true interests of Masonry, and had proved himself most active and energetic. Bro. Brickwood, he was sure, would make a good second in command, and Bro. Birch was well deserving of what he had. To those brethren and Bro. Cox the brethren were indebted for having rendered great services in establishing the lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. DART, I.P.M., responded. He said that seven years ago he remarked, "Please God, I will found a lodge during my lifetime." He had done so, and felt as proud of the St. Clair Lodge as he was of Bro. St. Clair. (Applause.) When he consulted Bros. Birch and Cox about the founding of a new lodge, they readily acquiesced. Well, he had got the support of every lodge but one, and that the Emulation Lodge. The lodge being thus far advanced their W.M. was unfortunately ordered away, and hence the delay in consecration. He thanked those who had come that day and had supported them.

Bro. BIRCH, J.W., also responded, and said for what little he had done he had been amply repaid.

Bros. BRICKWOOD, S.W., and ARNOLD, Secretary, also responded.

"The Healths of the Officers" concluded the toast list, and the company broke up at about 10.30 o'clock.

It should be mentioned that amongst the presents to the lodge the W.M. gave fourteen collars and silver jewels, four pairs of gauntlets, and the Third Degree sheet.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

## PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS.

THE Philadelphia *Keystone* of the 21st March repeats its arguments against public installations in an article written for the especial enlightenment of the Louisville "Masonic Home Journal." It points out that these installations "are opposed to the very genius of Freemasonry, in that they expose to the public what was intended by the Institution to be limited to initiates." It considers its former reason for their having been adopted in some jurisdictions is very probable, namely, that such a public parade of the ceremony "ministers to the vanity of brethren, in that it enables them to appear in Masonic regalia in the lodge room before a mixed throng of brethren and profanes, and to reveal to many in this throng what they had never seen or heard before;" and it emphasises these arguments and suggestions by remarking that the custom of private installation "has never been contravened under the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and other Grand Lodges in America." As regards the allegation of the said "Masonic Home Journal," that if Dr. MACKAY's eleventh and twenty-third landmarks "forbid public installations," they as "emphatically forbid all public demonstrations of a lodge; for burial and corner-stone laying are work, and the lodge is open and at work in public," our Philadelphia contemporary very pertinently remarks that "no landmark applies to what may be styled Masonic out-door work, which must be in public, such as the burying of the Masonic dead, and the laying of a corner-stone. Freemasonry never attempts the impossible, but it does forbid the exposing of in-door lodge ceremonies, be they installation, initiation, or any other floorwork of the lodge, to the vision and hearing of the profane." To a further argument of the "Home Journal" that public installations, as "Masonic Shows," are "much more desirable than the theatre or circus," the *Keystone* says with great good sense: "As a 'show' we would much prefer to see BOOTH in 'Hamlet' or BARNUM'S or FOREAUGH'S circus to a 'public installation' of lodge officers. Surely Freemasonry will not stoop to compete with the theatre or circus in this matter. Our Fraternity is a secret Society, limited by its genius to initiates. The public do not crave admission to our lodge rooms, at an installation of lodge officers, and why should we crave their attendance? Remember, if they are with us, Freemasons are solely responsible for it. Call the reason vanity, bidding for members by publicity, advertising Masonry, or what you will, the practice itself is wrong from beginning to end; unjustified by the landmarks; unjustified by sound reason, and only excused on the plea that it has been done and may be done again." We imagine our readers will fully endorse the *Keystone* views, and will, no doubt, join with us in expressing a hope that all true Masons in America and elsewhere will use their utmost efforts to prevent the continuance of so un-Masonic a practice as that of public installation.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

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K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.  
GRAND PATRONESS:  
H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

## THE NINETY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

of this Institution will take place  
On **WEDNESDAY, the 13th MAY next,**  
under the Presidency of  
**SIR WALTER W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P.,**  
**R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER OF SUSSEX.**

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

President:—Bro. Lieut.-Gen. **RANDOLPH, Prov. G.S.W. Sussex.**  
Treasurer:—Bro. **D. P. CAMA, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.**  
Chairman of Ladies' Stewards:—Bro. **J. H. MATTHEWS, F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.**  
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### 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 Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, in very reduced circumstances and incapable to earn a livelihood.

The case is strongly recommended by the following:  
Bro. **C. A. COTTEBRUNE, P.G.P., P.M. 733, 957, 1257, P.Z. 77, 177, and 733.**  
" **HENRY ROBINSON, P.M. 180.**  
" **W. C. PARSONS, P.M., Sec. 180.**  
" **G. W. A. B. FLETCHER, W.M. 180.**  
" **JOHN MILES, Treas. 180.**  
" **A. STONER, P.M. 180.**  
" **CHAS. J. WADE, P.M. 180.**  
" **WILLIAM HITCHCOCK, W.M. 733.**  
" **JOHN WELFORD, P.M. 733.**  
Bro. **BENJAMIN KERSHAW, P.M. 733.**  
" **JOHN MARTEN, 733.**  
" **WALTER HALLETT, P.M. 733.**  
" **W. DREW, I.G. 733.**  
" **JAMES LONG, P.M. 733.**  
" **C. R. WATKIN, J.D. 733.**  
" **J. W. CURTIS, 733.**  
" **F. W. ALLEN, P.M. 733.**  
" **E. J. ALLEN, P.M. 733.**  
" **S. R. WALKER, Sec. 733.**  
" **E. G. EASTON, 733.**  
" **JOHN WARDEL, 733.**  
" **LEWIS ASCOTT, P.M. 733.**

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,

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" **GEORGE LAMB, P.M. 871, 1382; 2, Mellish-street, Millwall, E.**  
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**To Correspondents.**

W.B.—You have not complied with the usual require-  
ments of correspondents, and we are unable therefore to  
discuss the question you state.

The following communications stand over—  
CRAFT LODGES:—Nos. 521, 1512, 1675, 1793, 1989.  
R. A. CHAPTERS:—Nos. 94, 236, 243, 1461, 1530.  
ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES:—Metropolitan Council, 1.  
NOTES AND QUERIES:—The Monograde Theory.  
Prov. G. Mark Lodge of the Mediterranean.  
Temperance Freemasonry in the West.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Die Bauhütte," "Sunday Times" (New York), "Western  
Morning News," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Builder," "Sunday  
Times" (London), "Broad Arrow," "Citizen," "Effective Adver-  
tiser," "Court Circular," "Hull Packet," "Cadiz Masónico,"  
"Little One's Own Paper," "The Lancet," "Trade Circular,"  
"Voice of Masonry," "Daily Telegraph" (Melbourne), "The  
Victorian Freemason," and "Keystone."



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 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.]

**NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I have had several letters about the above from  
brethren anxious to promote the movement. Permit me to  
say, through your valuable paper, that I hope shortly to be  
able to call a meeting, and trust as many as take an interest  
in the matter will favour me by attending.  
I have had several suggestions as to the name of the  
Lodge. "The Counties Lodge," "The Yorkshire Lodge,"

"The Provinces Lodge," "The Yorkshire and Lancashire  
Lodge," and "The Northern Counties Lodge" have been  
suggested.

Any brother seeing this, and wishing to assist, will oblige  
by sending me his name, address, &c., and any suggestions  
he may have to make.

My time is rather pressing just now; but I hope to say  
more about the matter in your issue of the 16th inst. Thank-  
ing you in advance—I am, yours fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND,  
P.M., P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks.

**AN ENQUIRY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the *Freemason* of the 18th ult. appeared a  
letter headed as above and signed "Hibernian." Having  
had occasion some few months ago to study the question  
mooted, I think I am in a position to answer the queries  
put.

In Ireland, when not convenient for a candidate to  
receive all his Craft Degrees in the same lodge, the custom  
is, the initiating lodge requests another lodge to confer, as  
a favour, the Second and Third Degrees (as the case may  
be), which is invariably done, and, as far as I know, without  
any extra fees. The same custom prevails in England,  
but some lodges do charge extra fees for each Degree so  
conferred.

An English lodge, however, has not the power of con-  
ferring Degrees on a brother initiated under a foreign  
Constitution without first making him a member of the  
lodge; having done this, all would now appear to be plain  
sailing, as we have the Rules bearing on the point, viz., 189,  
190, and 213, (E.C.) Still there is a hitch. Rule 189 requires  
the production of a Grand Lodge Certificate. Now the  
Grand Lodge of Ireland does not issue certificates under  
the rank of R.M. (the Grand Lodge of England does,  
Rule 200).

Being a subscribing member of lodges in both countries,  
and being interested in a case exactly as described by  
"Hibernian," I got into correspondence with the Secretaries  
of both the Grand Lodges on the subject, when I elicited  
the information as to the rule marked in italics referring to  
foreign Constitutions, and also that the Grand Secretary of  
Ireland would record the name when officially returned to  
him as having been initiated, &c., and give a letter to that  
effect which would answer all the purposes of a certificate.

If all the Degrees were taken in Ireland, the initiating  
lodge obtains the R.M. certificate; if in England, Rule 200  
answers the query; if part in Ireland and part in England,  
I should say that either or both could obtain certificates.

From the absence of any rule in the Constitutions of  
either country bearing on the case, it would appear that all  
lodges by virtue of their warrants have the power of con-  
ferring Degrees, subject, of course, to the rules of their  
respective Grand Lodges, but it would be better if there  
were a distinct rule on the question for our guidance, as, to  
my own knowledge, the English rule with respect to foreign  
Constitutions is not generally known.—Yours fraternally,  
Clonmel, 44 (I.C.) CHAS. FFENNEL.

**ANSWER TO THE CONTINUAL MASONIC  
ENQUIRIES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Being associated with our Grand Secretary, Bro.  
Murray Lyon, in preparing an inventory of the library be-  
queathed to the Grand Lodge of Scotland by the late Dr.  
Morison, of Greenfield, I am daily coming across the most  
remarkable documents on Freemasonry, as well in print as  
in manuscript. As I frequently see in your valuable paper  
remarks, correspondence, and controversy respecting Con-  
stitutions and old lodges in this country and France and  
Germany, &c., I would advise all these correspondents to  
postpone their enquiries and answers till the catalogue of  
our library shall appear, which, containing over 3000 works,  
I can firmly state is the richest and the rarest in the world.  
Dr. Morison, who resided a long time in France, always  
purchased either by private treaty (which his writing and  
signature on the works testify) or at public sales the rarest  
works. I have before me Dr. Kloss's bibliography and  
several catalogues of Masonic works, and I find that we  
possess all these works in ancient as well as modern lan-  
guages, with the exception of some German works, which  
have no connection with our Masonry, or are only transla-  
tions of the former ones; besides, Dr. Kloss ignores, or did  
not know, the existence of many others which are in the  
possession of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.—I am, dear  
Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN THOMAS LOTH,  
Dr. Ph., 33, P.M. 48, the last Representative  
of the Grand Orient of France, Member of  
College of Rites, &c.

May 4th.

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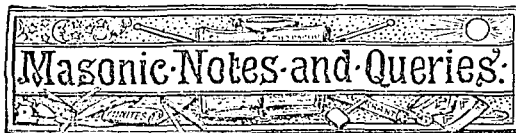
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly give your valuable opinion on the  
following, as Rule 205, Book of Constitutions, is silent  
thereon: Whether, as W.M. of a Craft lodge, I am  
entitled to place a brother's name on the lodge summons  
after notice of motion has been given for his exclusion, and  
whether it would be considered un-Masonic and a libel, after  
receiving a notice from the said brother protesting against  
such action, and whether you would not consider it wiser  
to be done in the usual course as when members are ex-  
cluded or erased for non-payment of arrears? Of course  
such summons must inevitably fall into the hands of those  
who are strangers to our art, from the compositor and  
printer downwards. I enclose my card, and remain, yours  
fraternally, a W.M.

[It appears to be held by Masonic authority that it is  
proper to give the name of the brother proposed to be ex-  
cluded, and that it constitutes no libel to do so. Such  
also appears to have been the opinion of Bro. Mr. Justice  
Field in a well-known case.—ED. F.M.]

At the meeting of the Court of Common Council  
on Thursday, the 30th ult., Bro. Alderman De Keyser  
moved a congratulatory address to the King of the  
Belgians on the great work his Majesty had done for  
civilisation, throwing open to the trade and commerce of  
the world the resources of the new Free State of the Congo.



**THE MYSTERIES.**

In looking over to-day certain works, I think it right to  
point out that we find a word for a scribe "Grammatia,"  
and that there is a Latin word "Grammateus" from the  
identical Greek word. "Laos Aphasis" is the Greek ter-  
mination for the ceremonies often in the temples, according  
to Apuleius, when the crowd is dismissed; and we also  
hear of the "Konx Ompax" of the mysteries, mysterious  
words which would seem to answer to certain similarly  
sounding Sanscrit words. Lobeck, however, denies the  
correctness of the allegation of their use.

MASONIC STUDENT.

**STATUTES OF 1743 AND 1755.**

Bro. "A. F. A. W." is indeed hard to please. A French  
lodge at Versailles copies into its minute book a code of  
Grand Lodge laws. This lodge was a daughter of Grande  
Loge Anglaise de France. This identical minute book—  
not a copy of it—is still in evidence, and Bro. "A. F. A.  
W." doubts whether the code represents the Constitutions  
of Grand Lodge. Will he state what else they could pos-  
sibly be? In the other case, a French lodge established in  
Frankfort in 1761 has for its Master an artist of repute,  
named Mund. Mund procures from another French lodge  
a code of laws, professing to be those of the Grand Lodge  
of France, dated 1755, and copies these on to parchment  
for the use of his own lodge. Later on, Mund sells this and  
other MSS. to Frankfort Masons, who present them to  
Kloss, and this identical MS. of 1761 is still to the fore.  
Now, a copy of a 1755 document, made in 1761, and signed  
by a well-known Mason (the interval is only six years), and  
which has since never been lost sight of, is good evidence as  
far as it goes. The transcriber was not nameless, but  
thoroughly well known; the two French lodges at Frankfort  
are matters of history; the transmitter, Kloss, is no myth,  
but also well known, and the identical document is now at  
the Hague. I possess an attested copy of the same—that  
is, of the manuscript elaborated by Mund, and, although  
Bro. "A. F. A. W." looks coldly upon this copy of a copy,  
the Grand Lodge at Frankfort thinks so differently in  
the matter, that, at their request, I have furnished them  
with a copy of my copy, to be placed in their archives.  
There is nothing to ascertain. The original Mund MS.,  
from which Kloss quoted, is now at the Hague, as I thought  
I had already made plain, and an accurate attested copy is  
at the editor's service whenever he likes to print it.

G. W. SPETH.

**FRANKFORT MS.**

The MS. in form of an apron now at Frankfort, dated  
1761, turns out not to be a second copy of the above code  
of 1755, but a certificate granted to the same Bro. Mund,  
as *Elu Ecossois Anglais*. It is curiously illuminated and  
fashioned, and a rough facsimile in colours, attested as  
correct, has been forwarded to me by Grand Lodge of  
Frankfort, and is now in my possession. It contains the  
names of many of the French lodges working in Frankfort  
at that date, owing to the presence of a French army of  
occupation.

G. W. SPETH.

**THE RIT ECOSSAIS.**

We ought all to be obliged to Bro. Speth for the interest-  
ing "precis" he has given us of the learned and lamented  
Schiffmann's views on this vexed question. I, for one,  
have never been able to master the point of the Rit Ecossois,  
or how it took its rise in France. It has always seemed  
more than doubtful to me whether Ramsay had anything to  
do with the movement at all, and though it is just possible  
that the Jacobites, finding Freemasonry ready to their hands,  
used it for their own party purposes, I have always hesitated  
to accept the full German view on the Jacobite origin of the  
High Grades. The alleged charters from the Chevalier St.  
George are all very doubtful. The only possible connection  
with Scotland, as it seems to me, would be through the  
"Royal Order," and it has often occurred to me whether  
we have not in that Order and Legend the foundation of the  
Rit Ecossois, so-called, in France. It may be a little far-  
fetched perhaps to derive "Ecossois" from "Acaissais;"  
but Schiffmann was a most learned and even-minded man,  
an honest seeker after truth, and his words and theories  
deserve from all students respectful study and consideration.

A. F. A. W.

**THE INVERNESS CHARTER.**

I quite agree with "W. O." that the arguments in favour  
both of the credibility and accuracy of the petitioners in  
1736-7 are many and marked. As "W. O." truly puts it,  
there was no use in such apocryphal statements, and in  
reality they could do no possible good. The fact that the  
statement that the lodge has admitted, passed, and raised  
since 1678 was not made by the petitioners, but was a  
gratuitous allegation by the Grand Lodge Scribe, is a point  
of very great importance. As "W. O." says, there prob-  
ably were other allegations sent to Grand Lodge. In the  
petition itself we are struck both by the clearness and  
minuteness of the statement. Before 1768, the minutes  
were kept "in an irregular manner," on "baffles of paper,"  
a mode in which many lodges, both north and south of  
Berwick imitated them, but on the 27th December, 1678,  
a book was given in by the Hon. W. McIntosh, Bro.  
German to the then Laird of McIntosh, who was then  
chosen Master of the lodge. They then proceed to give a  
record of regular meetings and elections. At that date,  
Bros. Mackintosh was chosen Master, A. Nicolson, Senior,  
Andrew Ross, Junior Wardens, and D. D. Ross, Box-  
master. The same officers are said to have continued in  
office until 15th November, 1681, when W. Hendrie was  
chosen Boxmaster or Treasurer, and the above members  
continued until 1st December, 1684, when John McBean  
was chosen Junior Warden, and Andrew Ross, Treasurer,  
and "ye rest" continued until 27th December, 1692, when  
James Barbour was chosen Master, John Reed, Senior,  
and John Heburn, Junior Wardens, and Andrew Ross  
continued until 27th December, 1699, when J. Heburn  
was chosen Master, John Reed, Senior, and Robert

Nicolson, Junior Wardens, and Andrew Ross, Treasurer, and continued until 25th December, 1701, when James Dick was chosen Master, A. Ross, Senior, and William Cumming, Junior Wardens, Alexr. Tulloch, Treasurer, and continued until 28th December, 1702, when the said J. Dick was continued Master, R. Nicolson and A. Tulloch, Wardens, and John Thomson, Treasurer, and continued till 6th August, 1716, when Andrew Scott was chosen Master, J. Dick, Senior, and J. Dick Junior Wardens, and the said (J. Thomson presumably), Treasurer. These continued until 27th December, 1718, when the said Andrew Scott was continued Master, Robt. Ross, Senior, and Thos. Tulloch, Junior Wardens, and ye said Thomas Tulloch Treasurer, until December 27th, 1719, when Donald McLise was chosen Master, Donald and Thomas Tulloch, the Wardens, the Boxmaster continued, and the rest until December 27th, 1712, when J. Nicolson was chosen Master, Donald McLise, Senior, and J. McBean, Junior Wardens, and Alexr. Fraser, Boxmaster. These remained until 1724, when J. McBean was chosen Master, and Donald McLise, Senior, and J. Jackson, Junior Wardens, and ye said J. Jackson, Treasurer. And thus it remained until 1733, when Baillie W. M. McIntosh was chosen Master; John Dunbar, Senior, and A. Fraser, Junior Wardens. A change was again made in 1735, when J. McBean was chosen Master; J. Dunbar, Senior, and A. Fraser, Junior Wardens; and the said Boxmaster continued until 17th December, 1736, when G. Cuthbert, of Castle Hill, was chosen Master; J. Dunbar, Senior, and A. Fraser, Junior Wardens, the said Alexr. (Fraser?) Treasurer. On the back of the petition is the following endorsement, as signed by the Master and Wardens: "In a full meeting of this Lodge Inverness, 26th September, 1737, we, the Master and Wardens hereto subscribing, do attest the above to be a genuine duplicate of the minutes of this lodge, as the same stands." This petition is accepted, and a charter granted 30th November, 1738, as countersigned by R. Alisone, G. Clerk, and the names of the brethren present in Grand Lodge are given, and from the terms of the charter it seems that the representatives of the lodge had attended the Grand Lodge meetings since the previous October. We may assume primarily that, at any rate, the names of G. Cuthbert, J. Dunbar, D. McLise, and A. Fraser are correct. But then comes the serious question—What about the previous minutes? Are they correct? On the new "apocryphal theory," nothing can stand. It has been amusing to note, how within the last three years anything which does not square with certain pet theories of the hour has received the "happy dispatch," under the ominous epithet "apocryphal." I may remark this is a protrusion of the real meaning of apocryphal, which simply originally meant obscure, dubious, not absolutely false. What then is the difference of the historical value, as between any of the minutes after 1700 and the minutes of 1736? Is there any valid distinction as to historical value or reality? I cannot see it. As it appears to me, only looking at the matter as a question of historical evidence, they must all stand or fall together. It may be alleged that we have an attestation from Grand Lodge in 1739 as to the reality inferentially of the 1736 minute, in respect of the attendance of lodge representations, say in the previous October; but as G. L. then only relied on the veracity of the petitioners, if all their previous entries are unreliable or manufactured "ad hoc," I do not see why one entry is more to be relied on than another. Of those who were present in Grand Lodge in 1737 some one must have known something of the Inverness brethren, and whether their allegations were well or ill-founded, and I certainly know of no similar precedent so late as 1737, where deliberate statements made *within a generation*,—N.B., on "their own information to boot,"—are absolutely false in themselves, and yet openly accepted by a public body like the G.L. of Scotland as historically true. And the same argument applies as to the minutes between 1678 and 1800. They are either true or false, and certainly if false are set out with a minuteness, and an apparent historical verity unusual in such documents. I cannot see on what grounds of criticism or evidence these minutes can be rejected, and like "W.O.," I believe them "minuted" in "bona fides," and reasonable and reliable. Two suggestions occur. Why should not the Grand Lodge of Scotland appoint a small commission to search the Grand Lodge MSS., and print for historical information some of the most interesting documents? The second is, Can no Inverness brother take the fraternal trouble of endeavouring to verify the names recorded of members of St. John's, Old Inverness, Kilwinning, between 1678 and 1736, and by this search perhaps recover the old minute book? I also wish to thank "W.O." for his able and thoughtful communication, of great value, historically and archaeologically, and I wish only a few more like him would give us similar valuable information, which will assist us all in the laborious task before us of seeking to obtain a true history of our great, and useful, and benevolent Fraternity. I hope at an early date to print in extenso in the *Freemason* the petition and charter of the Inverness Lodge, if it should be thought desirable.

#### MASONIC STUDENT.

#### THE LATE BRO. COLONEL BURNABY.

It is proposed to raise funds to erect a memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral, and to build a new wing at the Soldiers' Daughters' Home, to perpetuate the memory of our late gallant Bro. Colonel F. G. Burnaby, commanding Royal Horse Guards, recently killed in action in the Soudan.

The name of Bro. Colonel Burnaby is so well-known and honoured by all her Majesty's loyal and patriotic subjects that it is certain that thousands will be interested in perpetuating his memory.

Bros. Baron H. de Worms, General Sir R. C. H. Taylor, K.C.B., General Sir Andrew Clarke, and Lord Randolph Churchill have joined a Committee formed for the above.

Donations may be sent to the Honorary Secretary, "Burnaby London Memorial," 6, Catherine-street, Strand, W.C.

Bro. Colonel F. Burnaby, above his soldier servant's grave at Dover, put this epitaph: "He was a brave soldier, a faithful servant, and as true as steel." *Like master, like man.*

Among the most noticeable portraits in the Royal Academy this year is one of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., by H. Herkomer, A.R.A.



#### Craft Masonry.

**SAINT MARY ABBOTTS LODGE (No. 1974).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Town Hall, Kensington. Present: Bros. Alfred Williams, W.M.; Reuben C. Green, S.W.; D. S. Skinner, P.P.G.D.C. Dorset, J.W.; Jas. Green, P.P.G.D. Middx., Treas.; George C. Harding, P.G.D.C. Middx., Sec.; Algernon C. Bauke, S.D.; J. H. T. Green, J.D.; Sydney Pitt, D.C.; C. W. Stephens, I.G.; W. Beavis, Stwd.; Thos. Friend, Tyler; Capt. Charles F. Compton, I.P.M.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.D.G.S. of W., Punjab; Capt. H. S. Andrews, W. C. Glen, P.G.S., M. W. Williams, F. A. Lloyd, A. A. Williamson, F. G. C. Damin, H. M. Hartcup, E. C. Engelbach, J. C. Lynch, L. H. Isaacs, and W. Travers. Visitors: Bros. J. F. B. Firth, M.P., P.M. 227; H. E. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; P. A. Ames, 1159; F. E. Pocock, W.M. 1891; J. Bond, 101; Montague Hawkins, W.M. 822; and Henry Hunt, P.M. 1357.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries Bro. J. C. Lynch was raised to the Third Degree. Letters of apology were read from Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., Bro. Sir Algernon Bothwick, and many others.

The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony and the brethren adjourned to Bailey's Hotel, Gloucester-road, South Kensington, where they dined together. The usual Royal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. proposed in very felicitous terms "The Health of the W.M."

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that it gave him great pleasure to be W.M. of such a lodge as the Saint Mary Abbots, and felt greatly honoured by the brethren placing him in so high a position, and it should ever be his study to do his best to please them.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The P.M.'s." Although not strong in numbers on account of the lodge being young, as time went on that would be changed. He was exceedingly glad to see both P.M. Bros. Capt. Compton and Capt. Nicols present, the former having come a very long way to fulfil his duty as I.P.M.

Bro. Compton, in reply, said, his name being mentioned first, he could not but feel great pleasure in replying to the toast when he thanked the brethren for the education they had given him since he came amongst them, amusingly assuring the brethren that he had become quite a "perfect Master" in the art of reply, at Poole, where he was frequently called upon to speak.

Bro. Capt. Nicols said that Bro. Capt. Compton, his dear old friend, did great credit to the lodge. He called the attention of all to the class of men coming in. The W.M. entirely exceeded his expectation; he worked magnificently, and he said this after 26 years' experience, and thanked Bro. Williams for his kind remarks, and hoped the brethren would follow his example, and by their work in the junior offices render themselves ready for the chair, and the lodge would certainly continue to prosper.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Visitors," and said they were always glad to see them present, and coupled with this toast the names of Bros. Firth and Pocock.

Bro. Firth, in reply, said the W.M. having coupled his name with the toast, hoped all the visitors would follow and thank the lodge for so courteous and kind a welcome. This was not the first time, he was glad to say, he had visited the lodge, and he hoped the W.M. would not be a stranger at his own lodge. There was one question in which all Masons would agree—that in constantly visiting different lodges men met in common fellowship, and thus life friendships were frequently made. He was perfectly sure the Saint Mary Abbott's Lodge would become a shining light at the West-end of London, both for work and hospitality.

Bro. Pocock also thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and said, although this was the first occasion on which he had been present, he hoped it would not be the last. The "Fourth Degree," to use a hackneyed phrase, was important, especially when so sumptuously served as this was; but without the work in the lodge being properly carried out it would bring little or no credit to it.

Bro. Dehane was called upon by the brethren to reply also. He stated how pleased he was to witness such work as he had seen that evening. He had a lengthened experience in Masonry, and might say he had visited lodges in almost all parts of the world, and he trusted that the brethren coming on would add further lustre to that lodge by imitating the example of the W.M., in so far as the ancient ritual was so perfectly preserved. He also thanked the brethren for their magnificent hospitality.

The S.D., Bro. Bauke, by permission of the W.M., proposed "The Health of the Founder of the Lodge," which was heartily received. Bro. Nicols, he said, from the consecration had been most unremitting and indefatigable in giving instruction to all, and for the way he had conducted the business of the lodge the brethren should ever feel deeply grateful to Capt. Nicols, as he did.

Bro. Nicols gave, in reply, some excellent advice, and concluded his remarks by thanking them all heartily for their kind reception of the toast.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge," "The Senior and Junior Wardens," "The Treasurer," and "The Secretary" were proposed, duly honoured, and replied to, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a very successful termination.

During the evening the brethren were entertained with songs by Bros. A. A. Williamson, E. Engelbach, and others. On a former occasion, when visiting the lodge, a very handsome Charity box was presented by Bro. Capt. Andrews, one of the founders. During the evening it was passed round, and it is pleasing to be able to record the brethren freely responded to the ancient motto engraved on it—"This doe ye Brethren all per Charyté."

**TAUNTON.—Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge (No. 261).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Crescent, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. After the confirmation of the minutes, the lodge boards of

the First and Second Degrees were very ably explained by Bro. Rev. F. W. Aveling, Chaplain. Bros. Portman, Goodland, and Goodman were passed to the Second Degree, after which a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. F. T. Elworthy, the I.P.M., which had been voted by the lodge in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. W. Bidgood, who spoke in high terms of the Masonic zeal of Bro. Elworthy, who acknowledged the gift in a feeling speech. There was a large gathering of brethren, and at the subsequent banquet Bro. Elworthy gave some interesting particulars of the Spanish lodges, he having just returned from a visit to that country. The Past Master's jewel presented to Bro. Elworthy, was designed by the present W.M. On golden scrolls is the inscription, "Presented by Lodge 261, to Bro. Elworthy, W.M., 1884," in blue enamel; the arms of the lodge are enamelled in colours, and the name of the lodge Unanimity and Sincerity is wrought in pierced raised letters on a gold ground. On the pendant jewel are enclosed three large diamonds set in stars, the gift of the officers of the lodge, the whole forming a most exquisite piece of work.

**HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 450).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday, the 30th ult., was of an unusually interesting character, arising from the presentation to the lodge by Bro. Wm. Husband, P.M., of a well-executed portrait of the late Bro. John Coombe, and from the announcement by the librarian, Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, P.M., &c., that the collection of books known as the "Coombe" Masonic Library (another monument to the memory of the same respected brother) is open for circulation. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. R. Hawkins, who spoke in terms of warm praise of the labours bestowed on the library by the Library Committee (of which Bro. Pearce is the "moving spirit"), and moved a vote of thanks for their special services, now concluded. This was seconded by Bro. Wm. Husband, P.M., who pointed out in a most convincing manner the advantages now enjoyed by the brethren of the Cornubian Lodge in having the opportunity to study the literature and history of Freemasonry—a privilege but few of our lodges possess to the same extent.

Bro. Pearce (the Honorary Librarian), in replying to this vote of thanks, gave an interesting epitome of the collection, which embraces some 250 volumes, many of them being scarce and valuable editions, and furnishing excellent matter for study, and as a whole one of the best, if not the best, lodge library in the West of England.

The special feature of the evening, however, was the presentation of the portrait already referred to. Bro. Husband, on making it, recounted the many excellences of character that had distinguished the life of Bro. Coombe, and especially his career as a Mason.

On the motion of Bro. Pearce, P.M., seconded by Bro. Osborn, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the donor for his most acceptable gift.

In connection with his report on the subject of the Charities, Bro. Pearce stated that he had drawn up and forwarded to the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, a draft of the scheme he is purposing to bring before the next Prov. Grand Lodge for establishing a "Masonic Charity Association," similar to those in active operation in other provinces, and that he hoped it would receive the favourable consideration of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, such a scheme being necessary and most urgently needed.

Other business brought this most interesting meeting to a close, which, from the beginning to the end, had been engaged in recognising departed worth, and may well be known (as it was aptly described by Bro. Husband) as the "Coombe" evening. The Cornubian Lodge has been one of the foremost supporters of the Central Masonic Charities, and in the hands of Bro. G. B. Pearce, the successor to the lamented Bro. John Coombe, its character for liberality and excellent organisation will be fully maintained.

**LAUNCESTON.—Dunheved Lodge (No. 789).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Richard Reed, W.M.; Thomas White, S.W.; Dr. W. Andrew, P.M., as J.W.; C. J. Wenmoth, Sec.; Thos. Sherstone, S.D.; B. Parsons, J.D.; F. Downing, D.C.; John Nicols, I.G.; J. Fidler, Tyler; C. G. Archer, P.M.; Chas. Parsons, P.M.; Richard Sampson, I.P.M.; E. S. T. Daunt, J. Holt, and W. Geake. Bro. John Ching, 789, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. Richard Reed, W.M., the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The W.M. then proceeded to raise Bro. W. Geake to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, which he did in a most careful and finished manner. Two candidates for initiation were proposed.

The business of the lodge having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the dining room, where a capital dinner was provided by Bro. J. Fidler.

**CAMBRIDGE.—Isaac Newton University Lodge (No. 859).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., Bro. Bushell Annington, M.D., W.M. The first business on the agenda was to ballot for Bro. H.R.H. Prince Edward of Wales (Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16), as a joining member, on the proposition of Bro. Rev. W. Cunningham, Chaplain, seconded by Bro. Col. R. T. Caldwell, P.M. The election was unanimously agreed to, but His Royal Highness was unable to be present to pass the Second Degree, and the ceremony will probably take place at a lodge of emergency. Three initiations took place, and four were passed. A banquet followed.

**DUNMOW.—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Rattray, W.M.; J. P. Lewin, P.P.G.S. of Works, P.M. 176, S.W.; W. Rowe, J.W.; W. de Vins Wade, Sec.; H. Dehane, acting S.D.; E. F. Ferris, J.D.; G. Clapham, acting D.C.; J. L. Franklin, I.G.; F. W. Warner, Tyler; H. E. Dehane, I.P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R.; C. Bint, R. Brazier, and R. T. Scarr.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, Bros.

Brazier and Scarr were raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony ably and impressively. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. Rogers, and a vote of congratulation to Bro. Dr. Lyle on his marriage with the daughter of the founder of the lodge—Bro. Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.C. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Dehane, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," congratulated him on his excellent working, and having the assistance of officers who were so well up in their respective duties.

The W.M. was pleased and gratified that his work was appreciated, and hoped to see those of the brethren who lived at a distance attend the Instruction lodge at the George Hotel, Bishop Stortford, as being central and convenient.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The W.M., Bros. Lewin and Brazier, by their songs added to the harmony of the evening.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—On Friday, the 1st inst., there was an emergency meeting of this lodge at the Queen's Hotel, for the purpose of passing a formal resolution to remove the place of meeting of the lodge to the Eboracum Masonic Hall, St. Saviour-gate. Bro. J. Blenkin, I.P.M., was in the chair, and there was a good muster of the brethren for the last time in the house which has sheltered them since their formation in 1876. The formal business was soon completed, and the lodge closed, and the whole party then adjourned to supper in the old lodge room.

In proposing "Success to the Eboracum Lodge," Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., reviewed the history of the lodge from its opening in that room by the Earl of Zetland nearly nine years previously; the work it had achieved, the losses it had sustained, and the prospects which were now before it.

The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, and the utmost cordiality prevailed round the table. Bros. G. Simpson, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; and most of the officers were of the party, but several were absent through indisposition and other causes. Amongst the visitors was Bro. G. Kirby, P.M. 236.

**RUGELEY.—St. Augustine's Lodge (No. 1941).**

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the lodge room, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors to take part in the ceremony, amongst those present being Bros. James Clark, W.M.; W. Ormson, I.P.M.; J. B. Burns, J.W.; Thomas James, Treasurer; C. W. Watkins, Secretary; Rev. R. M. Grier, Chaplain; Charles Gee, J.D.; George Gee, I.G.; George Buttery, D. of C.; C. Salmon, Asst. Organist; J. Barkley, Stwd.; Thomas Turner, Tyler; John Robinson, E. W. Taylor, William Foggo, Watson Foggo, E. Johns, W. Stanford, John H. Beard, Horatio T. Gilbert, M. H. Davenport, and W. Fairley. The visitors comprised Bros. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C.; H. Woodhouse, P.M. 726; E. S. Hildrick, W.M. 539; Frederick Taylor, 726; John Mottram, I.P.M. 726; John L. Gibbons, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Derby, P.P.G.S.B. Stafford, W.M. 152; W. J. Gothard, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 624; John Fowler, P.M. 1039; George Haynes, 1039; W. R. Sanderson, 240; Walter E. Allen, 419; T. M. Humphries, P.M. 539; William Jones, P.M. 460; and J. H. Rowbotham, 539.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. J. Clark, the retiring W.M., proceeded with the ceremony of installing Bro. G. Buttery as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner. The newly-elected W.M. next invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Clark, I.P.M.; J. B. Burns, S.W.; C. W. Watkins, J.W.; Rev. R. M. Grier, P.P.G.C., Chap.; Thomas James, Treas.; Charles Gee, Sec.; Geo. Gee, S.D.; H. T. Gilbert, J.D.; E. Marshall, D.C.; J. H. Beard, Org.; H. Quinton, I.G.; C. Salmon, S.S.; W. S. McGregor, J.S.; Wm. Foggo, J.S.; E. Johns, Charity Stwd.; J. Robinson, Almoner; and T. Turner, Tyler.

The Secretary read letters of apology for absence from Bros. John Bodenham, P.G.T.; W. Cartwright, P.G.S.; Frank James, P.G.M.; and others.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren next partook of a sumptuous banquet, which was served up in an excellent manner by Miss Bazeley, the manageress of the hotel, and assistants. The W.M. presided, and the vice-chairs were filled by the S.W. and the J.W.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft." They as Masons professed to be loyal subjects of her Majesty, as this was shown to be the case from the action the Masonic brethren took on an occasion when an idiot or miscreant of a man had attempted to fire off some weapon at her Majesty. The Masons assembled in large numbers at the time the Grand Lodge of England passed a resolution congratulating the Queen on her happy escape. It was well known that her Majesty had a great respect for the Craft, as she was patroness of the same. He had much pleasure in submitting the toast. The brethren sang "God save the Queen."

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." Since the Prince of Wales had taken the helm of Masonic affairs, Freemasonry had flourished very much indeed in England. It was a proof of the interest he took when he was found initiating his own son as a member of the Craft. It was indeed a remarkable occurrence to hear of a Royal father introducing his son into Masonry. The brethren sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. Woodhouse proposed "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, Lieut.-Col. G. S. Tudor; the Worshipful Bro. Colonel Foster Gough, Grand Standard Bearer of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past; and Provincial Officers of adjoining Provinces, Present and Past."

Bros. Jones and Fowler returned thanks. Bro. Burns proposed "The Worshipful Master." Bro. Buttery had been one of the original promoters of the

lodge. If it had not been for his efforts in endeavouring to establish a lodge at Rugeley, they would have had no lodge in that town. The Worshipful Master had done all in his power to make St. Augustine Lodge a success, and it was now in an extremely good position for a young lodge. Bro. Mundy had been their former Master, and that brother had done much to make the lodge a success. In Bro. Clark they had a hard working Mason, and now that Bro. Buttery was appointed he was certain to use his best energies for the welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master responded, and referred to the kindness he had always received from the members of the lodge, as well as those belonging to St. John's and other lodges. According to the good old Book, it was stated that a prudent man foreseeth the evil, but the foolish passed on and were punished. Now, he had been prudent enough to prepare himself for that emergency. It appeared as if they had been to his virtues very kind, and to his faults a little blind. He had tried with others in getting a lodge established at Rugeley, and was pleased with the result. There was a number of brethren in the town who wanted a Masonic home of their own, and since the lodge had been established he was glad to say it had been very successful. If he had been instrumental in any shape or form of assisting the establishment of that lodge he was very thankful indeed. During the ensuing year he promised to do all he could for the welfare of the lodge and the brethren, and he trusted to have their hearty support in the matter.

Bro. the Rev. R. M. Grier proposed "The Charities," which was responded to by Bro. Humphries.

The toasts of "The Immediate Past Master and Installing Master," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Past Masters," "The Officers of the St. Augustine's Lodge," and the Tyler's toast were also given and replied to.

During the evening several brethren enlivened the proceedings by singing, and a most enjoyable time was spent by those present.

In the course of the banquet there was handed to the Worshipful Master the following telegram from Bro. J. D. Murray, of Wigan: "Allow me to congratulate you. May you have a happy year. I pledge you in a bumper at eight o'clock."

**YORK.—Agricola Lodge (No. 1991).**—The

installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., in the lodge room, Peter-lane. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W., assisted by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. The new W.M. is Bro. Bennett Polkinghorne, who appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. H. H. McGachen, P.M., S.W.; J. M. Martin, J.W.; W. H. Bellerly, Treas.; Quarter Master Sergeant Wollnough, Sec.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Chap.; T. Kirsopp, S.D.; Staff Sergeant Bettison, J.D.; Col. Sergeant Webster, I.G.; Barrack Sergeant H. Evans, P.M., D.C.; Sergeant Osborne, Tyler. A banquet afterwards followed at the Old George Hotel.

INSTRUCTION.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant. Bro. C. A. Cottelbrune, P.G.P., P.M., by the request of the members, occupied the W.M.'s chair. He was assisted by Bros. Lovegrove, S.W.; May, J.W.; Mason, S.D.; Chapman, J.D.; Sheppard, I.G.; Mount, P.M.; Bassington, Treas.; Cross, Sec.; Farwig, Masfield, Bowen, Morgan, Emmott, Skinner, Woods, Saunders, Dr. Aubrey Smith, Gardner, Bull, Collins, and Weeks.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Masfield being candidate. Bro. Woods answered the questions for the Second Degree, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The first section of the lecture was worked by the brethren, questions by the W.M. The lodge was then closed down. Bros. Morgan, Saunders, and Dr. F. Aubrey Smith were unanimously elected members of the lodge. Bro. Mount proposed, and Bro. Lovegrove seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Cottelbrune for his kindness in acceding to the wishes of the brethren in acting as W.M. on this occasion. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Cottelbrune returned thanks, and said he was pleased in complying with the request of the brethren, and while thanking them for their attendance, he hoped that now the lodge was able to meet in suitable rooms, the members would assemble more numerously than they had lately done. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Pountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; F. Chandler, S.W.; D. Stroud, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; C. S. Mote, S.D.; J. Crutenden, J.D.; C. J. Morse, I.G.; W. Middleweek, Stwd.; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; H. Purdue, 834; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; J. H. Wood, R. P. J. Laundry, E. Coleman, W. E. Purdue, and C. Coleman.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Laundry and Wood as candidates. Bro. Chandler was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge closed in perfect harmony, after which the auditors' report of the accounts of the Benevolent Fund were received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. And a vote of thanks passed to them and Bro. Dehane for the careful manner he had kept them.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W. Present: Bros. J. Terry, W.M.; W. Brindley, S.W.; G. Boulton, J.W.; F. J. Wray, P.M., Preceptor, D.C.; G. Gibson, Treas.; Geo. Musson, Sec.; A. Hayes, I.G.; Lackland, Tyler; and Weeks, Asst. Tyler; P.Ms. C. Hunt, C. Taylor, T. Cross, G. B. Docker, H. Cose, and J. Smith; C. White, Clarkson, Brock, Pugh, Holland, G. Saunders, Arnold, Simms, Dorrill, Harrison, Sutton, Glover, Beasley, Chilcott, Coughlan, Salter, Baker, Wollstein, W. Taylor, Giddings, Barker, Dunstan, Dexter, Wynn, Goffin, Kirk, J. Ray, Samuel, junr., Hawksford, G. E. Saunders, Claxton, Evans, Morgan, Thatcher, Belville, Hamblin, and A. H. Strong, W.M. 2012; Jno. Stacey, W.S. 1900; A. Bassington, P.M. 205; T. Simpson, 1604; J. Terry, P.M. 228; S. Judd, 195; W. B. Wilson, W.M. 144; C. Blackman, 1604; Captain A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; and W. T. Cope, J.D. 201; these last to brethren were unanimously elected members.

The lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. James Terry then proceeded with the ceremony of consecration in his usual masterly manner. Bro. Jas. Gibson, W.M. of the mother lodge, was installed W.M., and appointed and invested his officers, viz.: Bros. F. J. Wray, I.P.M.; Baker, S.W.; Coughlan, J.W.; Musson, Sec.; W. Taylor, S.D.; Wollstein, J.D.; and J. Wynn, I.G. An unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Terry, and the lodge was closed, when the brethren to the number of 40 sat down to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed, and after some capital harmony the brethren departed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 30th ult., when

there were present: Bros. W. B. Henry, W.M.; J. Cumming, S.W.; A. Kedge, J.W.; A. Clark, S.D.; Ford, J.D.; W. Kirk, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. Fowles, J. Woodward, Frank Gulliford, T. A. Dickson, and Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Fowles offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony in accordance with the ritual as practised in America. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor. Bro. Henry then worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, according to American working, also explaining the ceremony of initiation. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Fowles. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Henry offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, and entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. J. Cumming was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, being proposed by Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. J. W. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation, Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. W. B. Henry of the Montgomery Lodge, 68, New York, for the efficient manner in which he had occupied the chair for a time this evening, and also for the clear exposition of the American ritual. The brethren had shown great interest in the proceedings, and he as the Preceptor felt he had gained much instruction. Seconded by Bro. S.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. W. B. Henry thanked the brethren for their kindness in recording the vote, which he much appreciated. During his stay in England he had been well received in several lodges he had visited, but nowhere so well as at the Covent Garden Lodge, particularly its lodge of instruction. He promised that should any brother visit America while he was there, he would do all in his power to return the kindness shown him; for he thoroughly believed in the teachings of Masonry. He had been fully repaid by the attention the brethren had given to his working, and he had endeavoured to gain some knowledge of theirs, at which he felt rusty, but on his return to England the brethren would find him a constant attendant among them. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A meeting of the Charitable Association in connection with the lodge of instruction then took place under the presidency of Bro. W. Fowles in the absence of Bro. W. H. Gulliford, P.M. Bros. W. B. Henry and A. Clark, P.M., were elected tellers, and ballots were drawn for four subscribers to the Royal Masonic Charities, which were declared to be in favour of Bros. F. W. Thorpe, Frank Gulliford, W. Fowles, and J. Woodward. A vote of thanks to Bro. Fowles was proposed by Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., and seconded by Bro. Ford, which closed the proceedings.

**UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Green, junr., W.M.; Green, senr., S.W.; Gibson, junr., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; Cope, J.D.; and W. C. Smith, I.G.; Wade, P.M.; Flatterly, P.M.; Edwards, Chilcott, and Pope.

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. Wade being the candidate. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, nem. dis., that Bro. Flatterly, P.M. 1624, be elected an honorary member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Flatterly returned thanks. Bro. Wade, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wade being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Cope, 201, was unanimously elected a joining member; Bro. Cope replied. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Green, senr., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried, nem. con., that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time, and he certainly worked the ceremonies of initiation and passing in a most creditable manner. The W.M. having replied, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. E. Ayling, P.M., W.M.; C. F. Hilton, P.M., S.W.; W. Mann, P.M., P.Z., J.W.; George Gardner, Treas.; A. H. Strong, Sec.; Westley, S.D.; George Gardner, J.D.; V. Wing, I.G.; H. Furze, Stwd.; and Weeks, Tyler; P.Ms. H. Purdue, Jesse Collins, W. C. Smith, W. Johnson, and Captain Nicols; R. Harvey, H. Fruen, J. D. Smither, C. Hopkins, J. H. Wood, J. Brown, W. H. Wilson, H. Price, D. Stroud, E. A. Tilbury, W. Williams, J. Davis, A. Williams, and J. Sims. Visitors: Bros. E. M. Coombe, H. C. Martin, W. J. Mason, R. Lingley, A. Wells, A. Steng, E. Langes, Giddings, George Reynolds, Greenaway, and Cox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren as follows:—First Lecture—1st Section, Bro. W. Williams; 2nd, Bro. Harry Price; 3rd, Bro. H. Purdue; 4th, Bro. H. Price; 5th, Bro. D. Stroud; 6th, Bro. Jesse Collins; 7th, Bro. C. Hilton. Second Lecture—1st Section, Bro. J. Brown; 2nd, Bro. W. Williams; 3rd, Bro. W. C. Smith; 4th, Bro. Westley; 5th, Bro. Greenaway. Third Lecture—1st Section, Bro. R. Harvey; 2nd, Bro. Greenaway; 3rd, Bro. A. Steng. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the following brethren were then proposed as members of this lodge and unanimously elected: Bro. Giddings, 1446; J. Greenaway, 1260; E. Langes, 141; A. Steng, 141; Geo. Reynolds, 1614; and Lingley, 1381. It was then proposed by Bro. P.M. Collins, and seconded by Bro. P.M. Mann, that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., for the very able manner in which he had filled the office of W.M. during the evening, and was carried unanimously. Bro. Preceptor, in returning thanks, remarked that it was the first time the Fifteen Sections had been worked in the lodge—it not having completed 12 months of existence, and it was the first time that he had undertaken the task of W.M. on such an occasion. He could not express his gratification at the admirable manner in which one and all had assisted in the ceremonies, and hoped that they should have many such enjoyable evenings. He then proposed, and Bro. Gardner seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to each of the brethren who had assisted in working the Sections, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Treasurer proposed, and Bro. Stroud seconded, that Bros. Furze, Tilbury, and Brown be the Auditors of the accounts of this lodge for the past year, and they were accordingly appointed. The W.M. having risen for the third time, "Hearty good wishes" were given, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed. A ballot will be taken by the brethren who have attended the necessary number of times on the third Saturday in May, and we may add that this will be the second five guineas given from the funds to the Charities during the first 12 months of the lodge's existence, thanks to the untiring energy of the W. Treasurer.

Royal Arch.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—The installation meeting of this chapter, which is composed of professional men, was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Present: Ex. Comps. W. H. Kempster, M.E.Z.; A. Churchward, H.; Capt. A. Nicols, J.; also Past P.Zs. Alfred Drew, J. West, and J. C. Gant, and a fair attendance of companions. The visitors were Ex. Comps. D. Haslett, 145; T. Bull, 145; Geo. Mickley, 948; J. T. Pilditch, 766; Comps. H. E. Dehane, L. B. Pillin, T. C. Edmonds, J. B. Stevens, and J. J. Joseph.

The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Comps. Dr. D. S. Skinner, M.D., and Capt. H. S. Andrews, as joining members, and for Bros. J. P. Rickman, W.M. 890; J. B. Cumming, J. Brandon, and A. R. Rudall, as candidates for exaltation, which proved unanimous in each case. A conclave of Installed First Principals was opened, and Comp. Capt. Nicols, P.Z., assumed the First Principal's chair, and installed Comp. Dr. Albert Churchward, as Z. Comp. T. Bull then inducted Capt. Nicols into the chair of H., and gave the address; after which Comp. D. Haslett installed Comp. Dr. D. S. Skinner, as J. Each of these ceremonies was performed with that accuracy of ritual for which the companions named are known. The conclave of Installed Principals having been closed, the companions were readmitted, and the exaltation of Bros. A. R. Rudall and J. Randon proceeded with. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Captain Nicols, assisted by Comps. T. Bull, as H.; D. Haslett, as J.; T. C. Edmonds, as P. Soj.; and Dr. Mickley, Scribe N.

At the request of the M.E.Z., Comp. Haslett delivered the ancient lecture, or traditional history of "Moses' Rod," in a most effective manner. The chapter was closed shortly after, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting room. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, a P.Z.'s jewel, with a suitable inscription on the reverse, was presented to Comp. Dr. W. H. Kempster, who in returning thanks spoke feelingly of the absence of Comps. McPherson and Atkins, the two senior members of the chapter, the one through serious illness and the other through family troubles. Comp. Dr. Kempster also spoke in high praise of the perfect manner in which the work had been done that evening. Comp. Edmonds replied, and said little praise was due to the band of workers; but great blame would have been their portion had not the ceremonies been properly performed, for were not they all fellow-workers at the Domestic Chapter of Improvement? Comps. Nicols, Haslett, Bull, Mickley, and himself were constantly at work, and each took all parts of the work alike, without jealousy or distinction. Several short, pithy speeches and some excellent songs brought the evening to a close.

### INSTRUCTION.

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held at the Alwyn Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, the 30th ult., when there were present Comps. T. T. Phillips, Z.; G. W. Knight, H.; G. Gregory, P.Z. 1538, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; S. George, S.N.; J. Collinson, P.S.; H. Dehane, and T. E. Edmonds, Preceptor. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Sheffield as candidate. The chapter was closed in peace and harmony, and adjourned until the 7th inst.

### Mark Masonry.

**TEMPLE LODGE (No. 173).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Green Dragon Hotel, Stepney, when Bro. E. West, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of A, and saluted in due form. Bro. J. Boulton, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes and Auditors' report having been passed, Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M. and Sec., P.G.S.B. England, assumed the chair, and in finished style installed Bro. West. The following officers were invested by the W.M.: Bros. J. Chitson, S.W.; R. T. Fennell, J.W.; A. Walters, M.O.; W. March, P.G. Stwd. England, S.O.; A. Meyes, J.O.; C. Lacey, P.M., P.G.D.C. England, Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., P.G.S.B. England, Sec.; T. Clarke, S.D.; R. J. Tucker, J.D.; J. J. Perkins, I.G.; W. Buckle, D.C.; H. Cunningham, W.S.; and A. Walkley, Tyler. The charges to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren were then most impressively and eloquently rendered by Bro. Verry, and the ceremony was concluded amid well-merited applause. A cordial vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Verry for his services, and it was resolved that the vote should be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Verry briefly returned thanks. The W.M. presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Boulton, as a token of respect from the lodge, and to mark the sense of the brethren as to the admirable manner in which he had conducted its affairs for the past 12 months; and Bro. Boulton returned thanks. Two guineas were voted to Bro. Boulton's list, he having determined to stand Steward at the forthcoming Mark Benevolent Festival, and lodge was closed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Matier, P.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, Asst. G. Sec. England; G. H. Hollington, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Middx.; Brayley, and A. Lynes, of the lodge; W. C. Claridge, P.M. 205, P.P.G. J.O. East Anglia; A. Penfold, P.M. 226, P.P.G.M.O. Kent; J. Aillud, 226; J. Savage, 226; and C. Jolly, I.G. 226, P.P.G.O. Kent (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts followed an excellent banquet; and, in returning thanks for "The Grand Officers of Grand Lodge,"

Bro. Matier sincerely thanked them, and spoke of the progress the Mark Degree had made during the past six months, and said there had been more certificates issued during that time than at any like period in the history of the Degree. Suffering as he was from a severe cold, they must excuse him upon the present occasion; but he would promise to tell them more of, and thank them more for, their good friends the officers of G.Lodge upon a future visit.

Bro. Hollington responded for "The Present and Past Officers of Prov. Grand Lodges," and trusted in time to see them all rise to the position of P.G. Officers.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said Bro. West was well-known in Masonry, having filled various offices in the several degrees with honour to himself and credit to his colleagues. In the position to which he had that day arrived, he certainly was "the right man in the right place," and he (Bro. Boulton) had no doubt that, as its Master, the interest of the Temple Lodge would receive every attention at his hands. He asked them to drink the toast cordially, and wish Bro. West health and a good year of office.

Bro. West, in response, said he little thought a few years ago that he should ever be called on to preside over a lodge of Mark Master Masons; he thought it would be too hard a task for him, especially as he had so many other things to attend to, but now that he was in the position he should endeavour to do his best for the interest of the lodge

and the comfort and happiness of the brethren. He had presided over a Craft lodge, and, as 1st Principal of a R.A. Chapter, believed he had done so with satisfaction to the brethren of the one and the companions of the other, and trusted that when the time arrived for him to leave that chair they would say, as the best reward they could give him, that he had "marked well."

Bros. Boulton, Lacey, and Verry responded to a very flattering reception of the toast of "The P.M.'s." Bro. Boulton said his dear old friend the Treasurer asked him to speak for the whole of the P.M.'s, but he would speak for himself, and say that he had spent very many pleasant years in the lodge, and could say without fear of contradiction that its career had been a most successful one.

Bro. Lacey said he had been associated with the lodge since its formation, and Bro. Verry and he were the only two left of its founders. He looked upon it as his pet, and loved to work for it, and would do so in his double capacity as a Past Master and Treasurer. Like the I.P.M., he trusted to be spared for many years to assist at, and share its prosperity.

Bro. Verry was almost at a loss to know what to return thanks for unless it was as Secretary. He was only too glad to be both Secretary and Past Master, and so would say a few words in his double capacity. He was pleased to have had the opportunity for the third time to install the W.M. of the Temple Lodge. The mantle of Bro. Mortlock seemed to have fallen on him, and since they had lost that brother, he (Bro. Verry) had endeavoured to fill that loss, and had his recompense in the continued prosperity of the lodge and the approbation of the brethren.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded by Bro. Penfold, who spoke of the pleasure it had afforded him to be present and see the admirable manner in which the installation ceremony was carried out; a manner that they might try and emulate with advantage. He advocated Mark Masonry and hoped to see it reach a yet higher position than it even now occupied.

Bros. Jolly, Savage, and Aillud also responded. Bro. Matier, in response to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," gave a brilliant "resumé" of the origin and progress of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge (No. 124).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was presided over by Bro. W. Coxon, W.M., Prov. G.J.O. An official visit was paid by the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, consisting of Bros. T. Y. Strachan, Deputy Prov. G.M.; C. S. Lane, Prov. G.S.W., Past G.D. England; D. Sinclair, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Carter, Prov. G.M.O.; H. Bauman, Prov. G. Reg. of Marks; T. M. Watson, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Brandt, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Wood, P.P.G.S.O.; J. Strachan, W.M. Tristram Lodge; J. G. Smith, W.M. Industry Lodge; Dr. C. H. Hill Drury, Sec.; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. R. Hudson, S.W., was presented by Bro. W. Liddell, P.P.G.M.O., to Bro. W. Coxon, the Installing Master, by whom Bro. Hudson was duly installed as W.M. of the lodge, the addresses being ably given by Bro. Coxon. The officers were afterwards appointed as follows by the newly-installed W.M.: Bros. W. Coxon, I.P.M.; M. H. Dodd, S.W.; R. Kinmond, J.W.; J. Moor, M.O.; J. R. Pattison, S.O.; H. Wrightson, J.O.; M. Frampton, P.M., Treas.; H. H. Pinkney, Reg. of Marks; Rev. J. Lawson, Chap.; Geo. Porteous, Sec.; J. A. Hall, S.D.; R. W. Halfnight, J.D.; W. Gray, I.G.; A. Carr, D. of C. and Org.; and J. W. Brown, Tyler.

After some other business, the lodge proceedings concluded, and the annual festival of the lodge was held in the evening at the Queen's Hotel, Fawcett-street, when an excellent repast was served, Bro. R. Hudson, W.M., presiding, and Bro. M. H. Dodd, S.W., being in the vice-chair.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.M.M.M., Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram," and regretted that he was unable to be with them that day.

Bro. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.M., in replying to the toast of his health and that of Prov. Grand Officers of the Province of Northumberland and Durham, spoke of the great interest the Rev. Canon Tristram took in the Mark Degree, and said no doubt he would have been present but for his attendance upon his duties at Convocation.

Bro. W. Brandt, P.M., gave the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke of the energy and zeal of Bro. Hudson in Masonry. Bro. Hudson suitably responded. Other toasts followed.

### Knights Templar.

**SHADWELL CLERKE PRECEPTORY (No. 154).**—A regular meeting of this preceptory was held at 33, Golden-square, on Monday last, when there were present Sir Knts. Henry Lovegrove, E.P.; H. C. Heard, P.E.P., as Constable; James Shilcock, Marshal; W. G. Lemon, Prelate; G. J. Dunkley, Reg.; M. Ohren, P.G.A.D.C., P.E.P., Treas.; G. Mickley, P.E.P.; T. G. Robinson, J. Purrott, H. H. Shirley, F. J. Bennett, A. R. Carter, J. Read, P.G.A.D.C.; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.A.D.C.; and G. Austen, Equerry. Sir Knts. E. H. Thiellay, T. G. Robinson, and J. Purrott were elected as joining members. Comps. A. M. McDowall and Norman Selve were installed as Knights Templar. Comp. W. Lake, P.Z., &c., was proposed by Sir Knt. Lovegrove, and seconded by Sir Knt. Cumberland.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Sir Knts. Thiellay, J. Hunt, and Neal York (Constable), the latter absent through the death of a friend. The bye-laws were discussed and approved, and the preceptory was closed in due form.

A Priory of Malta was opened by Sir Knt. J. S. Cumberland, who installed as Priors Sir Knts. W. G. Lemon, M. Ohren, J. Read, and H. Lovegrove. Sir Knts. H. H. Shirley, A. McDowall, F. J. Bennett, A. R. Carter, G. J. Dunkley, and Norman Selve were presented, and the Degree of the Mediterranean Pass conferred, and afterwards they were installed as Knights of Malta by Sir Knts. Cumberland, as Prior; H. Lovegrove, as Prelate; W. G. Lemon, G. Mickley, H. C. Heard, J. Read, T. G. Robinson, J. Purrott, J. Shilcock, and others.

At the completion of a programme lasting three hours, the members dined at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of Sir Knt. Lovegrove.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., Vice-Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. John L. Mather, Charles Belton, James Moon, F. Adlard, L. Ruf, W. A. Scurrah, C. H. Driver, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D. (Head Master), C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, J. J. Murray, H. Webb, Alfred Williams, George P. Gerrard, Henry W. Hunt, W. M. Stiles, A. Middlemass, George Cooper, R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; George Motion, W. H. Saunders, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; T. Hastings Miller, Chas. F. Hogard, G. E. Soppet, W. Maples, Edward Baxter, J. S. Cumberland, and F. Binckes, P.G. Std. (Secretary).

The minutes of previous meeting having been read and verified, and those of the House Committee (Regular and Special) and Quarterly Court read for information, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and adopted. Of five petitions submitted, four were accepted, and one deferred. Six applications for grants were made and entertained, after which the following brethren were nominated for election at the June meeting on the House and Audit Committees:—

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Bros. C. Belton, Edgar Bowyer, Richard Clowes, A. F. Godson, A. W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, J. Moon, J. H. Miller, J. Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, D. Rolls, C. Sanders, W. H. Saunders, and W. Venn. Of these 12 to be elected.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Bros. R. Berridge, G. Cooper, T. Cubitt, C. H. Driver, H. S. Goodall, C. F. Hogard, W. Mann, G. Motion, W. Maple, C. E. Soppet, and W. H. Saunders. Of these nine to be elected.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

### THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival in June next of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday afternoon. Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., Past Grand Treasurer, was in the chair, and among those present were Bros. A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; H. Carman, W. Taylor, J. Lawrence Mather, Millner Jutsum, Charles Belton, A. Steng, Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; William March, J. Aillud, Stephen Richardson, W. A. Scurrah, G. R. Bolton, C. H. Driver, W. J. Parker, John Etherington, James Crowden, Capt. George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; J. Faulkner, Walter King, Edward Swain, J. Glass, E. M. Money, H. M. Harris, N. Goodchild, Asher Barfield, Arthur Josling, W. J. Harvey, J. W. Robinson, C. Wellard, J. P. Parkes, and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd.

The proceedings having been formally opened, the following brethren were chosen officers of the Board: Bro. Mayor J. Woodall Woodall, G. Treas., President; H. B. Marshall, C.C., P.G. Treas., A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, and Fitzherbert Wright, P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, Hon. Vice-Presidents; W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., Trustee, Capt. George Lambert, P.G. Std. Br., Lieut.-Col. Peters, P.G. Svd. Br., and Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., Acting Vice-Presidents; J. Lawrence Mather, Hon. Treas.; and F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec.

A Sub-Committee for making the necessary musical arrangements having been appointed, and other necessary business transacted, the meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman, and will assemble for the second time on Friday, the 29th inst.

It was announced that the Board already consisted of 231 brethren.

### WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

The brethren in this province have already established on substantial foundations two excellent Charities—the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, intended for the maintenance, clothing, and education of the children of deceased and distressed Freemasons; and the Hamer Benevolent Fund, organised for granting annuities to brethren who may be in need of such help. With the view of perpetuating the memory of the late Bro. Alpass, and extending assistance to the widows of distressed Masons, active steps are now being taken for these very laudable purposes by the establishment of another charitable institution in this province.

At a recent general meeting of the Alpass Memorial Committee it was unanimously resolved:—"That the most suitable form of perpetuating the memory of the late Bro. Alpass is to establish a benevolent fund for the relief of distressed widows of Freemasons of the Province of West Lancashire, to be styled 'The West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution.'"

At a meeting of the Sub-Committee, held on the same evening, it was further resolved: "1. That a donation of five guineas should constitute the donor a Vice-President, with five votes at each election. 2. That a donation of one guinea should constitute the donor a Life Governor, with one vote at each election. 3. That a donation of 10 guineas from a lodge or chapter should constitute an officer named by such lodge or chapter a Vice-President in perpetuity. 4. That a donation of two guineas from a lodge or chapter should constitute an officer named by such lodge or chapter a Life Governor in perpetuity."

Before the close of the meeting the sum of 108 guineas was contributed. As the establishment of this Institution will complete the Charities of the province by supplying a long-felt want, the Committee desire to enlist the sympathy and support of the brethren on its behalf. The Joint Secretaries are Bro. W. Goodacre, Stretford, and Bro. J. H. Barrow, 3, York-street, Liverpool.

The sixth Military Tournament at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, will take place during the week beginning and ending with the 22nd and 27th June respectively. There will be the usual competitions in tent-pegging, tilting at the ring, &c., and also the musical ride, which will be executed by the Royal Horse Guards. Cavalry displays of a special character will also be given, and a new feature will be introduced in the shape of a display by infantry and engineers.



Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette has been re-elected Examiner in the University of London for the twelfth time.

Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., was one of the guests at the Livery dinner of the Distillers' Company on the 28th ult.

The Corporation of the City of London has voted the sum of 100 guineas to the Gordon Memorial Fund at the Mansion House.

Bro. Lord Muncaster has been unanimously selected as candidate for West Cumberland in the Conservative interest at the next election.

Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Manchester, with the Lady Alice Montague, have arrived in Great Stanhope-street from Tanderagee Castle, Armagh.

Bro. Viscount and the Viscountess Powerscourt arrived in London last week, and also Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Breadalbane from Taymouth Castle.

Bro. W. Howard Russell, LL.D., will preside at the anniversary dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund to be held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

The Queen and the Princess Beatrice reached Windsor Castle on their return from the Continent at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday last, having travelled via Flushing and Port Victoria.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughters, Princess Louise, Victoria, and Maud, were present on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Royal private view of the Royal Academy of Arts.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P. (Chairman), and Lord Carrington, P.G.W., attended the 72nd meeting, on Thursday, the 30th ult., of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Working Classes.

The Queen and the Princess Beatrice left Darmstadt for England on Monday evening, Bro. the Grand Duke and the members of his family taking leave of her Majesty and the Princess at the railway station.

By command of the Queen, the Prince of Wales will hold a Levée at St. James's Palace on Monday next, the 11th inst., presentations to his Royal Highness being deemed equivalent to presentations to her Majesty.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the Vaudeville Theatre on Thursday evening, the 30th ult., and witnessed the performance of H. J. Bryon's comedy, "Open House."

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, formally opened on Saturday morning the new subway connecting the South Kensington Railway Station with the International Inventions Exhibition.

Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., P.G.W., presided on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at a meeting held at the Mansion House, under the auspices of the Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays.

The Prince of Wales has presented the Mayor of Belfast with a richly engraved massive gold pencil case, surmounted with a crown, in token of His Royal Highness's appreciation of the enthusiastic welcome accorded him in Belfast.

The Brazilian Minister visited Marlborough House on Saturday last for the purpose of presenting to Prince Albert Victor of Wales, on behalf of the Empress of Brazil, the Order of the Southern Cross on the occasion of his Royal Highness attaining his majority.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Sheriff Phillips will be the guests of the Corporation of London Markets Committee at a banquet for which Bro. F. P. Alliston, Chairman of the Committee, has issued cards of invitation. The day fixed is Thursday, the 21st inst.

The International Inventories Exhibition, South Kensington, was formally opened on Monday by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the ceremony, which was of the simplest character, taking place in the Conservatory. Bros. Earl Granville and Sir Charles Burt., M.P., were among those present.

It has been reported that 25 pictures were destroyed by the recent fire at Bestwood, the residence of R.W. Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire. Of these 15 were portraits of members of the St. Albans family. Several of the most interesting and valuable of the collection escaped without any injury at all.

The fifteenth annual ball in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage took place at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 30th ult. Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., P.G.W., and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and the Commissioners of the Metropolitan and City Police were present, while Bro. Borlase Childs was one of the Stewards.

The following dinners took place at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, the 9th inst.: Monday—Joppa Lodge; Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society, Garrett's testimonial; Highland Society. Wednesday—German Hospital; Grand Chapter Club. Thursday—United Lodge; St. Andrew's Lodge. Friday—Amersham Hall; Britannic Lodge. Saturday—Phoenix Lodge; Lodge of King Solomon.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., has been pleased to grant a warrant—on the recommendation of the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Middlesex—for a new lodge, to be called the "Cama," to meet at the Mitre, Hampton Court. Our very highly esteemed W. Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama is the first W.M. designate; W. Bro. John Read, the first S.W. designate; and W. Bro. Henry Baldwin is the first J.W. designate. The consecration will take place at an early date, but is not yet fixed. This will probably be a summer lodge.

We have to announce that the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held at Uxbridge on Saturday, the 6th June next. We have no doubt there will be, as usual, a strong muster of brethren to do honour to their respected chief, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M.

Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, P.G.W., will be one of the Conservative candidates for the City of London at the next election.

Bro. Lord Richard Grosvenor, M.P., P.G.W., will preside at the first House dinner this season of the National Liberal Club.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts is exerting herself to secure the success of a scheme for promoting the industry of bee-keeping among cottagers.

It is gratifying to learn that Bro. Loveridge is gradually regaining his strength, thanks to the skill and constant care shown by those who have been in attendance on him.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales has returned from Marlborough House to Great Yarmouth, and his brother, Prince George, to H.M.'s ship Excellent at Portsmouth.

Friday, the 1st inst., being the anniversary of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's birthday, there were the customary celebrations in London in honour of the event. His Royal Highness was born 1st May, 1850.

At the annual meeting for the election of W.M., &c., of the United Lodge, No. 697, Colchester, on the 27th ult., the J.W., Bro. J. T. Bailey, was elected W.M., and Bro. Richard Clowes, Treasurer for the ensuing year.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor of Wales was to be passed F.C. at a lodge of emergency held on Thursday, the 10th inst., by the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth. A large muster of the local brethren was participated.

Bros. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas., Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., and the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., were among the guests at the Royal Academy banquet on Saturday last.

It is expected that the presentation of the testimonial proposed to be given to Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., in recognition of his services as Lord Mayor for the year 1883-4 will take place some time during the month of June. A Sub-Committee has charge of the arrangements.

The 52nd Anniversary Festival of the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when the Treasurer, Bro. Capt. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., who was one of the principal guests, contributed £25 towards the funds of the Charity.

At the Annual Festival at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 30th ult., of the British Home for Incurables, there were present among others Bros. Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Capt. Bedford Pim, and G. Shaw, C.C. The subscriptions amounted to £1750.

Among the guests at the annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers, held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., in the Conservatory of the Royal Horticultural Gardens, South Kensington, were Bros. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.W.; Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.; Sir Edward Reed, K.C.B., M.P., and Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P.

The arbitration case of Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland, against the Manchester Corporation has been settled, after a careful consideration extending over six days. His lordship's claim was for upwards of £14,000, and the sum awarded by the umpire (Bro. Sir Henry Hunt), subject to future arrangements, is £8280.

Bro. Earl of Wharnclyffe presided at the dinner given at the Criterion on Wednesday, the 29th ult., to Bro. Henry Irving, to celebrate that brother's return from the United States. Among the principal guests present were Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Lord Lonsborough, Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., Sir Bruce M. Seton, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P.

The deputation from the City of London, which left England for Brussels at the close of last week for the purpose of presenting to the King of the Belgians an address of congratulation on the recognition of the new Congo State, were received by his Majesty on Monday, and having acquitted themselves of their duty, subsequently dined with the Royal family of Belgium at Lackin. Among the members of the Commission were Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., P.G.W., Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Alderman De Keyser, Sir John B. Monckton (Town Clerk), and E. Dresser Rogers.

The banquet which inaugurates the annual exhibition of the Royal Academy of Arts was held on Saturday evening last in the principal gallery at Burlington House. Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., occupied the chair, and there were present as the principal guests their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge, Prince Christian, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Marquis of Lorne, Count Gleichen, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., P.G.W.; the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Foreign Ambassadors, Bros. Earl Granville and the Earls of Wharnclyffe, Fife, Jersey, and Carnarvon, Bro. Viscount Sherbrooke, Bro. Baron F. de Rothschild, and Bros. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P.; Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.; Sir Ferrer Herschell, Q.C., M.P.; Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.; Sir A. Bass, Bart., M.P.; Shaw-Lefevre, M.P.; G. O. Trevelyan, M.P.; and Captain Shaw.

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Bro. Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., Lady Bailey, and family arrived in town in the early part of last week.

Bro. Earl Granville left town on Sunday afternoon for Windsor Castle, when his lordship had an audience of her Majesty.

Bro. Col. Stanley, M.P., P.G.W., has been appointed Chairman of the House of Commons Committee on the Corporation of London Tower Bridge Bill.

Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., has accepted an invitation to become Conservative candidate for the representation of the north-eastern division of Manchester.

The Prince of Wales has signified his intention of becoming an exhibitor at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show, at Derry, in July next, and will also give a cup for competition among the exhibitors.

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

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., presided at a meeting held at New College, Finchley-road, on Saturday last, of the Committee for special religious services to the people in theatres, halls, and mission rooms.

Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart., M.P., and Lord Hothfield were present at the second meeting this season of the Fox Club held at Brooks's on Saturday evening last.

Bro. J. G. Shaw, formerly of the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, and now host of the Old Blue Posts, Southampton-Buildings, Holborn, entertained his friends at dinner on Thursday, the 30th ult., on the occasion of his opening the latter house.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, the Rt. Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers (Chancellor of the Exchequer), Rt. Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., and the Rt. Hon. G. Shaw-Lefevre attended the Cabinet Council held in Downing-street on Saturday last.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales will be called to the Bench of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, and dine with the Benchers in their Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th June. It is expected the Prince of Wales, who is also a Benchers of the same Inn, will be present on the occasion.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., P.G.W., Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., presided at the 67th annual meeting, held at the Mansion House, on Monday, of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. The report for the past year was adopted.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales, accompanied by Bro. Lord Suffield, left Marlborough House on Wednesday, the 29th ult., for Yarmouth, for the purpose of doing duty with the 2nd Brigade Eastern Division Royal Artillery, in which his Royal Highness holds a commission as lieutenant during the period of his regimental training.

We regret to hear that Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., has been ordered by his medical adviser to avoid undertaking anything that is likely to cause any excessive strain to the constitution, and that he must leave England for the continent, and pass next winter there, for the benefit of Lady Truscott's health and his own.

Bro. A. L. Emanuel, of the firm of H. M. Emanuel and Son, jewellers and silversmiths to the Queen, 12 and 13, Ordnance-row, Portsea, had the honour of submitting the 300 guineas Salisbury Race Cup, which that firm has just manufactured, to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, at Marlborough House, on Friday, the 1st inst.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, M.P., P.G.W., Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.W., Baron H. De Worms, M.P., the Earl of Milltown, P.G.W., Lord Henniker, P.G.W., Lieut.-Gen. the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.W., Sir G. Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.P.G.M. South Wales East, Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., Captain George Lambert, P.G.S.B., Sir F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, T. Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes, Robert Grey, P.G.D., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., Sir C. Bright, J. H. Paul, M.D., G.D.D.C., Peter de L. Long, P.G.D., Major C. Harding, G.A.D.C.; R. Eve, C. Belton, and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., were among the guests at the Needle-makers' banquet at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 30th ult.

The address presented by Bro. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P., to the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, at the installation ceremony at Leeds, on the 24th ult., was from the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. It was beautifully illuminated on vellum, with Masonic designs and scroll work, and a facsimile of the lodge seal reproduced on the margin, and ran as follows: "To the R. Worshipful Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Grand Deacon, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire. We, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge of Freemasons, No. 1611, beg to congratulate you on the recognition by the Grand Master of your Masonic worth and services in his selection of you for the important office in which you have this day been installed. We fervently hope that you may be spared by the Grand Architect of the Universe for many years to be the guide and ruler of the brethren of our sister province, and to continue your inestimable services to our beloved Craft. Signed on behalf of the lodge—Fred. Milner, W.M.; J. Blenkin, I.P.M.; A. T. B. Turner, S.W.; W. Brown, J.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; G. Balfour, P.M.; James Kay, Secretary. York, 24th April, 1885." Bro. Sir Frederick was most warmly received by the assembled multitude of brethren in the Victoria Hall, cheer upon cheer greeting his appearance. He was accompanied by the following members of the Eboracum Lodge: Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; W. Brown, S.W.; B. L. Mills, W. Lackenby, and G. Lamb.

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.—Tobacconists 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 15, 1885.

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

#### MONDAY, MAY 11.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 193, Confidence, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.  
 " 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 " 1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 1789, Ubique, S. Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1861, Claremont, School-room, Esher.  
 " 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.  
 " 2012, Chiswick, Bolton Hot., Chiswick.  
 " 2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.  
 Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 720, Whittington, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.  
 Mark 239, Royal Naval, St. Red Lion-sq.  
 " 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 R.C. 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-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 Ho., Clapham-rd.-station, 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.  
 Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hot., Victoria-park-rd., E.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hot., Putney, 8 till 10.  
 West Smithfield, City Boundary Tav., 109, Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snaresbrook, at 8.  
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.  
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 12.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
 " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
 " 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 1668, Samson, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.  
 " 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1837, Lullingstone, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.  
 " 1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Mark 315, Henniker, 8A, Red Lion-sq.  
 K.H. 30, 33, Golden-sq.  
 S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., 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 Edgecombe, 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 13.

- Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 4.  
 Lodge 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 13, Union Waterloo.  
 " 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-road, Limehouse.  
 " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.  
 " 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 " 1306, St. John, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate.  
 " 1986, Honor Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak.

- Chap. 778, Bard of Avon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-place, W.  
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.  
 Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.  
 S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.  
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, S.  
 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, S.  
 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 14.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 1216, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.  
 " 1457, Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Prince's-rd., Buckhurst Hill.  
 " 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.  
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.  
 Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.  
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.  
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.  
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.  
 Mark 331, Davison, 8A, Red Lion-sq.  
 K.T. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.

#### 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-cl.-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.  
 Creation, Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 15.

- Election Benevolent Institution, at 12.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.  
 " 2005, Brooke, Forest Hot., Chingford, Essex.  
 K.T. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

#### 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 16.

- Lodge 185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 " 1326, Lebanon, Railway Hot., Feltham.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.  
 " 1767, Kensington, South Kensington Hot., Queen's Gate Terrace.  
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 " 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Mark 251, Tenterden, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh-st., Walthamstow A.M.D. 17, 8A, Red Lion-sq.

#### 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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