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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday last, the Earl of LIMERICK being in the chair. There was a very large attendance of brethren considering the numerous attractions elsewhere. The recognition of Grand Lodge of South Australia was carried *nem. con.* The election for the various Boards took place, and some new blood was added to those important bodies, no doubt wisely and seasonably, though in the process, as often happens, the Craft loses the experienced services of one or two faithful servants. The vote of a thousand pounds for the Boys' School was carried by a large majority. Both the appeals were dismissed. Grand Lodge was not closed until after ten o'clock.

WHAT the value and benefit of Freemasonry are to the world in which we live, who of us can rightly estimate or truly tell? Many writers, friendly and hostile, have puzzled themselves and their readers with seeking to answer the question, which appears to them to be a paradox truly, why Freemasonry flourishes, and progresses, and expands among men? why it receives the sympathies, and wins the trust of the cultured, the learned, the scholar and the sage, the man of the world, the student recluse, all at the same time? It may be its social amenity; it may be its cultivated toleration; it may be its intense humanitarianism; it may be its enduring friendships; it may even be its ceaseless witness to the inestimable rights of private judgment and the sanctity of the individual conscience and opinions. Whichever of these causes, or whether they all combine to constitute the charm, the "raison de être," the outcome, the "factor" of Freemasonry proper to-day we cannot pretend to say, for we do not assume to know; but we are sure of this, that Freemasonry has some potent influences, some vital and vitalizing power so to please, so to affect, so to gain the good opinion of successive generations. There have been times, indeed, when it has been secretly maligned or openly persecuted. There have been epochs when assumed authority sought to ban it, and foolish tyranny desired to crush it. Nay, there have been seasons in its annals, some not so long removed from our own period and generation, when a huge Satanic lie was gratuitously propagated by the weak, the credulous, and the fanatic, to hinder its progress, to disorganize its forces, and to stamp it out and crush out its very life and reality, as before men. And yet here is Freemasonry before our eyes to-day, healthier, stronger, and more numerous than ever. Indeed, its little weaknesses and aberrations, (for we all have little weaknesses and aberrations here), only serve to bring out its robust constitution, its "mens san in corpora sano" clearer and fuller to the view. We see other things and institutions fading and crumbling before our own eyes; Freemasonry passes by them all, survives them all. Whence, then, we repeat, is the secret of its perpetual youth, its staying power? We believe that it is to be found in its social, friendly, and sympathetic adaptation to the best feelings of our hearts, and the truest and kindest sentiments of our nature. We see that it is genial, we know that it is refining; we have proved it to be elevating, and we are convinced that it is utilitarian, beneficial, and beneficent. What more do we want? What else need we care for? What matter to us the absurd opposition of the ignorant, the sarcasms of the antagonistic, or even the curses of "false prophets?" We feel sure that it will outlive all these things, laugh down and condemn all this utter foolishness and perverseness of men, and will prove in the future, as in the present and the past of its history, of utility, of reality, of blessing to our entire race.

A NOTE elsewhere tells us a piece of good news for Masonic Students. Bro. FINDEL is proposing to publish a new work on Masonic bibliography. It is to be nearly complete in its enumeration of Masonic books from 1858 to 1885, and contains 2741 numbers. We do not quite see why our excellent Bro. FINDEL leaves out the intervening period between 1844 and 1855. Indeed, we are rather inclined to think that Bro. FINDEL's best policy would have been, and have increased materially the value of his work, had he re-edited an edition of KLOSS, correcting some few trivial errors, introduc-

ing some omissions, and giving a complete bibliography of Masonic literature from 1717 up to date. But we have no doubt Bro. FINDEL's book will be warmly received as a great help to Masonic Students.

OUR worthy Bro. CAMA will shortly be installed as W.M. of a new lodge, the Cama Lodge, to be consecrated by our distinguished Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex. We wish Bro. CAMA all health and happiness in his important office; few brethren have merited more thanks and respect at the hands of English Masons.

WE fully endorse the kindly and sympathetic remarks on our late worthy and respected Bro. Dr. HENRY HOPKINS, which Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, one of his most intimate friends, has forwarded to us, and which appear elsewhere in our columns. From whatever point of view we regard the character of the deceased, whether as a member of our ancient Fraternity, and one of its ablest and most scholarly exponents, as a genial upholder of the sacred rites of hospitality, or merely as a private individual steeped to the very heart's core with a most unselfish love for his fellows, whatever their estate or calling, in each and every of them we find that Dr. HOPKINS nobly and persistently essayed to do his duty. That his efforts were in a very great degree successful, we have in evidence the unanimous opinion of his numerous friends and acquaintances, not the least valued of whom was the brother to whom we are indebted for the brief sketch we are now publishing of his Masonic career. Of that career we shall say nothing further here than that it is given to few men to have figured so prominently in three separate and distinct centres of Masonry—Jersey, Warwickshire, and Somersetshire—and in each case to have attracted towards himself so much genuine sympathy and respect as our late Bro. Dr. HOPKINS, and we are certain the Craft generally, but especially the brethren in the districts we have specified, will read with unfeigned sorrow that henceforth his place will know him no more.

THE Half-yearly Report of the General Board of Mark Grand Lodge, except in one particular, is most satisfactory. Not only does it show the rapid, yet safe, progress this popular branch of Masonry has been latterly making—a fact like this must be so patent to every one that we ought almost to apologise for referring to it—but it demonstrates likewise the still more important position, that this progress is substantial as well as numerical. The interior arrangements of Grand Lodge are manifestly well and carefully conducted; its finances are sound, and its Benevolent Fund of greater strength, and doing more important work than ever. It is true that the Board have to lament the loss, through the failure of their bankers, of a very appreciable sum, amounting to several hundreds of pounds sterling. But the effect of this—which is the one drawback already referred to from our general feeling of satisfaction—can only be transitory in the case of a body which has an increasing income and an invested capital of over £6000, and we should not be doing them justice if we did not congratulate the executive of the Mark Grand Lodge on the wisdom and soundness of the principles on which they have administered its affairs and the consequent success of their administration.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, in the Temple. The Earl of Limerick, Prov. Grand Master for Bristol, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the M.W.G.M. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, as Past Grand Master. The Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W., and Col. Sackville West, G.J.W., were in their respective chairs. Among the other brethren present were

Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, G. Chap.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, G. Chap.; J. Woodall, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Thos. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. G.C.; Dr. Alfred Meadows, G.S.D.; F. H. Goldney, G.J.D.; Sir A. Woods, G.D.C.; Major L. Harding, Assist. G.D.C.; Butler Wilkins, G. Std. Br.; G. P. Brockbank, G.S.B.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; H. Garrod, G.P.; A. Lucking, A.G.P.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicestershire; Rev. H. Adair Pickard, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Horace B. Marshall, P.G. Treas.; H. Dumas, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; R. Grey, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; R. Costa, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D.; Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, P.G.D.; F. Davison, P.G.D.; J. Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; H. G. Buss, P.A.G. Sec.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; George Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; W. Metcalfe, P.G.S.B.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. St. Br.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. St. Br.; Jas. Brette, P.G.P.; and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 4th March, and of Grand Festival of 29th April, were read by the Grand Secretary, and confirmed.

The Earl of LIMERICK announced that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to nominate for the Board of General Purposes Bros. Thomas Fenn (President), Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*), Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Sir John B. Monckton, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Dr. Alfred Meadows, Jas. Ebenezer Saunders, John Anthony Rucker, Robert Grey, Major Chas. Harding, and Charles Hammerton, Grand Swd. Br.; and for the Colonial Board Bros. John Anthony Rucker (President), Major George Haldane (Vice-President), H. D. Sandeman, Brackstone Baker. Brethren elected by Grand Lodge: Bros. John Laurence Mather, Sir Reginald Hanson, Sir Bruce Seton, Ralph Clutton, Thomas Charles Walls, William A. Dawson, Thomas Hastings Miller, Giovanni P. Festa, James Willing, jun., Reginald St. Aubyn Roumieu, Charles Frederick Hogard, Edward F. Storr, Fredk. West, and Tom Drew Bear. There had been a number of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board not exceeding the number for election, and it was his duty therefore to declare that they were duly elected as members of the Colonial Board: Bros. Brett, Haldane, Maitland, Rivington, Robbins, Roe, and Whitmarsh.

Bro. HUGH HEUGH RIACH, P.M. 1118, then proposed Bro. Stanley Harding as Grand Lodge Auditor, who had satisfactorily discharged his duties last year, and was for 10 years assistant to his father, who was Grand Lodge Auditor. He thought the brethren could not err if they continued the confidence in the son they so long reposed in the father.

Lieut.-Col. HALDANE, P.M. 1615, seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

The following brethren were elected on the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. Chas. Alexander Cottebrune, Thomas W. C. Bush, Alfred H. Tattershall, James Willing, jun., John E. Dawson, Captain Alfred Durrant, James Boulton, William J. Murlis, Charles Dairy, and Thomas Mount Humphries.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence having been read and received, the following recommendations, moved by Bro. JAS. BRETT, and seconded by Bro. COTTEBRUNE, were confirmed:

The widow of a brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, London ...	£75 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford ...	50 0 0
A brother of the Social Lodge, No. 93, Norwich ...	60 0 0
A brother of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, Plumstead ...	50 0 0
A brother of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, Liverpool ...	50 0 0

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

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May inst., shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £4818 os. 11d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £11 17s. 6d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., May 19th, 1885.

At a meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 19th May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:

The Members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Bro. Thomas Fenn, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed)

RALPH CLUTTON,
Vice-President.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 15th May, 1885, was laid before Grand Lodge.

The next business was the consideration of an application from a Body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of South Australia," stating that all the lodges and almost all the Masons in that Colony had united in forming an Independent Grand Lodge, and praying that it may therefore be recognized as such by the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, in introducing the subject, said in the important colony of South Australia, before the formation of the body referred to, there existed lodges of Masons holding, to the number of 20, their warrants from, and making their returns to, Grand Lodge of England. There were other and not so many lodges holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and others which, in their turn, held under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. These lodges, or rather the brethren composing them, had, by movement which they made, virtually unanimously joined and agreed in constituting, and, as far as they were able to constitute, bringing their allegiance to a body formed within the limits of the colony, which they had styled "The Grand Lodge of South Australia." In so doing, the brethren composing the lodges that held under our jurisdiction had acted in a manner which showed that they thoroughly appreciated the position of this Grand Lodge, and the body which made the application for recognition expressed its willingness to preserve and recognise the rights of any lodge or brother that might still desire to maintain and hold allegiance to Grand Lodge of England; and in other respects, so far as he was able to form an opinion from the papers which had been transmitted to the Grand Secretary, the action of the brethren had been dictated by a thoroughly fraternal spirit. The majority of the brethren composing 19 of the 20 English lodges in South Australia had at the time of the application assented to and concurred in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, and some time in the course of last month the brethren composing the 20th lodge had also intimated their adhesion. Under those circumstances, he could not do better than quote the words of his predecessor, Bro. McIntyre: "If the time should come when the lodges of a district, and the Masons of a district, as a body, should consider that they should form a separate Grand Lodge of their own, and it should be clear to United Grand Lodge of England that the lodges and the Masons unanimously desired it, we should be inclined to give them the recognition which they desire." And when a wish had been thus expressed, and a body thus formed, although so far as G. Lodge was concerned, for the moment the recognition was technically of an irregular body, yet he thought they should not be indisposed as a Grand Lodge to recognise them, although, in one sense, they regretted the severance of the tie. He might say that the brethren of the various lodges had

not been unmindful of the past tie, nor were they inclined to disregard it, for one of the matters which they had asked the M.W.G.M. to grant them was, that they might be allowed to retain, as a cherished memento of their former connection with the Grand Lodge of England, the warrants originally granted to them by this Grand Lodge. Bearing also in mind that Grand Secretary, who had been in correspondence with the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland on the subject, that they had recognised, or were prepared to recognise, the Grand Lodge of South Australia as a Sovereign body, but would be guided in a great measure by the action which the Grand Lodge of England would take that evening, he had great pleasure in moving—"That this Grand Lodge agrees to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of South Australia."

Bro. the Rev. Canon PORTAL, G.C., said he had great pleasure in seconding the proposition which had been so ably put by the Grand Registrar. He thought it did the brethren of South Australia great credit that they wished to retain their Grand Lodge of England warrants as historical records, and it was also much to their credit that they had stated their willingness to acknowledge the indefeasible rights of any lodge which might hold its allegiance to their Grand Lodge to retain it. That, no doubt, was a point on which the Grand Registrar would have been very firm if there was a necessity for it. Under the circumstances, no doubt Grand Lodge would be doing a very graceful and fraternal act in acknowledging this new body, which had throughout behaved in a most courteous way towards the Grand Lodge of England.

A Brother, who said he was largely interested in South Australia, wished to know whether Tasmania was included in the present motion.

Bro. PHILBRICK said "No," it applied only to the South Australian, and not to the Tasmanian District. Tasmania was an entirely independent instance.

The Earl of LIMERICK said before he put this motion to the vote he thought it would not be out of place, even in the presence of those senior to himself, to say a few words on this resolution, but not in any way as from the chair, endeavouring to forecast what the resolution of Grand Lodge would be. Expressing an individual opinion, though an opinion which he thought was shared by a very large number of the brethren, Grand Lodge could not he thought but acknowledge the friendly and fraternal spirit with which the body styling itself, as they must say at present, "The Grand Lodge of South Australia," had approached this Grand Lodge, they must recognise that their request might be said to have been a unanimous one; they had not endeavoured—in fact, they had repudiated the idea—to enforce obedience on any lodges in that district which did not wish to join them—they had repudiated that idea altogether. They had approached this Grand Lodge—he felt sure every brother present would think—in a most proper spirit. If Grand Lodge decided to accept this motion he felt sure we should have in South Australia a body of brethren who, although no longer directly subject to this Grand Lodge, would maintain and uphold the great traditions of English Masonry. He thought it was not out of place to remember that our colonies, although in civil matters they possessed local self government, had shown that they were ready to rally to the assistance of the mother country whenever they might be called upon to do so. (Cheers.) He was sure that that spirit would exist also in Freemasonry. He trusted, speaking individually, that this motion might be accepted unanimously, and that they might wish the Grand Lodge of South Australia "Hearty good wishes" and God speed, and that we might recognise in it a promising addition to the Grand Lodges of the world.

The motion was then put, and the Earl of LIMERICK said he thought, to use the language of parliament, it might be said it was carried "nemine contradicente."

The announcement was received with loud cheers.

Bro. PHILBRICK next introduced an appeal from the W.M. and brethren of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1831, Ashfield, New South Wales, against a ruling of their District Grand Master forbidding the discussion in open lodge of a resolution proposed by Bro. Deakin, Junior Warden. The Grand Registrar, in explaining the circumstances, said that the resolution, the discussion of which was forbidden, was as follows: "That, in the opinion of this lodge, it is desirable that amalgamation of all the Masons in New South Wales should take place as speedily as possible," and that resolution was followed by another—"That its terms be communicated to the District Grand Master"—and upon that being so communicated the District Grand Master directed the W.M. of the lodge to take the notice from the agenda paper, and to prevent the motion being discussed in the lodge. Against that direction the Master and brethren of the Victoria Lodge appealed. As he had read the motion, it must have struck every one who heard it that it did not seem a very dangerous one; but from the papers which were sent from the District Grand Master and from the Master of the lodge, it appeared that motion was intended and designed to cover the discussion of a question whether or not the lodge in question should renounce allegiance to Grand Lodge, and enter into submission to a body which had applied, and unsuccessfully applied, to Grand Lodge for recognition, which had created itself in New South Wales, and to which no very great bulk of brethren of the Craft had at present entered. The Grand Registrar then referred to the acknowledgment by a Master on being installed of the ancient charges, and to the 20th Article of the Book of Constitutions, which provided that a brother who had been concerned in making Masons in a lodge which was not a regular lodge, or who might assist in forming a new lodge without the Grand Master's authority, should not be admitted as a member or as a visitor to any regular lodge, nor be entitled to any relief from the Fund of Benevolence, or to any Masonic privilege, until he made due submission to Grand Lodge. That was an undoubted law of the Craft. He pointed out that Grand Lodge was not grudging in its recognition of a proper case, as Grand Lodge had just now proved. It was only too pleased to see the spread of Masonry in the colonies, and wished them hearty success in propagating the principles of Masonry, and long might their career, thus auspiciously begun, go on, and long might the Grand Lodge of South Australia prosper; but it was a very different thing indeed when a lodge got up a discussion for the joining of a body which Grand Lodge did not recognise. He considered the District Grand Master was quite right; the discussion would not have promoted harmony in the lodge; and he would move that the appeal be dismissed.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, seconded the motion.

The appeal was dismissed.

The next business was the consideration of an appeal by a brother of the Province of Middlesex against a ruling of Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, sustaining a sentence of exclusion passed by that lodge on the brother now appealing.

The applicant stated his case, but the Grand Lodge unanimously, after a long and patient hearing, dismissed the appeal.

On the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G. Deacon, seconded by Bro. W. ROEBUCK, P.G. Steward, Grand Lodge passed the following resolution:

That one thousand pounds (£1000) be paid from the Fund of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' Preparatory School Building Fund, towards defraying the cost of fittings and furniture for the new buildings now approaching completion.

The following motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G. Deacon, was also carried:

That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The half yearly communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.M.M., presided. Among the brethren present were Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M.; Lord Henniker, P.G.M.; the Marquis of Hertford, and Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M.; Col. Chas. Lyne, P. Dep. P.G.M.M. Monmouth; Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. G. M. Lincolnshire; Rev. Canon Tristram, Prov. G.M. Northumberland and Durham; T. Trollope, M.D., Prov. G.M. Sussex; Sir C. J. Palmer, Bart., P.G.W.; L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M. Monmouth; S. Geo. Homfray, Deputy P.G.M.M. Monmouth; W. J. Hughtan, P.G.W.; and others.

There were also present Bros. Lord J. Tylour, G.S.W.; G. P. Brockbank, G.J.W.; H. Venn, G.M.O.; J. S. Cumberland, G.J.O.; Rev. Dean Currie, and Rev. F. H. Richardson, G. Chaps.; F. Davison, G. Treas.; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; C. W. Duke, G.S.D.; E. L. Shepherd, G.J.D.; R. Berridge, G.D. of C.; Bryant, G. Std. Br.; W. Ganz, G.O.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; W. Morris, G.I.G.; E. H. Thiellay, C. F. Hogard, H. Stephens, W. E. Stewart, and F. W. Driver, G. Stwds.; E. F. Storr, A. Tisley, James Terry, George Kenning, Col. Randle, Ford Somerset, D.P.G.M.M.; W. Kelly, Leicestershire, Northants and Derbyshire; J. Walker, Dep. P.G.M.M.M. Gloucestershire; Rev. J. Studholme-Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Buckinghamshire; Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx. and Surrey; Chas. Stephens, Dep. P.G.M. Berks and Oxon; A. F. Godson, P.G.M.M.M. Worcester; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; Edward Margett, P.G.S.D.; J. L. Thomas, P.G.S.D.; R. L. Loveland, P.G. Stwd.; J. Stevens, P.G.J.O.; S. Mattison, P.G.D.; O. H. Pearson, P.G.S.O.; J. M. P. Montague, P.G.W.; A. Williams, P.G.D.; W. March, P.G.S.; G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.O.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.W.; T. Pulley, P.G.S.D.; J. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; R. J. Mure, P.G.O.; T. Ralling, P.G.D.; Henry George, P.G.S.; A. Thrale Perkins, P.G.S.D.; T. Taylor, P.G.S.; W. Watkins, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Soppet, P.G.S.; G. Powell, P.G.S.; D. P. Cama, J. L. Mather, T. Cubitt, G. P. Festa, Dr. Mickley, Gardiner, R. D. Driver, E. J. Hoare, William M. Reynolds, Jubal Webb, J. J. Berry, J. L. Anderson, Donald Glass, Dr. Matthews, Francis Knight, E. L. P. Valeriani, G. Graveley, Dr. L. Powell, W. A. Scurrah, and Rev. V. S. Vickers, and others.

After the opening of Grand Lodge and the saluting of the G.M. and D.G.M., the minutes were read and confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was adopted, and the recommendations therein made were agreed to.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The number of certificates issued in the half-year ending 31st March last, was 809, the largest number as yet granted in a similar period, the total of registered advancements being now 20,196. During the same period ten warrants for new lodges were granted, viz:—

- No. 346, Tristram, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- „ 347, Albert Edward, St. Thomas, Danish W.I.
- „ 348, Fidelity and Unanimity, Taunton.
- „ 349, Aldershot Army and Navy, Aldershot.
- „ 350, Temperance in the East, Poplar, E.
- „ 351, Saint Anne's, East Looe, Cornwall.
- „ 352, Prince Leopold, Ripon.
- „ 353, Dove Valley, Ashbourne.
- „ 354, Rose and Lily, Waltham Cross.
- „ 355, Royal Savoy, London.

In the Degree of Ark Mariner, the number of certificates issued was 127, bringing the total registered elevations to 1797.

Warrants for new Ark Mariner Lodges have been granted to Noah Lodge attached to Ramsay Lodge, 180, Murree, Punjab; Byron Lodge attached to Newstead Lodge, T.L., Nottingham; Stella Lodge attached to Star of Burmah Lodge, SS. Rangoon, B.B.

The M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the R.W. Bro. Rev. John Fairclough, Prov. Grand Mark Master of British Burmah.

The R.W. Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, J.P., has been re-appointed Prov. Grand Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire for a further term of three years.

The Board has the melancholy duty of recording its deep regret at the loss of V.W. Bro. H. C. Levander, who for upwards of ten years discharged the duties of Grand Registrar in a manner highly advantageous to the best interest of Grand Lodge.

It having been reported to the Board that a brother had been installed in the chair of W.M. who had not served the office of W.M. in a Craft Lodge, and who had not procured the necessary dispensation (article 64, page 13, Book of Constitutions), the Board recommending the M.W. Grand Master to issue a special dispensation to cover this irregularity, and inflicted a fine of two guineas on the lodge.

A petition has been presented from Derwent Lodge, 282, supported by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, praying that the Board would recommend Grand Lodge to condone certain irregularities in the installation of Bros. Coverdale and Salkeld, who, by unintentional error and inadvertence, had only filled the chair of W.M. for ten months each. The Board having carefully considered the whole of the circumstances connected with the case, has pleasure in recommending Grand Lodge to confirm Bros. Coverdale and Salkeld in the rank and privileges of Past Master, on payment of a fine of two guineas each.

A petition has been presented by the Leopold Lodge, 235, stating that the installation of 1884 was unavoidably postponed, and that in consequence of inadvertence and forgetfulness, the then installed W.M., Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chap., only served 11 months in the chair of W.M., and praying Grand Lodge to confirm Bro. Bent in the rank and privileges of P.M. The Board has carefully considered the reasons for this course, and begs to recommend it to Grand Lodge on payment by the lodge of a fine of two guineas.

The Board regrets exceedingly to announce that by the failure of the bankers of Grand Lodge, Messrs. Ridgway and Sons, a severe loss will fall upon the various funds. The balances in Messrs. Ridgways' hands were—

General Fund	£87 14 0
Benevolent Fund	298 2 1
Educational Fund	62 9 0
Dewar Fund	253 16 0
Festival Fund	11 5 7
Duke of Albany Fund (balance of)	5 10 9
	£718 17 5

No statement has yet been received from the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, but the Board recommends that the last three amounts mentioned be made good from the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

An account has been opened at the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, Bloomsbury Branch, and the Board requests that all cheques, &c., may be crossed thereto.

The Board has to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of proceedings of the following Grand Chapters: Michigan, Maine, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, and Colorado.

Several of these deal with the question of exclusive jurisdiction with reference to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and all of them support the action of that Grand Chapter, as was to be anticipated though the manner in which the question is treated varies considerably, and the Board begs to express its appreciation of the Masonic courtesy which distinguishes some of the reports on the subject. No fresh step has been taken by the Executive of Grand Lodge since the last half-yearly communication, owing to the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in severing all intercourse with the United Grand Lodge of England and the lodges under its jurisdiction. As all Mark Masters in Quebec holding under this jurisdiction, are Master Masons under the United Grand Lodge, this action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to be followed no doubt by the Grand Chapter, would render useless all attempts at an arrangement for the present. This Grand Lodge can only continue to reassert the principles which have always guided the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, viz.: That a minority of lodges cannot be coerced by a majority into joining a new organisation. That a Grand Lodge to be a lawful body must be constituted in accordance with the laws of the State. And, as regards the Mark Degree, that Mark lodges have a right to a separate charter or warrant, should they desire it, and ought not to be compulsorily merged in the more modern degree of Royal Arch Mason.

The seventeenth anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund is appointed for Wednesday, 22nd July, and the R.W. Bro. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand M.M.M. of Cheshire, has most kindly consented to preside—with every prospect of success, which, it is hoped may be assured by the sympathy and support of the members of the Mark Degree.

There are now twelve boys and five girls receiving the advantages of the educational branch. The reports of progress are in all cases highly satisfactory. The Board has presented the silver medal to David William Russell Symon, now being educated at King Edward VI. Grammar School, Southampton, of whose progress an exceptionally favourable report has been presented by the Head Master.

The Board recommends that the Grand Director of Ceremonies for the time being, should, for the future, be an *ex-officio* Member of the General Board.

The Board has relieved the following cases:

Bro. J. L., 65	...	...	...	£5 0 0
„ M. E., 118	...	...	...	5 0 0
„ W. P., 176	...	...	...	10 0 0

And recommends the following grants for confirmation by Grand Lodge:

£50 to C. R., daughter of Bro. S. R., Old Kent.	
£25 to Bro. J. A., 34.	
£25 to Bro. J. C. G., 59.	
£20 to Bro. M. E. 8.	

(Signed)

G. R. PORTAL,

Past G.M.M.M., President.

The Invested Funds are as follows:

General Fund	...	...	...	£2900 0 0
Benevolent Fund	...	...	...	2000 0 0
Educational Fund	...	...	...	1400 0 0

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months ending 31st March, 1885, show the following results:

DR. GENERAL FUND.

To Balance 30th Sept., 1884	...	...	£213 0 3
„ Half-year's receipts	...	...	906 13 2
„ Interest on investments	...	...	63 13 9
			£1183 7 2

DR. BENEVOLENT FUND.

To Balance 30th Sept., 1884	...	...	£403 6 7
„ Half-year's receipts	...	...	99 17 6
„ Interest on investments	...	...	50 15 1
„ Cash received on account of Festival Fund	...	...	6 6 0
			£557 5 2

EDUCATION FUND.

To Balance 30th Sept., 1884	...	...	£26 2 9
„ Transferred from Benevolent Fund	...	...	91 10 6
„ Interest on investments	...	...	23 2 8
„ Balance from Benevolent Fund overdrawn	...	...	7 11 7
			£148 7 6

GENERAL FUND. CR.

By Ordinary expenditure	...	...	£533 6 9
„ George Kenning, Jeweller, &c.	...	...	28 17 0
„ Spencer and Co. do.	...	...	156 6 0
„ Hughtan Testimonial	...	...	10 10 0
„ Homann and Son, Decorators	...	...	154 4 6
			883 4 3

„ Cash at Ridgway and Sons at date of Receiving Order in Bankruptcy (subject only to a dividend)	...	...	87 14 0
„ Overdrawn Dewar's Fund	...	...	2 19 0
„ Balance at London and Westminster Bank	...	...	209 9 11
			212 8 11

£1183 7 2

BENEVOLENT FUND. CR.

By Grants in Relief	...	...	£103 0 0
„ Transferred to Education Fund	...	...	91 10 6
„ Expenses, Pewtress, Printing	...	...	0 11 6
			195 2 0

„ Cash at Ridgway and Sons at date of Receiving Order in Bankruptcy (subject only to a dividend)	...	...	298 2 1
„ The late D. M. Dewar	...	...	15 12 6
„ Due from Education Fund	...	...	7 11 7
„ Balance at London and Westminster Bank	...	...	40 17 0
			48 8 7

£557 5 2

EDUCATION FUND.

By Education Fees	...	...	£74 9 6
„ Expenses, Pewtress, Printing	...	...	11 9 0
„ Cash at Ridgway and Sons at date of Receiving Order in Bankruptcy (subject only to a dividend)	...	...	62 9 0
			£148 7 6

Audited and Approved this 1st day of May, 1885.

(Signed) CHARLES E. SOPPET, Auditor.

It was also agreed that the loss suffered by the Educational and Benevolent Funds should also be made good out of the General Funds.

The Earl of Kintore then said: Before my year's term of office expires I seize the last minute of it to give myself the great pleasure of asking Bro. Lord Henniker to allow me to confer upon him a Past Grand Master's jewel from this Grand Lodge, in recognition of the eminent services which he rendered to it during his three years of office. We know that Bro. Lord Henniker's aspirations were always of the highest, that the interests of this

Grand Lodge were always to him a most powerful attraction, and it has been consequently most difficult in the tenure of the chair, and almost impossible, to follow such an example.

Lord HENNIKER, having been presented with the jewel, said: I am deeply grateful to you for your kind reception of me on this occasion, and for this very handsome jewel which has been presented to me. I can assure you I shall keep it and value it as a lasting remembrance of three very happy years of my life when I had the honour to rule over this Order. I am very sorry indeed—I can tell you it is a matter of very deep regret to me—that I was not able to be present this time last year or December last. This time last year I had met with a very serious accident, which made it necessary for me to remain in a dark room for 10 days, and in December last other engagements made it impossible for me to come. I tell you why I regret I could not come; because I could not thank you for the kind support you had given me, and the indulgence you had shown me during my years of office, and also to tell you how I look back with pleasure to those three years when I ruled over this Order. I believe, brethren, that I made a great many friends during those three years, that all I can say is this—I hope that those friendships then made may be lasting ones. I hope, too, that during those three years I was successful in leaving among Mark Masons no enemies. I am glad to say that I still rule over a province of Mark Masonry, and so I am able to take an active part in the business of this Order, in which you will allow me to say I think I have tried to prove to you I take the warmest possible interest. I hope that you will allow me, whether I rule over a province or whether I do not, to take some part in the future in promoting the welfare of this Order. I may add that any humble services of mine which can promote the interests of the Order, or make it more flourishing than it is (it would be difficult to make it more flourishing), will be devoted most willingly. Again, I thank you most warmly for the very handsome present you have given me.

The next business was the installation of M.W.G.M.M.M.

Lord HENNIKER said: I have told you already that it was a great pain to me not to be here last year, and one of my reasons for being sorry was that I did not place the Grand Master in the chair, as it was my duty to do. It takes away, however, a little from my regret to be able now to perform this very pleasing office. I am very sensible of the great services of your M.W.G.M. to this Order, and the help he gave me during my three years of office. I congratulate you most sincerely on the fact that your secured the Earl of Kintore as your M.W.G.M. Not only does he bring us, by his high office in Scotland, nearer to our Scotch brethren, but, I believe, that, although there are many members of Mark Masonry who have done much for the Order, there is none better fitted to fill the high position you have given him than the noble brother who sits in the chair of this Grand Lodge. It is unnecessary for me in his presence to say more than this, because a few sincere words—and my words are purely sincere—are worth a hundred which are not sincere. I hope that the M.W.G.M. during the rest of his term of office may be blessed with prosperity and health, and that this Grand Lodge will prosper under his rule.

The Earl of Kintore was then invested by Lord Henniker and saluted.

The Earl of KINTORE, Brethren: the kind language held by Lord Henniker in investing me as Grand Master a second time and the enthusiastic reception you gave to my investiture demand from me a word, and a word of hearty and grateful thanks. I am no speech maker; there is nothing which I find more difficult than to open my mouth in the presence of more than two or three people, and not always that; but I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without assuring you how warmly I feel your kindness. If there was any alloy to the regret which I myself felt this time last year at the absence of Lord Henniker when I was for the first time installed, it was that by his absence we were not only able to condole with him on the accident which prevented him coming, but I was given a fair opportunity of framing language in which I tried to express our gratitude for his services, a task rendered perhaps more easy by his not being present at the moment. I know, as I said just now, that his example is difficult to follow, but for you being good enough to install me in this office a second time, I believe that such as I do I do for the best of this Grand Lodge, and that when the time comes for my office to close I may have as many friends and have left behind me no ill will the same as he, and that this said lodge will continue to flourish.

On the motion of Bro. F. DAVISON, G. Treas., seconded by Bro. A. F. GODSON, Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, Bro. James Moon was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer.

The Earl of KINTORE expressed the thanks of Grand Lodge to Bro. F. Davison for his services as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. F. DAVISON thanked Grand Lodge for its expression of thanks.

The following brethren were then invested:—

Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton ...	...	G.D.M.
„ Marquis of Hertford ...	...	G.S.W.
„ Love Jones Parry, M.P. ...	...	G.J.W.
„ Col. Somerville Burney ...	...	G.M.O.
„ James Smith Eastes ...	...	G.S.O.
„ Dr. Ralph Gooding ...	...	G.J.O.
„ Rev. Hayman Cummings, and T. W. Lemon ...	...	G. Chaps.
„ James Moon ...	...	G. Treas.
„ Frank Richardson ...	...	G. Reg.
„ Fredk. Binckes, P.G.W. ...	...	G.S.
„ R. P. Spice, and Percy Wallis ...	...	G.S.D.
„ W. Nicholl, and Dr. George Mickley ...	...	G.J.D.
„ Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O. ...	...	G.D.C.
„ Henry George, and Alfred Tisley ...	...	G.A.D.C.
„ R. W. Edis ...	...	G.I. of Wks.
„ Miles J. Walker ...	...	G. Swd. Br.
„ R. B. Reed, and W. P. Collins ...	...	G. Std. B.
„ E. J. Hoare ...	...	G. Org.
„ Geo. Graveley ...	...	G.I.G.
Bros. W. E. Williams, P. A. Scratchley, D. P. Cama, Midd. and Surrey; E. Tyson, Cumberland and Westmorland; H. Ellis, Cheshire; H. Stone, Hants and Isle of Wight; Capt. McWhinnie, Sussex; W. Rainforth, Lincoln; G. W. P. Harris, Bristol; T. H. Smith, Warwickshire; W. B. Williams, Worcestershire; and C. A. C. Jones, Middx. ...	...	G. Stewards.
Bro. C. T. Speight ...	...	G. Tyler.

The following brethren were nominated by the G.M. to serve on the General Board: Bros. Rev. Canon Portal, President; Frederic Davison, G.G.W.; Alfred Williams, C. H. Pearson, W. Roebuck, R. P. Spice, and T. Cubitt.

The following five brethren were elected to serve on the Board: Bros. George Cooper, P.G.D., P.M. Bon Accord, T.I.; Charles H. Driver, P.G. I. of W., P.M. 176; A. F. Godson, Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G. Stwd., P.M. 63; and John L. Mather, P.M. Old Kent, T.I.

On the motion of the M.W.G.M., seconded by Sir F. BURDETT, a vote was passed expressing the regret of Grand Lodge at the death of Bro. Levander, G. Reg., and of Dr. Hopkins.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the banquet the usual Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured; but these toasts were very few in number, consisting only of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," "The M.W.G.M.M.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore," "The M.W. Past Grand Masters," "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers," "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and "The Visitors."

The GRAND MASTER proposed the first toast in very few words, prefacing the toast with the remark that all Mark Masons were most anxious to honour it, and that nowhere was it received with greater enthusiasm than in an assembly of Mark Masons.

Past Grand Master Canon PORTAL, in proposing "The M.W.G.M.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore," said the toast was one which came naturally after the toast of the Queen, because the Grand Master was the Masonic sovereign. The song which was to follow was that of "Tom Bowling," a song which was so connected in their memories with the flag that had braved for so many years the battle and the breeze; that, like all sailor songs, it suggested a great deal of genuine geniality. They were quite satisfied as to the geniality of their M.W.G.M., because he would not allow this toast to be proposed until he saw all the brethren were engaged in smoking. The Grand Master had all his life been engaged in upholding the flag of Freemasonry, and he was now almost at the highest office in Grand Lodge of Scotland and Grand Chapter of Scotland, besides being Grand Master in Grand Mark Lodge of England. He was sure the brethren were all rejoiced that in the person of the Earl of Kintore the bonds of union were so closely drawn together between English and Scotch Freemasons. It rejoiced him very much, after more years than he cared to look back upon, to find that all Degrees of Masonry were pulling together without any of that jealousy and uncomfortable feeling which in old days undoubtedly did exist; and although it would be, perhaps, invidious to point to any one Order that had taken the lead in abolishing that feeling of jealousy, he could honestly say, looking back to the history of their Degree, that it was very much owing to the liberality of the Masonic conduct of the 33rd Degree in the early days of Masonry and that Degree did much to bring Masonry in England together. That kindly spirit had spread like fire among the stubble, and now they found throughout the world there was a feeling that all Masonry should stand on a footing of unity and friendship. The noble Grand M.M.M. would always be found in the foremost ranks in cementing that kind and good feeling, and it was as much on that account as on account of the eminent merits he possessed, and the great vigour and enthusiasm he had hitherto thrown into the work of this Degree that the brethren hailed him as Grand Master.

The Earl of KINTORE, in responding, said of all races of men who in his short life he had been privileged to meet, he thought Freemasons were the most long suffering. For no other reason could he account for the brethren's kind reception of him. The best he could do he had honestly done. He had tried to hold his office creditably, and with the assistance of the Grand Officers he hoped still to do so. Among these he would like to mention the services of the Grand Secretary, and the President of the General Board. What had been done during his last year of office? Charters had been granted for 16 new lodges, and 657 certificates had been issued, and there was £6300 invested. Grand Lodge had that day resolved to make up what had been lost to different funds by the failure of the bankers. He looked forward with interest to the result of the Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which would be held under the presidency of the Deputy Grand Master, at the Crystal Palace next month, and he felt sure that next year if they did not give him an opportunity he should find some opportunity of forwarding the interests of Mark Masonry in every branch of his career.

Bro. KELLY proposed "The Past Grand Master," coupling the toast with the name of Canon Portal, whose immense services to the Order every Mark Master would readily acknowledge.

Canon PORTAL, P.G.M., replied, and said that all the Past Grand Masters from the time of Lord Leigh to the Immediate P.M., Lord Henniker, had endeavoured to do their best. To none were they more indebted than to Lord Henniker, in whose reign the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Albany became important additions to the Order. He was delighted to be able to state, on behalf of the Grand Master, that there was every reason to believe that Prince Edward of Wales would be admitted under the banner of this Order in the Isaac Newton Lodge, at Cambridge.

Sir F. BURDETT proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers," and said that under Lord Egerton of Tatton the interests and success of the Order were quite safe.

Col. SOMERVILLE BURNBY responded, and said he had belonged to the Order since 1848.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund."

Bro. BINCKES replied, and said it was wonderful how the Mark Degree had prospered since the establishment of Grand Mark Lodge in 1855 or 1856; it was marvellous also what had been done in the way of raising Masonic benevolence. He then traced the history of the Benevolent Fund, and showed how it had established an educational branch, which was doing a great deal of good.

Bro. D. P. CAMA replied for "The Visitors."

In the course of the evening some beautiful music was performed by Bros. Egbert Roberts, John Probert, and Thomas Tremere, under the direction of Bro. Edward J. Hoare, Grand Organist.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., some time since announced his intention to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge at Wotton-under Edge, under the banner of the Lodge of Sympathy, the members of which lodge were naturally anxious to make the visit a successful one. For this purpose a Committee was formed, consisting of Past Masters Bros. Blake, Turner, and Millman, Bros. Penly, W.M.;

G. H. Perrin, S.W.; H. Perrett, J.W.; W. Heath, S.D.; and Thurn, J.D. The managers kindly placed the British Schoolrooms at the disposal of the Committee for the use of the lodge, and the Town Hall was secured for the banquet. The arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge were generally approved. Flags of various nations covered the windows, the embrasures were covered with moss, on which were arranged various Masonic emblems, and flowering plants in pots in other parts of the room.

The attendance was numerous, amongst the number being Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire; Bros. Brook Smith, D.P.G.M.; Vassar Smith, P.G.J.W.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D. Eng.; Gwinnett, P.G.T.; George Gwinnett, P.G.P.; G. W. Trinder, P.G.S.; H. J. Sewell, P.G.S.D.; J. A. Matthews and H. S. Stephens, P.G.S.W.'s; F. A. Carter, P.G.D.C.; R. Blizard, P.G. S.B.; W. P. Hadley, P.G.S.B.; Llewellyn White, P.P.G.S.W.; Frank Millman, P.G.S.B.; and many other brethren.

A procession of Provincial Grand Officers being formed, the lodge was closed; and at the close the R.W.P.G.M., Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., invested the following officers:

Bro. Baron de Ferrieres	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. Clifford	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" T. E. Gandy	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. W. Northcote	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Edward Trinder	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Rev. S. J. G. Fraser	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. Tudway	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. S. Ellis	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" C. M. Penly	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" John Davies	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" H. Blandford	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. M. Pooley	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd.Br.
" L. Preston	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. J. Marsh	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Ed. Brind	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Town Hall for the banquet, where tables were laid for 75 guests.

The floral decorations were very striking, and were carried out by Miss Brown, Miss Amy Penly, and Mr. J. Jotcham.

Mr. Brain, of the Swan Hotel, proved a first-rate caterer, and the banquet, under the active superintendence of the Stewards, Bros. Blake, P.M., and Millman, P.M., passed off in a thoroughly enjoyable manner.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

The R.W.P.G.M., Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH, Bart., in proposing "The Lodge of Sympathy," coupled with it the name of Bro. Penly, and expressed his gratification at so successful and numerous a gathering.

Bro. PENLY, in responding, said he was proud to see the members of Provincial Grand Lodge at Wotton-under-Edge, a place, perhaps, to some present known now for the first time. At all times, the "Lodge of Sympathy" would be pleased to give the same welcome to Provincial Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRIORY CHAPTER, No. 1863.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Northumberland was held at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, on Thursday afternoon, the 28th ult., when general business was transacted, and the consecration of a new chapter took place, to be attached to the Priory Lodge, No. 1863, to be called the Priory Chapter. The Consecrating Officers were M.E. Comps. Col. Addison Potter, C.B., Grand Superintendent, as Z.; R. Eynon, P.G.H.; J. G. Youll, P.G.J.; J. H. Bentham, P.G.S.E.; E. D. Davis, P.G.D.C.; and J. Nicholson, P.G.O.

Among others present were E. Comps. W. A. Potter, Montgomery; B. Levy, P.G.H.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; J. Wood, P.Z.; J. J. Clay, P.P. G.S. Durham; W. M. Bell, P.Z., and others.

The consecration ceremony of the new chapter was ably performed by the Grand Superintendent of the province, and the following were installed Principals: E. Comps. the Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.G.A.S., as Z.; J. T. H.; and W. M. Bell acted for J.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent afterwards appointed and invested the Davison, following officers:

Comp. T. Blenkinsop	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. B. Nichols	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" J. H. Bentham	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" M. Guthrie	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Braithwaite	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" G. Spain	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" A. Mustard	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.S.
" T. J. Armstrong	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Page	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" D. G. Anderson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd.Br.
" R. L. Armstrong	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. D. Davis	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Usher	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Curry	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

After the termination of business, the annual festival took place, at which the Prov. Grand Superintendent of the province presided.

In the ceremony of the consecration Comps. Whitehead, Nutton, and Walker, of Durham Cathedral choir, took part in the musical portion of the proceedings, over which Comp. J. Nicholson was musical director.

REVIEW.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. Volume IV. By Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.W. Thomas C. Jack, 45, Ludgate-hill. Second Notice.

The 338 pages which cover the first chapter of the fourth volume, and which represent Bro. Gould's version of early British Freemasonry from 1688 to 1723, deserve the most careful attention of all Masonic students, as they contain not only much that is new and a great deal that is important,

but clearly set before us a most carefully and thoughtfully composed representation of the conclusions which the untiring researches of the writer have led him conscientiously to adopt, and painstakingly to elaborate. Indeed, no more important treatise on early English Freemasonry has been put together, and which exhibits so much skillful criticism and so fair a rendering of the evidence discoverable or adducible. The early passages in the *Tatler*, the declarations of Governor Belcher, the admission of pre 1700 initiations, as witnessed to by two applicants for relief before the Grand Lodge of 1717, in 1730, and 1732, all testify to the existence of a seventeenth century Freemasonry, concerning which Bro. Gould, in our opinion, most rightly comes to the conclusion, that there is no reason to believe that it is anything but identical with the revival or formation of 1717.

This admission, a fact which we believe to be incontestable, opens out several very important questions which demand a treatment both of candour and consideration, without the admixture of pre-conceived opinions or "post hoc propter hoc" conclusions, without the intervention of favourite theories or cherished "fads," without, in fact, any other treatment but that of careful criticism, historical verity, and logical inference. We are confronted before we can make any history of early British Freemasonry clear or consistent, as Bro. Gould feels and properly manifests, by the recurring "Crux" of the Degrees. Whence come they? What their origin? It is, we think, an entire waste of serious thought or critical study to attempt to explain away the question, much more to ignore it. We cannot do so. It meets us everywhere, in various forms, and on its solution depends, no doubt, a great deal of the eventual reality of early English Masonic life and history.

The assumed difference between "Grade" and "Degree" is, in our opinion, untenable, if it even exists scientifically; while it is clear, as Bro. Gould's conclusions demonstrate to us, that, in his mind, the English and the Scottish systems do not stand exactly on the same basis, though, curiously enough, as he very ably points out, a question fairly arises from Anderson's nationality, as so far proven, whether he did not seek to graft a Scottish system and a Scottish terminology on an existing English system, and which system was, after all, in origin and essence apparently entirely different from the prevailing and synchronous system in North Britain.

In the *Freemason* a remark was hazarded some time back that it would be one of the many paradoxes after all of Masonic history and critical enquiry, if the evidence of the three Degrees would be found more abundant in Scotland than in England. We do not say that such is the state of the case yet. But Bro. Gould points out this seeming paradox, that whereas English Speculative Masonry is said to have been introduced into Scotland about 1721, or 1730, or 1750, which ever date you adopt, it would seem, at first sight, as if the technical terms of Scottish Masonry had been taken into England by Anderson or someone else about 1721. Of one Scottish technical term of early Masonic use,—*cowan*,—there can be little doubt that it is a pure Scottishism.

We may, indeed, find a Norman French, or even an English derivation, for it, but the fact that very early it is used in Scottish documents as a well-known technical, operative, or trade term, is one to which we have seen no answer, and the modern pedantic explanations are alike clumsy, unskilful, unscholarly, and, in our opinion, untenable.

But very great difficulty exists as to Apprentice and Fellow Craft. Master Mason we reserve until our next notice.

The "Enterit Prentessis" of Scottish documents seem certainly to be much akin to the "Entered Prentices" of early English use. There was, indeed, a monastic or mediæval Latin term, "Apprenticius, Apprenticii," as in "Molash's Register" 1426, from which our word apprentices clearly comes. There was a Norman French word "Apprenti," or "Apprentif." But there was no similar Latin classic term, though apparently, some have thought we may derive the old Low Latin or French term from "Apprehendere," or "Apprehensus," but it seems somewhat doubtful.

Having, however, the fact that there was a Norman French word apparently, and a word of mediæval or monastic Latin "Apprenticius," we have no difficulty as to the early English use of Prentices, or Apprentices, independently of Scotland. The word "Entered" certainly smacks of a Scottish use, but the Swallow minutes would seem to show that in Northumberland, at any rate, if not further south, early in the eighteenth century, there is a use, which is analogous to the "entered," and "enterit" of Scotland, but which is not necessarily derived even from its "near neighbour." Still, the special use is a coincidence which deserves careful consideration, and to which Bro. Gould is right to call our attention.

The words "Prentysse," "Prentes," and "Prentishode," we may observe, are all used in the end of the fourteenth century and beginning of fifteenth century, as in Halliwell's and Cooke's MSS.

As regards Fellow Craft, which Bro. Gould evidently regards as introduced by Anderson from Scotland, and answering to "Fallow of Craft," we confess we are not quite convinced by his arguments. *Felawe* (Chaucer), *Felowe*, *Fellowe*, is, no doubt, of Scandinavian origin, and, probably, comes to us through the Anglo-Saxon. The old word for fellow-ship is "feolashipe." The Norman French has no corresponding word, and the technical term in French Masonry is "Compagnon," probably from the *Compagnonage*. Some one has said that Fellow may come from the Latin "Fidelis," but that seems far fetched. But "Fellow Craft," like handicraft, has a Saxon ring about it, though when it came into use in England is very doubtful. In all early documents thus far we meet "magister," and "apprenticii," but hardly "Fellow Craft," though we believe the word "socii," (which would answer to it) has been found. Sir F. Palgrave, indeed, once stated, it is true, that he had found the words Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason in very early documents, and some such references occur, though we apprehend the use of the compound word fellow-craft is modern comparatively.

Thus it will be seen what an ingenious "crux" Bro. Gould has put before us, and how much careful and critical consideration it demands from all Masonic students. The outcome of this first and important chapter seems to be that though there was apparently an essential difference between English and Scottish seventeenth century Masonry up to 1717, yet that they seem to have acted and worked on each other in some way, and each to have obtained and derived from each certain usages, and technicalities, and terminology to which now it is very difficult to assign the actual origin, or the earliest use.

We may add, as a curious fact, that in "Toulmin's Smith's Gilds," though "fellowshipe" occurs, "fellow" does not, and that it is very doubtful, if even in the Masonic poem the use of "felowe" is more than a generic use, and has no separate or gradal meaning. How these facts and considerations affect the "battle of the Grades" and the Third Degree, we trust to be able to show next week.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 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—a free discussion.]

RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In the Freemason of Saturday last, the 30th ult., in your editorial remarks you say: "If the independence of the Grand Lodge of South Australia be conceded . . . another falling out of lodges must take place from our Calendar, and we think a question may fairly arise whether the time has not come when a complete renumbering should take place . . . the register of lodges should be closed up." On April 23rd, 1884, I addressed a letter through your columns suggesting then as an appropriate time for renumbering the lodges, and I stated at that time there were 151 warrants unaccounted for. If the Grand Lodge of South Australia is to become an independent Grand Lodge, we shall then have between 20 and 30 more lodges removed from the Grand Lodge of England, thus making nearly 200 lodges either dead or otherwise removed from the English Constitution.

I quite agree with your remarks, and think the time opportune for renumbering our lodges, especially if the South Australian brethren are permitted to govern themselves. Your suggestion will not meet with the approval of all Masons; but I trust you may not be rewarded with a similar castigation to that I received when I addressed you on this subject in 1884. Enough, so far as I am personally concerned, to say that I quite agree with you, and trust you will use your powerful influence until you have attained your desire.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN W. TURNER, W.M. 521, P.M. 1458.
Water-street, Huddersfield,
May 30th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
In your fourth leaderette in the Freemason of 30th May you allude to the formation of an independent Grand Lodge in South Australia, and the consequent falling out of lodges from our Calendar. Will you oblige me by recount-

ing the advantages to be derived by an immediate closing up the roll of lodges by renumbering?

In the absence of this information I venture to assert the advantages are as nothing in comparison with the terrible inconvenience and annoyance renumbering lodges would occasion throughout the Craft, at least in England. It is now 22 years since the last renumbering, and I am confident in stating that it took ten years to become familiar with the new numbers, except perhaps, in the case of one's own lodge. I sincerely hope we shall continue our present numbers till an actual necessity arises for a change.—Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HENRY SMITH, P.M. 387, W. Yorks.
St. John's, Wakefield, June 2nd.

PROVINCIAL KALENDARS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
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JOHN A. LLOYD,
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ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
I am glad that Bro. F. Richardson has called attention by advertisement to this quaint and interesting Masonic Order, which would be much assisted in its progress by changing most of the officers of the province every year, the present state of stagnation offering no inducement to the members, and consequently the attendance is not what it should be.—Yours, &c., **PROGRESS.**

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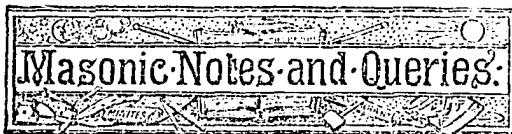
To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
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CRUX CORONA.



MASONIC CALENDARS.

I shall be glad to receive copies of any Provincial Directories not included in the following list, so that my notice of them may include all that are issued. There are two or three yet to be published, I believe, on receipt of which, the main features of these useful little books will be enumerated, as an inducement for others to be issued, and as an encouragement to my brother editors. I have received copies of the Calendars for Cambridge, Derby, Dorset, Durham, East Lancashire, Hants and Isle of Wight, Herts, Kent, Lancaster, Leicester, Oxford, Somerset, Suffolk, Wilts, and Yorkshire. To follow—Gloucester and Warwickshire.
W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

There will shortly be published at Leipzig (by Bro. J. G. Findel) a standard work on Masonic Bibliography; the fruit of four years' hard labour. It is "Reinh. Tante, Maurerische Bücherkunde;" one volume, 20s. The work is nearly complete in the enumeration of all Masonic books from 1858-85. It contains 2741 numbers, with many literary and critical notes, so that it is more a history of Masonic literature than a pure bibliography. We may the more thoroughly recommend this work to all lodge libraries and Masonic students, as the well known and valuable work of George Kloss is out of print, and as it reaches only up to 1844.
Ed. N. AND O.

COWAN.

Whether cowan comes from "coyon" or "covin," it is quite clear that it is of an early technical Scottish use. The "covins" of early English legislation may have been applied to non members of Guilds, from a common use of applying the characteristic of things personally in linguistic usage. Curiously enough too, there is an old technical architectural term "coving," which technically meant the exterior projection of the upper parts of a building beyond the limits of its ground plan. By that "paradox of derivation" as some one has said, the Masons who worked outside the regular limits of a Guild might be termed in process of time "covins or cowans." I cannot help thinking the word is of pure trade origin and meaning.

MASONIC STUDENT.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—A very brilliant gathering of this Immemorial Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., Bro. Sutherland, M.P., and Chairman of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Company, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a most admirable and impressive manner by Bro. Letchworth, and was duly decorated with the jewel of the Royal Order appurtenant to the lodge; indeed, the whole of the working and ceremonial appeared to give unqualified satisfaction to the numerous company assembled, and Old Antiquity fully maintained under Bro. Letchworth its ancient and high repute for admirable working.

The normal business being over, the lodge was closed until June for its last meeting for the summer. Labour being ended, the brethren proceeded to the social circle, and where, under their excellent and able head, they indeed enjoyed "a feast of reason and the flow of soul."

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with great heartiness and effect. Bro. C. Barry, G.S., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers" concisely but ably, and Bro. Puleston, P.M., M.P., returned thanks for the numerous visitors in a thoroughly genial and effective speech, which drew down much applause, and was alike appreciated by his brother visitors as by the members of the lodge.

Several other toasts having been given and received in the usual hearty manner which is characteristic of Antiquity, the Tyler's toast fitly closed the agreeable programme. The numerous assembly separated at a comparatively early hour, having enjoyed a most pleasant and not to be forgotten reunion.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. H. B. Marshall, C.C., P.G. Treasurer, W.M.; J. Young, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Simpson, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Clarke, P.G.P., S.D.; Lister, J.D.; Skelthorne, I.G.; L. Lardner, A.D.C.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Blake, P.M. 945; Turner, 1328; Woodbridge, C.C., P.M. 1589; Seymour, 163; Newson, 172; Mitchell, 605; Challenger, 1035; Willis, 1326; Mayer, 1455; Sewell, 1457; Emanuel, 1563; Rumball, 1613; and Kift, 1791.

The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Walls, Bro. Falck was raised to the degree of M.M., and Bro. Young having been presented, he was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters was composed of Bros. Marshall, as S.W.; Strugnell, J.W.; Lardner, D.C.; Clarke, I.G.; and others. The officers invested for the year ensuing were Bros. Simpson, S.W.; Clarke, J.W.; Lardner, Treas.; Jackson, Sec.; Lister, S.D.; Skelthorne, J.D.; L. Lardner, I.G.; Lott, Org.; Walls, D.C.; Herbert, W.S.; Suskin, A.D.C.; Webber, A.V.S.; and Parkinson, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), having been presented to Bro. Marshall, P.M., who duly returned thanks for the honour, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Walls, Installing Master, and Bro. Lardner, D.C., for their services.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given by the W.M. briefly but pertinently. During the evening Bros. Kift, L. and J. Lardner, Herbert, and others musically entertained the brethren, Bro. Kift's exertions being especially appreciated. The entire proceedings were most successful, and reflected great credit upon the executive.

DARTFORD.—Emulation Lodge (No. 299).—The members of this lodge held their annual meeting in the lodge room at the Royal Bull Hotel, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Hugh Hamilton McNaul, was installed into the chair of K.S. There was a large gathering of brethren; the visitors, who were numerous, receiving a truly fraternal welcome. The following brethren recorded their names: John Brock, W.M.; H. H. McNaul, S.W., W.M. elect; G. B. Chapman, J.W.; Rev. Robert Jamblin, P.P.G.C. Kent, Chaplain; Noah Martin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; T. Willis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; W. Greig, J.D.; C. Hind, Org.; Thos. Jenkins, D.C.; G. C. Baker and Fred. Barton, Stwds.; F. Snowden, I.G.; A. W. Wells (G.S.), P.M.; J. J. Davison, P.M.; R. Sears, P.M.; Clifford White, P.M.; W. J. Light, P.M.; T. W. Page, Richard Dare, Thos. W. A. Neech, Alfred Parish, Joseph Rickett, G. E. Moor, Charles C. Potter, R. S. Howitt, H. J. Woolley, W. Avery, G. Parker, E. Griffiths, J. M. Longley, and W. Carter, Tyler. Visiting Brethren: Bros. J. Cox, P.M. 765; Geo. Kennedy, P.M. 1536; Herbert Black, P.M. 1273; J. Thornhill, W.M. 503; H. Inon, W.M. 1273; Henry Sole, W.M. 158; John Parsons, P.M. 829; Thomas Butt, P.M. 700; C. Graham, W.M. 874; Bentley Haines, W.M. 27; A. Carter, W.M. 77; C. Beaumont, W.M. 1342; R. Kift, W.M. 1971; W. H. Hedger, S.W. 77; W. Morson, P.J.W., 1424; George Goble, S.D. 1273; L. R. Styes, S.D. 315; F. Gordon, J.D. 503; E. N. Pringle, I.G. 1343; Thos. Prior, 765; Walter Hope, 503; Harry Hysettt, 1222; Walter Wade, 1678; Henry Tyrer, 1339; T. Bevan, and others.

The lodge was opened at 3 o'clock for the transaction of some formal business, after which the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. H. H. McNaul, into the chair was proceeded with by the outgoing W.M., Bro. J. Brock. The new W.M. having been saluted by the members of the lodge, and the various offices declared vacant, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his new officers as follows: Bros. J. Brock, I.P.M.; G. B. Chapman, S.W.; W. Greig, J.W.; Noah Martin, Treas.; Rev. R. Jamblin, Chap.; T. Willis, Sec.; F. Snowden, S.D.; Thos. Jenkins, J.D.; C. Hind, I.G.; F. Barton, D.C.; G. C. Baker and R. S. Howitt, Stwds.; Page, Org.; and Carter, Tyler.

A vote of thanks to the I.P.M. for the impressive and

careful manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony was carried by acclamation, and the Installing Master expressed the pleasure it afforded him to know that the brethren had appreciated his services.

Bro. Jamblin said that the W.M., in appointing his Treasurer, remarked that Bro. Noah Martin had discharged the duties of that office efficiently and well for nearly a quarter of a century and he (Bro. Jamblin) thought the time had now arrived when the lodge might very well mark their approval of Bro. Martin's services. Nothing he was sure could increase Bro. Martin's interest in the lodge, but he had great pleasure in proposing that he be presented with a Treasurer's jewel. The I.P.M. heartily seconded the proposal, and the W.M. said he was very pleased that it had been made at the commencement of his year of office. The proposition was agreed to unanimously, and Bro. Martin expressed his gratitude.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. At the close the lodge-room was speedily converted into a banqueting-hall, and a large company sat down under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. H. McNaul. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. paid a high compliment to the I.P.M., Bro. Brock, who had cast such a lustre on the lodge. He had great pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge. He hoped he might live to wear it for many years, and that it might be handed down to his children as an honourable distinction gained by true worth and merit.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he fully appreciated all the kindness which had been shown to him. During his year of office they had gone along smoothly and pleasantly, there had been no angry feeling nor a particle of unkindness manifested in any shape or form, and the support he had received from the Past Masters, officers, and brethren had been all he could have desired. He was also proud of the candidates who had come forward during the year, and he hoped they had appreciated what had been said and done, and that they would take the teachings of Freemasonry to heart and act up to them in and out of the lodge. He should very much value the jewel which the lodge had given him, and he felt sure his children would never have cause to regret their father's connection with the Lodge of Emulation. Bro. Noah Martin also replied on behalf of the Past Masters.

Bro. Parish submitted "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. T. Willis, in reply, spoke of the good work which had been done during the past year.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and said they had all worked ardently and earnestly for the benefit of the Order.

The toast was cheerfully acknowledged by Bros. Chapman, S.W.; Greig, J.W.; T. Willis, Sec.; N. Martin, Treasurer; and Bro. Snowden, S.D.

The W.M. thanked those brethren who had contributed to the musical part of the entertainment, especially Bros. White and Page, who had arranged everything so nicely. The names of Bros. Kift and Bevan were also mentioned, and the first two responded. Bro. Bray was thanked for the excellent dinner he had provided, and the company soon afterwards separated, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable and profitable evening.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—On Wednesday, the 27th ult., the V.W.D.P.G.M. of the Masonic Province of Essex, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, visited Colchester for the purpose of installing Bro. John T. Bailey as W.M. of this lodge. There was a large gathering of the members of the lodge and visitors, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The installation ceremony was performed in the most perfect and impressive manner by the V.W.D.P.G.M., and at its close the following were appointed as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Robert Smith, I.P.M.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, S.W.; A. Gosling, P.M., J.W.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Richard Clowes, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; Thomas Rix, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; John G. Renshaw, S.D.; G. Pung, Hazell, J.D.; Thomas Eustace, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; H. J. Skingley, Org.; A. J. Norman, I.G.; S. Munson, Tyler; H. C. Welch, Ward, Ashdown, and Manley, Stewards.

At the close of the lodge business, a letter was read from W. Bro. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.D., one of the founders of the United Lodge, presenting to the lodge a photograph of its first officers. In the absence of Bro. Col. Burney, the presentation was made by W. Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, who, in a few well chosen words, spoke of the interest attaching to the photograph, and congratulated the lodge upon the possession of so interesting a memento. On the motion of W. Bro. T. Eustace, P.M., one of the oldest members of the lodge, seconded by the W.M., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Col. Burney for his present. A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, D.P.G.M., G. Reg., for his kindness in attending and performing the ceremony.

Between 40 and 50 brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, an excellent repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk, and the post-prandial proceedings were much enlivened by some vocal music by Bros. C. Osmond, J. J. C. Turner, R. O. Coombs, Rev. W. Morgan Jones, and Masters Barton, Nunn, Coombs, Siggers, Cootie, and E. Nunn. The tables were adorned with a number of button-hole bouquets, the gift of Miss Philbrick (sister of the V.W.D.P.G.M.), and a special vote of thanks was passed to that lady for her kindness.

Among those present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. Thomas J. Ralling, P.M. 51, P.G. Sec.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. 433, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Haward Ives, W.M. 51, P.G. Stwd.; Charles Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; John J. C. Turner, P.M. 51, P.P.G.O.; George Harrison, P.M., S.D. 51; B. L. Tandy, W.M. 1280; F. R. Hales, W.M. 650; M. L. Sanders, S.W. 650; Thos. Dunn, J.W. 650; Adam Smith, W.M. 433; S. Lord, P.M. 433; John Hutley, W.M. 1024, P.G. Stwd.; Joseph Hanley, 51; F. Reichter, 51; Frank Quilter, 51; and the following members of No. 697: Bros. G. A. Eustace, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas G. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Ashdown, John Howe, Stanley Fitchett, A. J. Grant, Wm. Jelly, George Beaumont, G. Davis, D. Page, A. F. Hart, Rixon Ford, J. G. Potton, E. J. Hart, J. H. Boulton, H. W. Stevens, and others.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.—Lodge of Sympathy (No. 855).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, when Bro. Chas. M. Penly was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Frank Millman, a P.M. of the lodge and P.G.S.B. of Gloucestershire, assisted by Bros. Clifford, P.P.G.D.C., and Small, P.G.S.D. and P.M. 761. The W.M. afterwards appointed as his officers Bros. G. Hooper Perrin, S.W.; Henry Perrett, J.W.; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C., Chap.; W. Gould, Sec.; W. Heath, S.D.; C. C. Thurn, J.D.; Absalom Perrett, I.G.; F. J. Blake, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey and P.P.G.S.D. Gloucestershire, and F. Millman, P.M., P.G.S.B. Gloucestershire, Stwds.; Bro. Thurn was also invested as Treasurer, and Bro. Window was re-elected and invested as Tyler.

After the lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Swan Hotel. A very handsomely illuminated testimonial was presented to Bro. L. White, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Gloucestershire, for his services to the lodge as Treasurer for 24 years. Bro. White was also one of the founders of the lodge.

Amongst the visitors were Bros. Dutton, P.M. 53; Nay Smith, P.M.; Newman, S.D.; and L. M. Weston, J.D., of 1363; and Blandford, W.M., and Small, P.G.S.D. Gloucestershire, P.M. 761.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—On Monday, the 18th ult., the installation meeting was held in St. Stephen's School, Monkwearmouth, the W.M., Bro. J. G. Kirtley, presiding. Among those present were Bros. A. T. Munro, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; J. Egglestone, P.M.; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; W. Hall, P.M.; R. Shadforth, P.M.; J. J. Clay, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Potts, P.P.G.D.; J. E. Nelson, I.P.M. So; J. Dobson, W.M.; J. Mitcheson, P.M. So; J. C. Moor, P.G.J.D.; J. A. Rainbow, W.M. 94; R. Singleton, S.W. 97; J. Deans, J.W. 2039; and H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.P.

The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Hewson, S.W., was presented by Bro. J. G. Kirtley, W.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B., by whom Bro. Hewson was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. J. G. Kirtley, I.P.M.; H. Horner, S.W.; G. W. Errington, J.W.; R. Shadforth, P.M., Treas.; J. Barlow, Sec.; A. T. Munro, P.M., D. of C.; A. T. Simpson, S.D.; H. E. Crisp, J.D.; G. W. Bain, I.G.; Davis and Cook, Stwds.; and B. Swain, Tyler.

In the evening the annual festival of the lodge was held at the Roker Hotel, Bro. A. Broughton's, at which the W.M., Bro. J. Hewson, presided.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.D., P.M., W.M.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., acting I.P.M.; the Rev. C. F. B. Hawkins, M.A., Chap.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Dean of Battle, P.G. Chap., S.W.; C. Armstrong, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas.; R. Hughes, Sec.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. A. Raper, acting S.D., in the lamentable absence of Bro. Kimm; J. B. Foord, J.D.; T. J. Walder, I.G.; F. Jesson, Tyler; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M.; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M.; J. B. Sargent, P.M.; R. T. Davison, M.D.; W. C. Till, C. Martin, J. B. Foster, W. T. Jordan, W. E. Skinner, J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and Major F. W. Robertson. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Plowman, W.M. 40; Capt. Hennah, P.M., Sec. 40; and Edwin Beer, P.P.G.D. Kent, P.M. 972.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, £10 10s. was voted to the Girls' School, on the motion of Bro. Currie, S.W., seconded by Bro. C. W. Duke, P.M. A ballot was then taken for Mr. David White as a candidate for initiation, and he was declared duly elected. The lodge then proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., S.W., was declared elected, and Bro. H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., was elected Treasurer for the sixteenth time. In consequence of the removal of the present Tyler from the neighbourhood, Bro. J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, kindly undertook the temporary duties until a serving brother who was nominated could be initiated; and the lodge, after expressing appreciation of the 17 years' service of the outgoing Tyler, Bro. F. Jesson, unanimously voted him a pension equal to his present standing remuneration. Bro. Jesson returned thanks, and expressed his regret at having to give up the lodge after his long service, unbroken by a single absence. Bro. the Rev. Henry Hawkins, M.A., rector of Crowhurst, 132, was proposed as a joining member. The W.M. congratulated the lodge on the satisfactory result of the labours of the Committee appointed to superintend the decoration and improvement of the lodge room, which is now equal to any in the province, and a cordial vote of thanks to them and to Bro. C. Martin for his present of two sets of curtains, and to Bro. W. C. Till for his present of a gas pendant, having been carried with unanimity, the lodge was closed in harmony.

WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE.—Arnold Lodge (No. 1799).—The installation and annual festival of this lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., in the Public Hall, which had been specially engaged and prepared, and a goodly number of the brethren attended, including several P.P. Grand Officers, P.M.s, and other visitors. Amongst them were Bros. Alfred Welch, P.M. 51, P.P.G.J.W. Essex (who impressively performed the ceremony of installation); Walter J. Nunn, P.M. 2063, 1592, 1008; W. M. Foxcroft, I.P.M. 177, 2063; J. M. Wheler, 1495; W. Roston Bowrke, 794; W. Cattermole, 1663, 2063; W. R. Bloom, P.M. 1799; C. Hempsom, P.M. 1799, P.P.G.A.D.C.; A. G. Rickaby, W.M. 1799; R. H. Scott, W.M. elect, and others. The ceremony of installation having been duly performed, the W.M., Bro. R. H. Scott, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Finer, S.W.; Wm. Finer, J.W.; T. W. Taylor, S.D.; Womack, J.D.; R. Welham, Treas.; A. G. Rickaby, Sec.; W. R. Bloom, D.C.; C. Woodroffe, Org.; Rugg, I.G.; C. Randall, Stwd.; and Jos. James, Tyler. W. Bro. Charles Hempsom was unanimously appointed to represent the lodge upon the Essex Provincial Charity Committee.

A banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Porto Bello Hotel, and the remainder of the evening was passed in a very pleasant manner.

KIRK BURTON.—Beaumont Lodge (No. 2035).

The first annual meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Girls' Schoolroom, on Saturday, the 16th ult. There was a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Schofield, P.M., after which Bro. B. Stocks, J.W., was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. L. B. Brierley, P.M., the Installing Master, and he was ably assisted by Bro. W. H. Jessop, P.M., who acted as D. of C. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. Schofield, I.P.M.; Harry Field, S.W.; W. H. Cook, J.W.; E. Smith, Treas.; W. Fitton, Reg.; C. Hargreaves, Sec.; J. W. Cocking, S.D.; A. L. Littlewood, J.D.; G. A. Schofield, D.C.; George Barden, A.D.C.; Drummond, I.G.; and Rice, Tyler. Bro. the Rev. R. Collins, vicar, was appointed Chaplain, but in consequence of a severe cold he was unable to be present to be invested. Bro. Wm. Schofield was elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee.

The usual lodge business was then performed, and the lodge was closed. There was a good attendance of visitors present, amongst whom were the following: Bros. Preston, 104; Heron, P.P.D. 208; Craven, P.P.G.R.; R. H. Armitage, P.M.; R. Jubb; J. James Kaye, P.M.; R. H. Inman, 275; C. Wheawill, W.M.; E. Dyson, P.J.W.; J. Lumb, J. Smith, J.D.; J. Brierley, J. Lee, P.G.T.; J. North, 290; John Matthewman, P.M. 521; Beanland, P.M.; J. C. Cockcroft, 1462; Crosland Hirst, P.M.; J. A. Stocks, 1514; John Sugden, W.M.; John Hellawell, P.M.; R. R. Armitage, 1045; and Henry Guy, St. James's Lodge, London.

The brethren afterwards partook of a splendid banquet at the Royal Hotel, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening several songs were sung by Bros. Henry Guy, Stocks, W.M., and J. A. Stocks. Bro. John North presided at the pianoforte.

INSTRUCTION.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Princes-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. J. Crutenden, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; E. F. Ferris, S.D.; W. Death, J.D.; F. Chandler, I.G.; W. Batley, Stwd.; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; F. G. Baker, P.M. 753; S. Smout, P.M. 1642; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1074, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; G. P. Festa, P.M. 1900; C. S. Mote, A. P. Lake, E. Coleman, C. J. Morse, M. J. Green, C. J. Fox, W. J. Mason, J. F. Cliburn, E. Rogers, E. J. Day, and C. T. Thomson. Visitors: Bros. R. W. Williams, 198; J. C. Conway, 1891; and J. H. F. Taylor, 1891.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Keeble being candidate, after which the W.M. gave the lecture on the first tracing board. Bro. Stroud was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Bro. R. Williams was elected a member. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

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 28th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; J. B. Cumming, S.W.; J. Holland, J.W.; J. W. Ford, S.D.; R. J. Harnell, J.D.; J. R. Harnell, I.G.; W. C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; A. Clark, P.M.; T. A. Dickson, G. H. Reynolds, D. Stroud, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. was pleased to rehearse the ceremony. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. R. J. Harnell having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the 3rd Section of this lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bro. R. J. Harnell proposed that Bro. J. R. Harnell, 511, be a joining member of this lodge of instruction; seconded by Bro. W. C. Smith, and carried unanimously. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. J. B. Cumming, S.W., be W.M. for the ensuing week; seconded by Bro. J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction, to Bro. J. W. Ford for his great kindness in presenting the lodge with the handsome box before them for keeping their tools in, &c. It was not the first present by several that Bro. J. W. Ford had presented to the lodge of instruction, for amongst them were the pedestals, dais, and screen, which showed the great interest he took in the welfare of the lodge. Whereupon Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, said that in recognition of Bro. J. W. Ford's kindness, he would ask Bro. G. Reynolds to add to the vote of thanks, "that Bro. J. W. Ford be made an honorary member of the lodge of instruction." This was done, and the motion was seconded by Bro. T. A. Dickson, and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. W. Ford, in reply, said it always gave him great pleasure to be amongst the brethren, and he yet hoped to supply another little want which he had observed.

The W.M. having received "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

UNIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Glover, W.M.; Mason, S.W.; Gibson, Treas.; J.W.; Boulton, P.M.; Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Green, senr., S.D.; Wade, P.M.; J.D.; Hayes, I.G.; Chilcott, Stamp, Grist, C. White, P.M.; F. Purnell, Edwards, and Arduino.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Wade, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Grist being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of this lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Stamp, 1194, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Mason was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—This chapter held a meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Comps. H. Turner, M.E.Z.; G. Manners, C.C.; H.; Alfred Tisley, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; R. Clemow, acting S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z., acting P.S.; W. Clemow, 1st Asst.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z., Treasurer, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, two brethren of the Dalhousie Lodge were duly balloted for, and most impressively ex-

alted to the Degree of the Royal Arch by the M.E.Z. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comps. G. Manners, M.E.Z.; Alfred Tisley, H.; W. Clemow, J.; Jenkins, S.E.; F. Farrington, S.N.; W. E. Farrington, P.S.; J. H. Dodson, Treasurer; and Gilbert, Janitor. It was, moved, seconded, and carried unanimously—"That after June next the annual subscription be reduced to two guineas." A vote of thanks was then passed to Ex. Comp. H. Turner for the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year, and a Past Principal's jewel was also voted to him.

The chapter was then closed, and the members and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were Comps. Dakin, 583; Taylor, 154; and T. Dodson, 1540. The usual toasts were given and duly honoured.

TORQUAY.—St. John Chapter (No. 328).

The annual convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., when the Principals elect, Ex. Comps. A. T. Blamey, Z.; W. H. Probert, H.; and W. Taylor, J., were respectively installed in their several chairs by Ex. Comp. C. J. Harland, P.Z., P.P.G.R., in a very able manner, the following Principals being also in attendance: Comps. W. G. Ellis, the retiring Z.; J. Dodge, P.Z.; W. Bradnee, P.Z.; J. Hurrell, P.Z.; J. Chapman, P.Z. 189; G. C. Searle, P.Z. 1358; H. P. Jarman, H. 1358; and W. J. McLean, P.Z. 243. The M.E.Z. subsequently invested the following as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Jno. Lane, S.E.; G. J. Pepprell, S.N.; B. Knight, Treas.; S. Garcia, P.S.; G. Hussey, 1st A.S.; H. C. Bolt, 2nd A.S.; T. Brooks, Org.; W. Hill, Swd. Br.; R. Perry, 1st Std. Br.; J. Mortimer, 2nd Std. Br.; and W. H. Yates, Janitor.

The companions subsequently dined at Comp. Bolt's Royal Hotel, where the usual loyal and fraternal toasts were duly honoured.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Thursday, the 28th ult., when there were present Comps. W. Radcliffe, Z.; S. George H.; J. Carter, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; H. E. Dehane, S.N.; G. W. Knight, P.S.; G. Gregory, P.Z.; and W. C. Hall.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hall being the candidate. The chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

Mark Masonry.**TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Lodge**

(No. 181).—This prosperous lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 28th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Supt. Fisher, W.M.; Sanders, P.M., acting S.W.; Briggs, J.W.; H. Higgins, M.O.; Bailey, J.O.; Porter, J.D.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.D. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M.; Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Dukroy, late 72, for advancement at the next meeting, and it proved to be unanimous. A notice of motion to increase the subscriptions having been given, it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, "That the resignation of Bro. W. Hammond, P.M., be accepted with regret. The lodge hears with concerns of the bad state of his health, and have to tender their condolence with him in his affliction; that a copy of the resolution be entered on the minutes, and that it also be transmitted to Bro. Hammond." Several letters of apology for absence having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was genially presided over by the W.M. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—The first meeting in the new rooms of the Order, 10a, Great Queen-street, was held on Monday last. Present: Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, M.P.S.; T. C. Walls, G.V.; N. E. Dawes, J.G.; C. W. Pridmore, H.P.; Thomas Cubitt, Treas.; J. Mason, Recorder; H. J. Lardner, Prefect; Thomas Hardy, Orator; P. M. Holden, Past Sov.; George Kenning, Past Sov.; J. G. Marsh, hon. mem.; W. Lake, and H. C. Heard.

The minutes of the last assembly of the conclave were read and confirmed. Bro. Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., who had been previously balloted for, was duly installed, the ceremony being very ably performed by Sir Knight H. H. Shirley. The M.P.S. then proceeded to enthrone his successor, Sir Knight T. C. Walls, who then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Sir Knights Mickleby, Viceroy; Dawes, S.G.; Pridmore, J.G.; Lardner, H.P.; Cubitt, Treas.; Mason, Recorder; Hardy, Prefect; and Lake, Orator. A handsome Past Sovereign's jewel, which had been voted at the last meeting of the conclave, was then presented to the retiring Sovereign, Sir Knight Shirley, the M.P.S. remarking that the office had been filled in the most able manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the sir knights. The jewel was manufactured by Sir Knight George Kenning. Several sir knights were advanced to the hon. Degrees of Sovereign and Viceroy.

The conclave was then closed and the sir knights adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins, whose excellent catering was beyond praise.

The usual loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Sovereign, Sir Francis Burdett," were proposed and duly honoured.

The M.P.S., in giving the toast of "The Grand Senate," touched upon the past, present, and future of the Red Cross Order. As an admirer of the Degree it had caused him much concern of late years to note its gradual decay. This no doubt was partly due to the want of a London "habitat." When the Red Cross was resuscitated by the late Sir Knt. Wentworth Little, who brought his high intellectual and other powers to bear on the subject, it commenced by having a very powerful and influential working Metropolitan executive. It was a matter of history how the Degree gradually increased in importance, in prosperity, and might say, in usefulness. Conclaves were

formed throughout the kingdom, and its supporters supposed that the Order was sufficiently strong to hold its own. Unfortunately, owing to the failing health and ultimate premature death of Sir Knt. Little, it began to languish, and since that time, notwithstanding great efforts had been made, and much valuable time expended to keep the Order flourishing by such well and deservedly known Masons as Sir Knts. Dr. Woodman, the Rev. P. M. Holden, George Kenning, Lewis Thomas, Cubitt, John Mason, Powell, Marsh, Hogard, Thiellay, and others, who had held, and still hold, high positions in the Grand Council and Senate, the Red Cross had made no perceptible headway. However, there was a bright side to the picture. Some few months ago a conclave was held under the genial presidency of Sir Knt. J. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Grand Senior General, and some very important matters had been discussed and other efforts made to impart vitality to the almost moribund Order. First and foremost by the kindness of Sir Knt. Kenning, the executive had succeeded in getting capital offices, and a suite of rooms to meet in, at 10a, Great Queen-street; secondly, Sir Knt. W. Lake, whose interest in Masonry was well known, had cheerfully accepted the important and onerous duties of Assistant Grand Recorder; and thirdly, the somewhat unwieldy Constitutions of the Degree had been carefully revised, and he would say with advantage. In conclusion, he firmly believed that in a very short time the Red Cross Order, like the fabled Phoenix, would rise from its ashes and become as influential and as useful as the Mark Degree had become. He coupled the toast with the names of Sir Knt. Kenning, Davies, and Lardner.

Sir Kt. Kenning, in responding, referred to the prosperous condition of the Order during its palmy days, and expressed a firm belief that if properly managed it had a great future before it. For himself, he was quite prepared to go in for a second resuscitation.

Sir Knt. Lardner also responded.

Sir Knight Shirley then proposed the toast of "The M.P.S., Sir Knight Walls." The conclave, he said, had exercised a wise discretion in placing him in that position, and he felt sure he would fully justify the confidence reposed in him. Sir Knight Walls was a Mason of no common standing; they had seen in other degrees his excellent and artistic working—in the recondite mysteries of the Rosicrucian Order, and in that of the Royal and Select Masters, as well as in almost all the other degrees of Freemasonry. He trusted Sir Knight Walls would have many opportunities of exercising his talents during his year of office.

In proposing "The Health of the Newly-installed Knight," the M.P.S. took occasion to congratulate the Premier Conclave upon enrolling under its distinguished banner so excellent a Mason as Sir Knight Williamson, who was most zealous in everything that he undertook, whether the duties were of a municipal, magisterial, military, or Masonical nature. In order to be present that day their candidate had been travelling from a very early hour. Sir Knight Williamson had privately told him (the M.P.S.) that he had been more than compensated by the pleasure afforded of receiving the degree which had been performed by Sir Knight Shirley so impressively and well. In admitting Sir Knight Williamson into the Red Cross they had secured a valuable member, who would no doubt do all he could to spread the degree throughout the good and smiling county of Worcester.

Sir Knight Williamson, in responding, thanked the M.P.S. for his kind remarks. He was bound to say that he had never seen a degree more ably worked than by Sir Knight Shirley. He was sorry to hear from Sir Knight Kenning that the Order was not so prosperous as formerly; but was delighted to find that he was going to do his best to render it one of the most useful and thriving in the ranks of Masonry.

The toast of "The Past Sovereigns" was next given, and responded to by Sir Knights Shirley and J. Marsh.

"The Treasurer, Sir Knight Cubitt," and "The Recorder, Sir Knight Mason," followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Sir Knights Walls, Marsh, and Hardy contributed much to the enjoyment by singing some excellent songs and recitations.

ATHLETIC SPORTS' FUND R.M.I. FOR BOYS.—JUNE, 1884.

We append the statement of account of the Boys' School Athletic Sports' Fund for last year. It will be seen from this that the total of contributions was somewhat less than the amount disbursed for prizes. We trust, however, that this slight inequality will be remedied by the brethren, who will no doubt take care the outstanding deficiency is made good as well as that a liberal sum shall be forthcoming for the prizes for this year's sport, which will be held very shortly at the approaching Stewards' Visit and Speech Day. Bro. Dr. Morris will gladly and judiciously apply any sum that may be remitted to him; in fact, as the conventional phrase runs, the smallest contributions will be most thankfully received.

To Collections, per Bro. Festa	...	...	£1	10	0
" " " " Bowyer	...	...	7	0	0
" " " " Dr. Morris	...	...	5	5	6
" " " " Mather	...	...	13	10	6
" " " " Binckes	...	...	
Balance due to President	...	...	1	12	0
			£33	18	0
By Prizes	...	...	£32	6	0
Band Prizes	...	...	1	12	0
			£33	18	0

J. J. BERE, Hon. Sec.

Many brethren kindly contributed to the Athletic Sports' Fund in sums from one shilling to two guineas. Amongst the donors may be mentioned Bros. H. B. Marshall, E. Bowyer, Mather, Binckes, Festa, Godson, Hunt, Moon, Ramsay, Saunders, Dr. Mickleby, Clarke, R. Stewart, Farnfield, Barham, Strong, Taylor, Clever, Adams, Boulton, Cale, sen., Cale, jun., Willan, Goodman, Knight, Hobbs, Calling, Painter, Legge, and Tilley. A few friends at "Lloyds" (per. Bro. Knight) subscribed £3 10s.

Bro. George Kenning made the "Fund" a present of the programmes.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland met in Dundee on the afternoon of the 29th ult., the representatives including Sir Archibald Campbell, Grand Master, and a large number of office-bearers.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at four o'clock in the afternoon, Bro. Berry, D.P.G.M., presiding, and after some business had been transacted, the Grand Lodge entered, and Sir Archibald Campbell took the chair.

Among those from the Grand Lodge were Bros. Shaw Stewart, P.G.M.; J. T. Elliot, acting S.G.W.; Dr. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; D. Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Sheriff Hunter Thoms, and Professor Beveridge.

Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL briefly addressed the brethren, urging the importance of visitation of lodges by the Provincial Grand Lodges as the means of fostering and promoting Freemasonry. A few irregularities in connection with some of the Dundee lodges had occurred, but they were in a fair way of becoming rectified.

Bro. BERRY, in welcoming the Grand Master and those accompanying him, assured them that there was a very great improvement in Masonry in Forfarshire.

Principal Peterson and Professor D'Arcy Thompson were then initiated by Bro. Henderson, R.W.M. of the Operative Lodge.

The lodge was closed about six o'clock.

Sir Archibald Campbell and the other members of the Grand Lodge were afterwards entertained by the Provincial Grand Lodge to dinner at the Queen's Hotel.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

The general half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the School House, Ball's Bridge, Dublin, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The result of the ballot for the election of seven pupils was announced as follows:

Name.	Votes.	Name.	Votes.
C. M. Rankin	2530	E. K. Bronte	1440
M. Fisher	2297	M. Tait	1338
K. E. Houghton	2256	L. Layng	909
M. A. Lloyd	2190	J. Prescott	868
L. F. Delandre	1924	F. H. Milligan	646
H. Creighton	1787	A. R. Hare	484
S. J. Johnston	1523	K. Tizard	265

Catherine Rankin, Mary Fisher, Katherine Houghton, Mabel Lloyd, Louisa Delandre, Henrietta Creighton, and Susan Johnston were accordingly declared elected.

Obituary.

DEATH OF BRO. DR. HOPKINS.

I grieve much to announce the decease of my dear old friend and brother, Dr. Henry Hopkins, which occurred on Saturday evening, at ten, after a few days' illness. "His end was peace!" We have been associated in so many ways, Masonically, for some 21 years, that his loss is keenly felt by me, as also by the large circle of friends scattered over the country, who knew and appreciated his Masonic zeal, ability, and generosity. A kinder man at heart I never met with, his delight being to relieve the distressed and afflicted, but in such a quiet manner that only unlooked for accidents revealed his munificent gifts. To our central Masonic Charities he was a large donor, chiefly, however, through the medium of the lodges of which he was a member, and especially in connection with the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, which he joined on January 7th, 1875. He was its Master on its celebration of the centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall Medal" on October 7th, 1880, when he presented the lodge with a loving cup, a large donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a number of Masonic works in commemoration of the event, No. 41 being one of the four provincial lodges whose Masters have the right to wear the jewel presented by the Grand Lodge of England for the assistance rendered to the fund for building the Freemasons' Hall, London. This is one only of several important celebrations in Bath of late years in which Dr. Hopkins was a prominent promoter. Another was the first centenary of a Royal Arch chapter that was observed in England in November 14th, 1882, when Comp. Lawson Hoves ably presided as M.E.Z. of No. 41. The third of the series was the celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the lodge on 27th June, 1883, it having been warranted on April 26th, 1733, and has an unbroken series of records from that date to the present time. Instead of another special banquet, the members decided to raise 100 guineas for the Masonic Institution for Boys, and thus completed the endowment of every officer's chair, from the W.M. to the I.G., with votes in perpetuity. Dr. Hopkins fully endorsed the action of the members, especially as one of their oldest Past Masters, Bro. T. P. Ashley, was the Steward. As it was our dear friend's seventy-fifth birthday, however, on the day of the celebration—being half of the third jubilee of the lodge—Dr. Hopkins invited the principal members of No. 41 Lodge and Chapter, and other Masonic friends, to what he termed a repast at the "Christoph Hotel," Bro. E. J. B. Mercer being then the W.M. The chapter Comp. Hopkins joined on 15th October, 1874, but had served previously as Z. of 238, Torquay (1873), 587, Birmingham, and 710 (1868), Totnes. Another sesqui-centennial lodge is No. 43, Birmingham (his mother lodge), of which the doctor was Master many years since; he was also the founder, I believe, and first W.M. of 958, Jersey, and honorary member of several lodges and chapters, also founder and first W.M. of the Mark Lodge, No. 26, Totnes, and Master also of No. 74, Jersey. In the Craft he was Prov. G.S.W. of Warwickshire by appointment of the R.W. Bro. Lord Leigh, and declined a similar honour offered him by the M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, as Prov. G.M. of Somerset, who desired to recognize his valuable services to that province, a compliment he much appreciated, but preferred to have it conferred on a brother not of the "Purple." The Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge, in recognition of his zeal on behalf of that Degree, appointed him to the high office of G.J.W. In every Degree and every office Dr. Hopkins always aimed at doing his best to discharge the duties and responsibilities of his position, and as a "Masonic Ritualist" he was one of the most accurate and impressive it has ever fallen to my pleasure and profit to listen to. He took a great delight in instructing and perfecting younger brethren in a knowledge of the Craft Degrees, and was never

better pleased than on finding they acquitted themselves well as officers of the lodge and chapter. As a Masonic instructor, so far as my knowledge extends, he had no superior, and certainly few equals. In a Masonic career extending over so many years, I cannot do anything like justice to the several excellences of my lamented friend, especially as I have not just now access to certain papers, which will be placed at my service shortly, but I hope again to refer to the matter. The funeral is to take place on Friday, and many of us will attend to pay the last sad office of respect to departed merit.

Torquay, 2nd June, 1885.

W. J. HUGHAN.

BRO. W. B. GIBSON.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the sudden death of Bro. W. B. Gibson, who, for a period of nearly 30 years, had played a leading part in the Masonic history of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. He leaves a widow to mourn his untimely end, and the members of his mother lodge, Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, were very anxious there should be a Masonic funeral; but Mrs. Gibson, though appreciating the kindness offered, would not consent, as it was well known that the deceased was opposed to any display on such occasions. His remains were conveyed to their last resting-place in Whitehaven Cemetery on Friday, the 29th ult., and, as was expected, the attendance of members from the various lodges in the province, as well as of many visitors from other provinces, was very large. Bro. Gibson was initiated in lodge No. 119 on the 3rd of March, 1858, installed W.M., 1861, and held many offices of distinction, having been P.G.S.W., and for many years Provincial Grand Secretary, on retiring from which latter post he was presented with a suitable testimonial—a portrait in oils of himself, which he gave to his lodge. In Royal Arch Masonry he was a Past Z. of 119, and P.P.G.H., and for many years P.G.S.E.; also a Past Master of the Fletcher Lodge, 213, of Mark Masters, and P.P.G.S.W. of that degree. As an Installing Master he was well known, and, finally, as the crowning virtue of all, the charitable purposes of the Order were one of his first cares. The assistance he rendered in private was most generous, and he had qualified as a Life Governor of both our Masonic Schools. We offer to his widow and many friends the tribute of our respectful sympathy.

BRO. C. W. THOMPSON, P.M., P.Z.

Bro. C. W. Thompson's funeral took place, as announced last week, in Lewisham Cemetery, on the 28th ult., there being gathered around his grave a very numerous concourse of members of his family, friends, and brethren, who were anxious to show by their presence the deep respect they entertained for our deceased brother, the most prominent being Bro. Thompson's son and three daughters, and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, T. Beard (Chairman of the Bridge House Estates Committee), J. L. Toole, J. Billington, Walter Joyce, J. Willing, jun., W. Lemon, and others. Bro. Thompson was initiated in the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, and was elected W.M. in 1880 and 1881. In the meantime, however, he had taken the leading part in the foundation of the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, in the year 1876, being the S.W. designate, and the following year was chosen to be its W.M. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, on the 23rd May, 1876, and at the consecration in 1880 of the Ravensbourne Chapter, No. 1601, of which, as of the lodge, he was a founder, was installed its first J., rising to the chair of Z. in 1882. Bro. Thompson was a Life Governor of all our Charities, and has served as Festival Steward once for the Girls' School, twice for the Boys' School, and once for the Benevolent Institution. In the City the deceased was highly respected both as an able and painstaking official of the Corporation, and as a member of several of the Guilds, being a Past Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, next in rotation for the same office in the Fan-makers', one of the Court of the Liners, and a Liveryman of the Upholders. He also took a leading part in connection with the Dramatic Fund and other similar institutions, so that though his span of life was short, it had been well spent and honourably. It is a mournful satisfaction to us to be able to express our deep sympathy with the family and friends of the deceased.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn and the Duchess of Abercorn spent the Whitsun recess with the Earl and Countess of Winterton, at their seat, Shillinglee Park, Petworth, Sussex.

The annual meeting and half-yearly election of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bro. Hy. W. Green, the Secretary, read the report for the past year, which was satisfactory in all respects, and was adopted. Thirty children were afterwards elected from an approved list of some 147 candidates.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has granted a warrant for a new lodge, No. 2098, to meet at Harlesden. The following is a list of the designate officers: Bros. Rev. Canon W. H. Cooper, P.D.G.C., W.M.; Major C. A. Cooper, P.M. (I.C.), S.W.; Arthur Ball, J.W.; Henry Hughes, S.D.; G. Goldney-Cary, J.D.; H. T. Reed, P.M., Treas.; W. O. Lyon, P.M., Sec. Among the other promoters of the Harlesden Lodge are Bros. F. Levick, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G. Scribe E.; the Rev. H. Courtenay Atwood, M.A., M.D.; F. S. Long, J. Darton, and H. Branthwaite, M.D. The lodge, which is to be consecrated by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., on Monday, the 8th inst., will meet in the Harlesden National School.

The General Committee of the Lord Mayor's Gordon Memorial Fund held a meeting at Marlborough House on Saturday last. On the motion of Bro. the Lord Mayor, the Prince of Wales took the chair, and opened the proceedings by proposing a resolution of regret at the death of Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage, at whose instance the fund was commenced, who was its Chairman and Treasurer, and who had exerted himself strenuously to promote its success. The motion was carried unanimously, and was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and a copy sent to Lady Nottage. The committee then resolved on giving up the idea that the memorial to General Gordon should take the form of an Hospital at Port Said, and it was also agreed to consider carefully the best plan for giving effect to the wishes of the subscribers. A vote of thanks to the Prince of Wales for his services in the chair was passed with acclamation.

The Craft Abroad.

THE PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC HOME.

A regular meeting of the friends and supporters of the Home for Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 27th March last. There was a numerous and enthusiastic attendance, and from the report of the latest proceedings of the Executive of the Institution matters would seem to be progressing most satisfactorily. There was a cash balance to the good of 10,000 dollars and 1625 dollars outstanding. As many as 66 Masonic bodies and 18 individual brethren had given in their adherence to the scheme, while there were three inmates, and two approved candidates had died after acceptance by the Committee, one claim being still pending. The annual meeting is fixed for Wednesday, the 24th inst., being St. John the Baptist's Day.

MASONIC VETERANS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

At a meeting of this body at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, the 31st March, Bro. Charles G. Meyer delivered a highly interesting address descriptive of the previous pilgrimage of Mary Commandery, Knights Templar, to New Orleans and Florida, and spoke in warm admiration of the friendly and fraternal greetings which the pilgrims had received from their southern brethren. The qualification for membership of this body is that a brother must have been a Master Mason for 21 years. Bro. Collin M. Gatchel is President of the Association.

KENTUCKY MASONIC HOME.

We learn indirectly from the published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky that the Masonic Home established within the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge is in a most flourishing condition, the Endowment Fund having reached to about 150,000 dollars (£30,000), while the receipts are not only sufficient to meet the expenditure, but leave a margin to be added to the fund besides. A feature in connection with this Institution is that the children domiciled in it contribute towards its support by the industries they are taught. Thus a printing office has been fitted up neatly and economically, and furnished with all the necessary material for issuing a quantity of printed matter, which is done most creditably. Among the contributions to this Home one of 500 dollars is reported as having been received from Oriental Consistory, Chicago, Illinois, an evidence that the Institution has made a name for itself, not in Kentucky only, but in other jurisdictions likewise. But flourishing as it is, there still appears to be ample room to make it still more so. The Home is large enough to accommodate thrice as many children as live within its hospitable walls, and the Grand Master of Kentucky in his address at the late annual communication of Grand Lodge, spoke very urgently to the brethren on the necessity for enlarging its sphere of usefulness.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were visited at Marlborough House, on Sunday last, by Her Royal Highness Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess, and the Duke of Teck, who stayed to lunch with their Royal Highnesses.

The Lady Mayoress (Miss Fowler) held her first reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday afternoon, similar receptions being fixed for the third Tuesday during the present month, and the first and third Tuesdays in July.

A complimentary dinner was given at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., to Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., on his return from a long tour in Canada and the United States. Captain Lemon, President of the British Seamen's Protection Society, under whose auspices the dinner was given, occupied the chair.

Miss Agnes Consuelo, who has created such a marked impression in the provinces during her tour—due partly to her handsome stage presence, and partly to the ability she has shown—is going to appear on the 15th inst., for a week, at the Standard Theatre. She will play "Zana," in G. W. Appleton's play of that name. The fair manageress has left hosts of admirers in every city and town she has visited; and her tour has been a decided success.

The annual athletic sports of Christ's Hospital came off on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at Lillie Bridge, in the presence of a large muster of the friends of the school, the lead in directing the arrangements being in the hands of Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette, Chairman of the Committee of Management. Hornby, Lewis, and Charles appear to have won most of the events in Class I., above 16. K. Munro, of St. Paul's School, won the Quarter Mile Public School Race. The school band, under Mr. Hancock, enlivened the proceedings with some excellent music, and at the close the prizes, which were supplied by Bro. George Kenning, were distributed by Mrs. S. Vaughan Morgan.

CLARK'S COFFEE EXTRACT.—The coffee extracts manufactured by the firm of E. Clark and Co., of the Optimus Coffee Works, Queen's-road, Battersea, have deservedly secured to themselves a large share of public patronage. The greatest care is taken in selecting the best coffees, and every precaution is observed in order to prevent the loss of that fragrant aroma which is so highly appreciated by coffee-drinkers. No foreign substance, such as chicory, is used in the preparation, and those who have not at hand the requisite appliances for roasting their own coffee as needed for consumption, will find Clark's extract most satisfactory. We have much pleasure in recommending it to the notice of our readers.

THE ABERCORN HOTEL, STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—Now that the season for open air excursions has commenced, we have much pleasure in drawing attention to the Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore, as suitable for the purpose. Two lodges and a chapter—the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, and the Sub-Urban Lodge, No. 1702, and the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549—hold their meetings there, and Bro. Charles Veal the Proprietor, is one of the worthiest and most genial of hosts, whose attention to the wishes of his patrons knows no limits. The hotel has recently been enlarged by the addition of a commodious assembly room, where may be held balls, banquets, wedding breakfasts, and the like festivities, and we are satisfied that visitors who may incline to give Bro. Veal a turn will have good reason to be pleased with the accommodation they receive.



In our report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire, held at Todmorden, the name of Bro. E. J. Cummings was inadvertently omitted as being invested Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon addressed a numerous political meeting at East Woodhay, Hants, on Saturday last.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales will be called to the Bar at the Middle Temple on Wednesday next, the 10th inst.

Mrs. Horace Brooks Marshall will lay one of the foundation stones of the Herne Bay Wesleyan Chapel, on Monday next, the 8th inst.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., and Lady Truscott left London for the Puy-de-Dôme, France, on Friday, the 29th ult.

The Princess of Wales will open the bazaar to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 24th inst., in aid of the funds of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has kindly undertaken to preside at the 38th Anniversary Festival of the Printers' Pension Corporation, to be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 15th inst.

Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, will take the chair at the 58th Anniversary Festival of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, the day fixed for the celebration being Thursday, the 25th inst.

The Queen, through Mr. Gladstone, has paid a graceful tribute of respect to the services rendered during his Mayoralty by our late Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage, by according permission to Mrs. Nottage to assume the style and title of a Knight's lady.

It has been decided that the installation of the Provincial Grand Master for Durham, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., will take place at Durham towards the end of July or early in August, and that the ceremony of installation will be performed by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357, will be consecrated at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 27th inst. Bro. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec., will officiate as consecrating officer, while the following brethren are the principal officers designate, namely, Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., G.S.D., W.M.; George Gardner, S.W.; F. Tyler, J.W. Bro. J. L. Mather is the Secretary designate of the lodge.

The petition for a new Royal Arch chapter, to be named Saint George's Chapter, and to be attached to the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, and held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, has been signed, the promoters being Comp. W. Kelly, P.G. Supt. of Leicestershire and Rutland; Comp. G. Toller, Prov. G.H.; Comp. Rev. W. Langley, P.P.G.H.; and Comp. S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Scribe E. The "veteran" Comp. Kelly to be the first Z. Hitherto Leicester, with its five lodges, has had but one chapter, and Royal Arch Masonry has been at a standstill.

CAMA LODGE, No. 2100.—In our issue last week we inadvertently mentioned that the Grand Secretary, Bro Shadwell H. Clerke, would be the Consecrating Officer, it should have been the R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart. The other officers assisting in the consecration will be the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. H. Thrupp, as Installing Master and Director of Ceremonies; Bro. J. F. H. Woodward, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary, will occupy the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.P. Supt. of Works, the Junior Warden's.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were presented at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 28th ult., with the testimonial raised to commemorate their services to the City during his lordship's tenure of office for the year 1883-4. The testimonial, which, as we stated last week, consisted of a handsome silver centrepiece, weighing 360 ozs., and portrait of his lordship, and a diamond necklace and pendant for her ladyship, was formally presented by Sir George Chambers, Chairman of the Fund, and appropriately acknowledged. It was subsequently arranged that the Lord Mayor should be entertained at a banquet, to be held at the Grocers' Hall on Thursday, the 18th inst.

The annual Festival and distribution of prizes of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, will take place at the Institution, Ball's Bridge, Dublin, to-morrow (Saturday), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Two military bands—those of the 18th Hussars and the King's Own Borderers—will contribute largely to the pleasure of the proceedings, and there will be a concert in the pavilion, at 5 p.m., under the personal conduct of Bro. C. O. Grandison, Past Grand Organist Ireland, who will be assisted by Miss Mullen, Mrs. Harte, and Bros. H. Beaumont, E. Oldham, and B. Mullen. The pupils will also contribute to the musical portion of the festivities, and after the school drill the prizes will be handed to the successful pupils—both girls and boys—the whole concluding with the National Anthem.

SPECIALITIES FOR INVALIDS.—Among the many useful exhibits at the International Inventions Exhibition may be mentioned the Specialities for Invalids, by Messrs. George Mason and Co., of 417, King's-road, Chelsea, S.W. These specialities consist of Meat Lozenges, Concentrated Beef Tea and Beef Jelly, and Turtle, the excellence of which have been very highly commended by the medical profession generally, and of which we had occasion to speak in terms of approval some time since. They are to be seen at Stand 1562 in the Eastern Annexe, where Mr. Mason or a representative of his firm is in attendance to afford visitors all requisite information as to the acknowledged merits of his useful preparations. As showing the high estimation in which these preparations are held, we may state that orders have recently been received for supplies from several of the leading hospitals.

The will of the late Bro. Sir W. W. Knighton, Bart., was proved by the acting executors on the 9th ult., the personality being sworn at upwards of £159,000.

The Prince of Wales received the United States Minister (Mr. Phelps) at Marlborough House, on Monday morning, on his being accredited to the Court of St. James's.

Bro. Lord Wolverton paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone at Hawarden towards the close of last week, and accompanied the right honourable gentleman in his brief excursions in the neighbourhood.

In honour of the recent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Queenstown, the Queen has given orders that the naval station at Haulbowline Island shall be known henceforth as the Royal Alexandra Yard.

Bro. the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to resume his official duties as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Bros. the Earl of Fife, Henry Irving, and Burdett-Coutts have expressed their intention of becoming Stewards at the festival dinner of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, to be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on the 27th inst.

Our late Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., has been succeeded in the Mastership of the Wynn-stay Hunt by his nephew and successor in the baronetcy, Sir Herbert W. Williams-Wynn, Bart.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn has taken a lease for several years of the Nunnery Stables, Newmarket, which were occupied for so long a time by the horses of the late Mr. H. Savile.

Bros. J. L. Toole and Henry Irving have subscribed liberally towards the Hugh Conway Testimonial, the object of which is to found a Scholarship for Literature at the University College, Bristol.

Bros. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., and G. J. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., together with the Home Secretary, visited Devonport Dockyard on Friday, the 29th ult., and were conducted over the establishment and some of the ships in harbour by Rear-Admiral Wilson.

Bros. Pannell, Rose Innes, and Altman were members of the deputation from the City Commissioners of Sewers which recently visited Paris for the purpose of inspecting the underground wires of that city.

Bros. Plunket, M.P., P.G.S.D. Ireland, and Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. England, have promised to attend the annual dinner on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., of the Kingston-on-Thames Conservative Association.

At the monthly meeting of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., Bro. Joseph Grimes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. At the same meeting W. Bro. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.D., was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Munson, Tyler.

There being a surplus of £56 16s. in the hands of the committee of the Henry Irving Dinner Fund, after payment of all expenses, this sum has, at the request of Bro. Irving, been given—£41 to the Actors' Benevolent Fund, and 15 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The following dinners took place for the week Saturday, the 6th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern: Monday—Grenadier Guards, 29th Regiment, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, and Premier Conclave. Tuesday—34th Regiment, 30th Regiment, and 52nd Regiment. Wednesday—Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—19th Regiment, 9th Regiment, and Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday—103rd Regiment (Royal Bombay Fusiliers), 79th Cameron Highlanders, and Odd Volumes. Saturday—Royal Tradesmen's Association and Phoenix Chapter.

It is very desirable we should supplement our remarks of last week as to the excellence of the photographs taken by Bro. Bedford Lemere, of the firm of Bedford Lemere and Co., of 147, Strand, W.C., of the Great Hall, Freemasons' Hall, as restored, so as to form companion photographs to those taken by the same firm immediately after the fire in 1883, by stating that Bro. Lemere had the full permission of the Board of General Purposes for photographing the Hall in both cases. They will consequently possess—in the eyes of the brethren, at all events—a greater value as memorials of the Hall of our United Grand Lodge. We may add that copies are on sale at 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

Mr. C. Stuart Mason has just executed a life-like portrait in *basso relievo* of the Rev. H. W. Kemp, Master of the Charterhouse, Hull, who intends to present it shortly to the Minerva Lodge, No. 250. The work represents the sitter slightly in advance of two Masonic columns, whose capitals are ornamented with the celestial and terrestrial globes, whilst characteristic jewels and emblems decorate the background. We feel particularly pleased with the manner in which this artist treats Morphology, where conventionality seems to be discarded, and a sort of intuitive naturalness appears to have been adopted that does not so pointedly suggest the use of the chisel. Mr. Mason exhibited as a modeller last year in the Academy and Grosvenor Galleries, and the London press was high in praise of his daring originality, which bids fair to attain an eminence hitherto unknown in sculpture. Some traces, however, of the influence of Her Majesty's Sculptor, J. E. Boehm, R.A., with whom Mr. Mason was associated for some time, will still be found in his productions, though undoubtedly he could not be styled a plagiarist. We noticed in Mr. Mason's studio, a humorous sketch, in the form of a bust, entitled *cum grano salis*, and certainly the incredulous smile depicted upon the sly, but handsome countenance, sufficiently bore out the interpretation. We anticipate great things from this modern Phidias.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward Infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies, many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exacerbate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.—[ADVT.]

The Prince of Wales will be the guest of Mr. Gladstone to-morrow (Saturday), at the full-dress banquet given by the latter in honour of the Queen's birthday.

Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of Leinster and the Ladies Fitzgerald arrived last week at their residence in Carlton House-terrace from Carton, Mayo.

Lady Brassey opened a bazaar at Brighton, on Thursday, the 28th ult., in aid of the Dorset Gardens Wesleyan Chapel Rebuilding Fund.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., arrived in London from Dublin on Friday evening, the 29th ult., at the conclusion of his labours in connection with the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Working Classes.

We understand that the subscription list to the Brockbank Testimonial Fund will close on the 30th instant. Subscriptions must be sent to Bro. Jonah Taylor, Town Hall Square, Bolton.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., was one of the principal guests at the Restoration Feast of the Grocers' Company on Friday evening, the 29th ult., and returned thanks for the toast of his health.

Bro. Col. Stanley, M.P., P.G.W., was present at a large gathering at Barrow on Friday, the 29th ult., and spoke in behalf of the Conservative candidate for the borough at the general election.

Bro. Baron H. De Worms, M.P., left Folkestone for the Continent on Thursday, the 28th ult., returning to London in time for the re-assembling of Parliament on Thursday, the 4th inst.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany has consented to open a bazaar to be held shortly under the patronage of the Lady Mayoress, in the Town Hall, Kensington, in aid of the new parish church of St. Paul's, Hammersmith.

Bro. the Earl Granville received lengthened visits on Friday, the 29th ult., from the Russian Ambassador at the Foreign Office and the French Ambassador at his private residence. In the evening his lordship left for Walmer Castle, to spend a few days there.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., addressed a meeting of electors at Plymouth on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., in behalf of Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., as candidate at the next election for the Tavistock division of the county of Devon.

The Duchess of Atholl, the Countess of Mar and Kellie, and the Countess of Northesk were among the Lady Patronesses present at their first meeting on Monday in connection with the Royal Caledonian Fancy Dress Ball for the benefit of the Royal Caledonian Asylum and the Royal Scottish Hospital.

The Prince of Wales, who will be accompanied on the occasion by the Princess, will open the buildings of the Yorkshire College, Leeds, on Thursday, the 15th July next. The announcement to this effect has given great satisfaction both in Leeds and throughout the West Riding generally.

We learn with much regret that Bro. H. G. Buss does not intend to offer himself for re-election as Provincial Grand Treasurer of Middlesex at the Provincial Grand Lodge to-day (Saturday). We understand Bro. T. B. Archer, P.P.S.W. Middx., will be nominated by the R.W. the Prov. G.M., Sir F. Burdett, Bart., and seconded by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Thrupp.

An emergency meeting of the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, will be held at the Inns of Court Hotel on Thursday, the 11th inst., to pass a vote of condolence with the widow and family of Bro. C. W. Thompson. Bro. Thompson was initiated in the Maybury Lodge, and was Master two years in succession. The attendance of his Masonic friends is invited.

The Prince of Wales has consented to act as the representative of the Trustees of the British Museum, and to receive the marble statue of the late Charles Darwin, by Mr. Boehm, R.A., which has just been placed on the landing of the principal staircase leading from the Great Hall of the Natural History Museum, Cromwell-road. The ceremony of reception is fixed for Tuesday next, the 9th inst.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, presided as Chairman at the 62nd election of candidates for admission into this institution at Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 29th ult. Four inmates and 21 pensioners were elected, and at the close of the proceedings a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Allcroft for his services in the chair.

The Prince of Wales, and Bros. General Randolph, General Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, and the Marquis of Hertford, G.S.W., were among those present at the anniversary dinner of the Grenadier Guards Club at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday evening, the chair being occupied by the Duke of Cambridge. The full band of the regiment, under Bro. Dan Godfrey, played in the gallery during dinner.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb, Vestry Clerk and Clerk to the Guardians of the Poor for the parish of St. Pancras, has resigned his offices, and at a meeting of the latter on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., at the Vestry Hall, King's-road, St. Pancras, a resolution complimenting our respected brother on his valuable services, and tendering him hearty good wishes for his future happiness, was passed unanimously. Bro. Gibb personally returned his thanks for the motion.

A well-kept hat is one of those indispensable adjuncts to the male "get up" that we make no excuse for calling attention to a very handy and effective contrivance for reviving and brushing it. The article in question is very simple, but most effective. It is a soft velvet pad, such as is used by hat makers, to one end of which is attached a brush, so that the "reviving" operation is performed at the same time as the brim is being brushed. Mr. H. Hughes, of 103, Junction-road, Holloway, is the manufacturer.

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, June 13, 1885.

MONDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1691, Quadratic, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1861, Claremont, School Room, Esher, Surrey.
 " 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington.
 " 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
 " 2012, Chiswick, Bolton Hot., Chiswick.
 Chap. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Mark 239, Royal Naval, 8A, Red Lion Square.

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, W., 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, JUNE 9.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1837, Lullington, M.H., Wilmington, Dartford.
 Mark 223, West Smithfield, 8A, Red Lion-sq.
 Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
 K.T. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., 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.
 Varborough, 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.
 Finsbury, King's Head Tavern, 42, Threadneedle-st., at 7.
 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 Edgcombe, Three Stags, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 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.
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., at 8.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10.

General Com. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.
 Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 " 1228, Beacontree, Private Ro., Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 " 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
 " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., U. Norwd.
 " 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq.
 " 1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 11.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1457, Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buck-hurst-hill.

Lodge 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
 Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-ln.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
 Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

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.
 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., Lime-house, at 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tav., Liverpool-rd., at 8.
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.
 Creton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Lendenhall-st.
 " 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
 " 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
 " 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., St. James's.

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, JUNE 13.

Lodge 869, Gresham, Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park.
 " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 1637, Unity, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
 " 1685, Guelph, Town Hall, Leyton.
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
 Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

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

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